

# STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** July 27, 2020

**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors

**FROM:** Laura Ham, VP, Planning and Engineering

**SUBJ:** APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO WORK ORDER NO. 2 TO THE

CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT SERVICES WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES INC FOR 15-MINUTE LIGHT RAIL

SERVICE TO HISTORIC FOLSOM

## RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

## RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

As a result of the recommended action, AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) would complete its assistance to SacRT in obtaining environmental clearance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Gold Line passing track project, which will enable SacRT to move forward with final design and construction of the project to provide 15-minute service to Folsom.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The not-to-exceed cost of the Amendment No. 3 is \$24,289.68. Amendment No. 3 is being funded with ECOS settlement funds.

## DISCUSSION

At the August 27, 2018 meeting, the SacRT Board approved Work Order No. 2 to the Contract for Environmental Support Services with AECOM, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$356,000, to perform environmental review and Environmental Clearance under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and NEPA and preliminary engineering (approximately 35% design) for extending 15-minute service to Historic Folsom Light Rail Station along SacRT's Gold Line.

On January 8, 2020, the parties entered into Amendment No. 1 to the Work Order to add \$50,000 to compensate additional effort by AECOM for both the CEQA and NEPA clearance that was not anticipated as part of the original scope. The Board approved the CEQA document for the project in January 2020. Currently, SacRT is still working to obtain NEPA clearance from FTA. FTA has required SacRT to engage in formal consultation with the federal Fish and Wildlife Service and prepare a Biological Assessment regarding elderberry bushes that may be critical habitat for the Valley Longhorn Elderberry Beetle. This requirement was not an anticipated part of the

environmental clearance requirement. Amendment No. 2 to the Work Order did not add funds, but allow AECOM to claim a profit/fee for the unanticipated work.

Amendment No. 3 will provide additional funding needed to support the work by AECOM to finalize the federal NEPA clearance for the project, which is a prerequisite to starting final design for the project.

Staff recommends approval of the Amendment No. 3 to Work Order No. 2 to complete the Biological Assessment and participate in all formal consultation with the federal Fish and Wildlife Service to obtain FTA NEPA clearance for an amount not to exceed \$24,289.68.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 20-07-0071**

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

July 27, 2020

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

THAT, Amendment No. 3 to Work Order No. 2 to the Contract for Environmental Support Services by and between Sacramento Regional Transit District (therein "SacRT") and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (therein "Consultant"), whereby Consultant agrees to perform work necessary to assist SacRT in obtaining clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) from the Federal Transit Administration for the 15-minute light rail service to Historic Folsom project, for an amount not to exceed \$24,289.68, is hereby approved.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute the foregoing Amendment No. 3 to Work Order No. 2.

	STEVE HANSEN, Chair
ATTEST:	
HENRY LI, Secretary	
By: Cindy Brooks. Assistant Secretary	