



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

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Amendment to Contract with URS for Downtown/Riverfront Transit Study

Issue: Should SACOG amend its contract with URS for its work on the Sacramento/West Sacramento Streetcar?

Recommendation: That the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee recommend that the Board authorize an amendment to the contract with URS, consisting of a change order for additional work in the amount of \$29,000.

Discussion: SACOG is acting as the Project Manager for the Sacramento/West Sacramento Streetcar Project, in partnership with the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento, the Sacramento Regional Transit District, and the Yolo County Transportation District. In June 2013, the SACOG Board awarded a contract to URS for Phase 2 of the Downtown/Riverfront Transit Study in the amount of \$600,000. Since that time, the Project has advanced beyond the expectations of the partners. While started as a project to study the feasibility of a streetcar, the Project has advanced into federally-approved project development and staff will shortly request that construction of the Project be included in the President's FY 2016 Budget. These developments have necessitated additional work for project management by the URS team and additional work to complete the environmental analysis of the proposed Project, particularly with respect to cultural resources in Downtown Sacramento.

As a federally-funded project, approval of the change order must meet federal requirements for a sole source contract. Staff has concluded that it does so for at least two reasons. First, the proposed change order would avoid substantial duplication of costs if SACOG were to go through its normal procurement processes. Because URS already has completed an administrative draft of the environmental documentation, award to another contractor would result in substantial additional and unnecessary costs for a new contractor to get up to speed given the highly specialized nature of the services. Second, stopping the processing of the environmental documentation would create an unacceptable delay. As noted, staff is moving quickly to optimize the opportunities for federal funding of the project and delaying the environmental process to conduct a new procurement would cause an unacceptable delay.

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