



Transportation Committee

January 27, 2010

Extension of Contract with LTK for Phase 3 of Connect Card

Issue: The Connect Card consortium wishes to extend its professional relationship with LTK Engineering through Phase 3 of the project.

Recommendation: That the Transportation Committee recommend that the Board give the Executive Director authority to negotiate and sign a contract extension with LTK Engineering (LTK) in the amount not to exceed \$550,000.

Discussion: Formerly known as the Universal Transit Fare Card, the Connect Card is a regional, electronic transit fare system. The system will allow for seamless transfers between transit systems, and it will provide a powerful new tool to increase transit ridership across the region. Eight different transit agencies spanning all six counties in the SACOG region are participating.

LTK is currently under contract to assist with Phase 2, Engineering Design. A clause in the current contract gives SACOG the option to secure LTK's services for Phase 3, Implementation. LTK has extensive experience with electronic fare system procurements and has been involved with the Connect Card since the Phase 1 Feasibility Study. Based upon a positive performance evaluation and stakeholder concurrence, staff recommends that SACOG exercise its contract option and negotiate an extension.

Phase 3 will begin with securing vendors under contract. Activities will include procurement, final system design, a phased deployment, system integration, a pilot, and system testing. SACOG and its partners will need an experienced consultant with strong engineering skills to help oversee all these activities. The preliminary scope of work would allow LTK staff to work closely with our transit partners through implementation, and to provide independent scrutiny over the vendors and the provisions of those contracts. LTK would also be asked to expand its activities for the duration of Phase 2. The proposed budget and scope of work are consistent with the project budget and finance plan.

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