

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 10, 2024
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Henry Ikwut-Ukwa, VP, Capital Programs
SUBJ: CONDITIONALLY DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO AWARD AND EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIGHT RAIL STATION RELOCATION WITH PSOMAS

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Allowing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute this contract (conditioned on approval of the CEQA Addendum) will allow SacRT to proceed with final design for the station relocation project in a timely manner with the most qualified firm.

FISCAL IMPACT

The budgeted not-to-exceed amount for the Contract for Final Design Services for the Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station (SVS) Relocation Project is \$4,500,000, funded by State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. This will be a cost-plus-fixed-fee contract based on the actual hours and level of effort required to complete the design work. The initial cost proposal submitted by Psomas based on its estimated hours to complete a portion of the work (Tasks 1-3) is \$5,016,501.17. Staff is currently in contract negotiations with Psomas to refine the estimated cost of Tasks 1-3 to bring the estimate within the budgeted funding of \$4,500,000 and update Task 4 to an optional task to be awarded when funding is available.

DISCUSSION

SacRT plans to relocate the SVS from an east-west to a north-south configuration on the Gold Line. The relocation allows for development of the City of Sacramento's Intermodal Transportation Facility (SITF), which will serve as an intermodal hub for Amtrak train and bus service and passenger and freight rail, Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT), and regional bike trail and pedestrian connections.

The SVS Relocation Project includes relocating the existing SVS Light Rail Station, double tracking the alignment, installing a double crossover along H Street between 5th

Street and 7th Street, and installing a storage track north of the new station location along F Street.

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project was approved in 2016 as part of the Sacramento Valley Station Area Improvements Project. Under Work Order No. 4 to the Contract for On-Call Environmental Support Services, AECOM completed the preliminary engineering necessary to revise the environmental documents under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CEQA Addendum is scheduled to be approved/accepted by the Board at the June 10, 2024 meeting. Assuming the CEQA addendum is approved, the project is ready to progress to final design.

In anticipation of completion of the revised CEQA analysis, on December 21, 2023, SacRT posted a Request for Proposals for Final Design Services for the Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station Relocation project including Tasks 1 through 3 to complete Final Design and Task 4 Design Support During Bidding and Construction. A total of three proposals were received, from Arup US, Inc., Mark Thomas, and Psomas. All three proposals were determined to be responsive, and all three firms were found to be within the competitive range after written evaluations. Oral presentations were held with all three firms, after which the proposals were rescored and Psomas was determined to be the most highly-qualified firm. Because this is an architecture and engineering contract, a qualifications-based selection process was used that does not consider price as part of the evaluation. Once the most highly-qualified firm is identified, the price proposal is opened and negotiations can begin concerning the price to ensure that services are performed at a fair and reasonable price.

The Psomas price proposal of \$6,118,415.51 for all four tasks was slightly more than SacRT's independent cost estimate of \$6 million prepared in advance of the procurement. In an initial negotiation meeting, Psomas expressed confidence that it would be able to adjust its pricing proposal to present a viable plan for completing Tasks 1-3 within the available budget of \$4.5 million. SacRT is awaiting that price proposal.

In addition to the price negotiations and the required financial review, Psomas has proposed exceptions to SacRT's contract terms and conditions that must be negotiated. Therefore, at this time the Contract is not ready to be awarded; to begin the final design work at the earliest possible opportunity and in advance of the next scheduled Board meeting on July 22, Staff is recommending a delegation of authority to the General Manager/CEO to award the contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-067

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

June 10, 2024

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

THAT, the Board conditionally delegates authority to the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and approve the Contract for Final Design Services for Sacramento Valley Light Rail Station Relocation to Psomas for an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000 if: (a) the Board approves the addendum to the IS/MND; (b) the parties successfully conclude Contract negotiations; and (c) no protests are timely received after issuance of Notice of Intent to Award.

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

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