

## **STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** October 23, 2023  
**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 WATT/I-80 TRANSIT CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

### RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Delegating authority to the General Manager/CEO to approve the Contract for Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvements will allow Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) to comply with a grant deadline to execute a construction contract no later than December 31, 2023, and proceed with construction of the improvements to the existing Watt/I-80 Transit Center.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The independent cost estimate for this contract is \$20,000,000. The requested Board delegation amount includes factoring in a 15% contingency for a maximum not to exceed amount of \$22,927,636. If no bids are received or the received bids exceed this amount, SacRT will need to reevaluate the viability of the project.

The following funds have been awarded and are available for construction: FY 2020 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) \$7,937,000

FY22 Federal CMAQ \$1,644,000

FY22 Federal 5307 \$13,346,636

Total available funds \$22,927,636

### DISCUSSION

The current Watt I-80 Transit Center (Transit Center) is one of the busiest transfer centers in the Sacramento region. It has been prone to safety and security issues because of the location and design of the Transit Center, which is situated both above and below a major freeway, with steep enclosed stairwells, and in a high-crime community.

SacRT completed a visioning effort to re-imagine the Transit Center in 2018 with participation by a range of community stakeholders. With the community-envisioned upgrades, this facility will attract and accommodate more riders, as well as accommodate additional bus service from regional operators and expansion of high-capacity transit connecting to American River College, Arden-Arcade, Citrus Heights, McClellan Park, and North Highlands.

On September 20, 2023, Staff released an Invitation for Bid for Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvements. The scope of the construction contract includes reconstructing the Transit Center's bus stop waiting areas on Watt Avenue; replacing the stair structures; widening the sidewalks along the Watt Avenue overpass; incorporating improved bike access along the overpass; improving pedestrian access under Watt Avenue from the northbound bus stop to the light rail station; modifying the freeway off-ramps for improved pedestrian access; adding/updating lighting, signage, site furnishings, and fencing; and updating the operator restroom and breakroom.

Bids are due on October 25, 2023. SacRT has a strict grant deadline to have an executed Contract no later than December 31, 2023. Staff requests Board approval to delegate the award authority to the General Manager/CEO for the Construction of the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, assuming that no protests are filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-098

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

October 23, 2023

**CONDITIONALLY DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR WATT/I-80 TRANSIT CENTER IMPROVEMENTS**

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 Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvements to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in response to the Invitation for Bid, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance and upon expiration of the protest period without receipt of any protests for an amount not to exceed \$22,927,636.

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PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

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Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary