

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

| Agenda Item No. | Board Meeting Date | Open/Closed Session | Information/Action Item | Issue Date |
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| 5 | 09/09/13 | Open | Action | 08/30/13 |

Subject: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Enter a Lead Agency Designation Agreement for the Downtown/Riverfront Transit Study Streetcar Project.

ISSUE

Whether or not to Delegate Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Enter a Lead Agency Designation Agreement for the Environmental Phase of the the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 13-09-___, Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Enter a Lead Agency Designation Agreement for the Environmental Phase of the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Project.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

DISCUSSION

On July 22, 2013, the RT Board approved the Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Environmental Phase of the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Project. The Project is being led by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) in partnership with the City of West Sacramento, City of Sacramento, Yolo County Transportation District and Regional Transit (RT). The next phase of work will undertake the first steps of the environmental studies needed to satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

In undertaking the NEPA and CEQA efforts, a Lead Agency needs to be identified. For NEPA purposes, the Federal Transit Administration is the Lead Agency. Where two or more agency's will be involved with a project, the CEQA Guidelines set forth the process for determining which agency will be the Lead Agency. Where more than one public agency equally meets the criteria the general rule is that the agency acting first on the project shall be the Lead Agency. Where the Guidline Procedures have two or more public agencies with a substantial claim to be lead agency, the public agencies may, by agreement, designate an agency as the Lead Agency.

Staff recommends that the Board delegate authority to the General Manager/CEO to enter a Lead Agency designation agreement under Section 15051 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3.

Approved:

Presented:

General Manager/CEO

AGM, Engineering and Construction

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RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-_____

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

September 9, 2013

DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO ENTER A LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION AGREEMENT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE OF THE DOWNTOWN/RIVERFRONT STREETCAR PROJECT

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

THAT, the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Project is a regionally significant project;
and

THAT, the Board hereby delegates authority to the General Manager/CEO to approve and execute a Lead Agency Designation Agreement for the Environmental Phase of the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Project

PATRICK HUME, Chair

A T T E S T:

MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary