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**DATE:** September 14, 2020

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

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

**SUBJ:** CONDITIONALLY DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR RAIL MODERNIZATION 15 MINUTE LIGHT RAIL SERVICE TO HISTORIC FOLSOM WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES INC.

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

### RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Delegating authority to the General Manager/CEO to approve this Contract will allow SacRT's design consultant to commence and timely complete final design services for the passing track section(s) needed to provide 15-minute light rail service to Folsom, so that construction can proceed in accordance with the grant deadlines.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The total not-to-exceed amount for completion of the final design of both the Folsom and Rancho Cordova segments and bid and construction support for the Folsom segment will be \$4,783,750.00. SacRT currently has construction funding only for construction of the Folsom segment. If further funding is identified and construction of the Rancho Cordova segment is later included in solicitation and award of the construction contract, the cost of the option task for bid support and construction support for that segment will be \$623,540. Award of that option task will be brought back to the Board at a later date, if funding is identified.

### DISCUSSION

Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) applied for State of California Solutions for Congested Corridor Program and Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program funding to provide 15-minute light rail service to Historic Folsom. On April 25, 2018, the project was recommended by Caltrans for funding and was ranked fourth in the State.

At the August 27, 2018 Board meeting, the Board approved a Work Order to Contract for the Environmental Support Services with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) for completion of the preliminary engineering and environmental clearance for the project.

In January 2020, the Board adopted a mitigated negative declaration for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). However, as communicated to the Board at the

July 27, 2020 Board meeting, the process of obtaining environmental clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) has been delayed while issues pertaining to the Biological Assessment were addressed with FTA staff.

SacRT is in the final documentation phase with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to secure sign off on environmental review and environmental clearance under NEPA.

SacRT Staff prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) for final design services for the 15-minute service to Folsom project and released the solicitation on February 14, 2020. SacRT received 3 proposals on March 25, 2020 from WSP USA, Gannett Fleming and AECOM. SacRT staff reviewed and evaluated all the proposals. The Selection Committee determined AECOM was the highest-rank proposer based on the evaluation criteria in the RFP.

The Contract scope of work has been divided into Tasks. Task 1 includes designing both the Rancho Cordova segment and Folsom segment of the project including all the signaling, overhead catenary system (OCS), traffic signal, station and civil and track work design. Tasks 2 and 3 are for bid and construction support for Folsom segment and Rancho Cordova segment of the project, respectively.

SacRT has a strict deadline to request CTC approval of funding in December 2020 and must be in construction by June 2021. The design and bid time are very limited to meet the grant deadlines. Under federal regulations, SacRT cannot execute the final design contract until NEPA clearance is obtained from the FTA. Clearance is expected by end of September, but work must proceed expeditiously as soon as that approval is obtained.

Staff recommends the Board conditionally delegate authority to award and execute a Contract for Final Design Services for Rail Modernization for 15 Minute Light Rail Service to Historic Folsom with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM), including performance of Tasks 1 and 2 for the amount of \$4,783,750.00 if NEPA environmental clearance is obtained from the FTA. The additional Task 3 for bid and construction support for the Rancho Cordova Segment in the amount \$623,540 will not be currently part of the contract since there is not sufficient funding for the construction of this segment. This optional portion of the Contract work will be brought to the Board in the future for approval if funding is available.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-09-0099

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

September 14, 2020

**CONDITIONALLY DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO  
TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR RAIL  
MODERNIZATION 15 MINUTE LIGHT RAIL SERVICE TO HISTORIC FOLSOM WITH  
AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES INC.**

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

THAT, authority is hereby conditionally delegated to the General Manager/CEO to award and execute the Contract for Final Design Services for Rail Modernization 15 Minute Light Rail Service to Historic Folsom by and between the Sacramento Regional Transit District (therein "SacRT") and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (therein "Consultant") whereby Consultant agrees to perform Task 1 and Task 2 final design services for an amount not to exceed \$4,783,750.00, contingent upon obtaining clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act from the Federal Transit Administration to proceed with the project.

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STEVE HANSEN, Chair

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