

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Approval of HDR Contract Amendment #2

ISSUE

Whether to approve the Second Amendment to the Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 10-06 ____, Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract for Transitional Analysis, Environmental and Engineering Services for the Downtown-Natomas-Airport (DNA) project with HDR Engineering, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT

Budgeted:	Yes	This FY:	\$	382,690
Budget Source:		Next FY:	\$	0
Funding Source:	CMAQ and New Measure A	Annualized:	\$	382,690
Cost Cntr/GL Acct(s) or Capital Project #:	WBS 402.03.06	Total Amount:	\$	382,690
Total Budget:	\$ 3,067,117			

DISCUSSION

On December 15, 2003, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) adopted the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Downtown Natomas Airport (DNA) Corridor from Downtown Sacramento through Natomas on Truxel Road to the Sacramento International Airport.

In 2007, the RT Board approved moving forward with the first phase of the project, Green Line to the River District, which extends light rail one mile from 8th and H Streets to 7th Street and Richards Boulevard. On April 28, 2008, RT certified the Program EIR for the DNA Project ("the Project") and awarded a contract to HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) for 30 percent design and an EIR for the Green Line to the River District project. The contract also included a Transitional Analysis for the remainder of the project to the Airport. The Transitional Analysis is intended to advance project development on the Green Line so that it can re-enter the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts process as soon as possible after the South Sacramento Phase 2 (SSCP2) project is fully funded and under construction within a balanced RT budget.

The Transitional Analysis is an update of the Alternatives Analysis and will refine but not change the LPA. It will identify opportunities to reduce costs and potential community impacts, improve ridership and project performance, and recommend a cost-effective phased approach for reaching the airport.

Approved:

Presented:

Final 6/23/10

General Manager/CEO

AGM for Planning & Transit System Development

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It has been seven years since the LPA was adopted. Land use conditions along the corridor have changed with the development of new specific plans and approval of development projects in North Natomas, the River District and the Railyards. In addition, the LPA contained a number of unresolved issues that need to be addressed before the Project can re-enter the FTA's New Starts Program. The Transitional Analysis is focused on these issues:

1. Identify the most cost-effective second phase of the Green Line that will be competitive for New Starts funding;
2. Recommend the track location within Truxel Road right of way;
3. Examine options for track placement and station location at Gateway Park Boulevard that minimize traffic and community impacts;
4. Analyze and recommend options for improving ridership estimates;
5. Develop an updated capital and operating cost estimate for the recommended second phase of the Green Line; and
6. Recommend a timeline and action plan for re-entering the New Starts process while maintaining the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2/Blue Line project as RT's top priority.

The public has been kept informed on the Project through stakeholder meetings held last fall, a two-day open house held at the new North Natomas Library in January, and various other meetings. Stakeholder interviews, community meetings, site tours, workshops, and open houses are planned throughout the summer through the conclusion of the Transitional Analysis.

As the Transitional Analysis proceeded, it became apparent that some additional work would be required to refine and finalize the project definition for the next phase of the Project. Two factors were deemed of particular importance in helping to define a competitive Phase 2 for FTA New Starts purposes: development prospects around the proposed light rail stations and park-and-ride opportunities. The proposed contract amendment would include these tasks:

1. Better define the Green Line station types and parking options, in accordance with the RT TransitAction Plan station typology and existing or planned development along the alignment;
2. Increase technical analysis prior to public outreach meetings regarding Phase 2 of the Project, track placement, station design, and engineering issues;
3. Develop location options for the required light duty maintenance facility and storage track needed for Phase 2 of the Project;
4. Provide a template for RT to use in reviewing and commenting on future land use proposals along the Green Line that will support RT's achievement of the FTA Cost Effectiveness Index criteria; and
5. Develop additional outreach materials for public input and review and participate in a major RT outreach event.

The delivery period for this additional work will be from time of award to December 2010, and

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should complete the Transitional Analysis.

Staff recommends approval of the Second Amendment to the Contract for Transitional Analysis, Environmental and Engineering Services for the Downtown-Natomas-Airport Project with HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$382,690. This will bring the contract total with HDR Engineering, Inc. to \$3,067,117.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-06-_____

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

June 28, 2010

**APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE HDR ENGINEERING, INC.
CONTRACT FOR TRANSITIONAL ANALYSIS ENVIRONMENTAL AND
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DOWNTOWN-NATOMAS-AIRPORT (DNA)
PROJECT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC.**

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the status of the Green Line Transitional Analysis project, being performed by HDR Engineering, Inc; and

WHEREAS several additional tasks are required to complete the Transitional Analysis;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Second Amendment Contract for Transitional Analysis, Environmental and Engineering Services for the Downtown-Natomas-Airport Project with HDR Engineering, Inc. is hereby approved in the amount of \$382,690.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary