



TRANSIT PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 19, 2004

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Transit Planning and Operations (TP&O) Committee was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Chairperson Cortese in Room 106E, San Jose City Hall, 801 North First Street, San Jose, California.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

David Cortese, Chairperson
Ron Gonzales

Members Absent

Pete McHugh
Joe Pirzynski, Vice Chairperson

Alternates Present

None

Alternates Absent

Blanca Alvarado
Dolores Sandoval
Ken Yeager

*Alternates do not serve unless participating as a Member.

A quorum was not present and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Minutes of May 20, 2004**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole deferred the Minutes of May 20, 2004.

5. **Vasona Light Rail Project – San Fernando Station Plaza**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount of \$878,068 for construction of the Vasona Light Rail Project San Fernando Station Plaza. This contract is 81 percent federally funded.

6. **Tasman East Light Rail Project – Amendment to the Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. Construction Contract**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to amend the total authorized funding for the Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., construction contract to accommodate the final contract close-out adjustments on the Tasman East Light Rail Project – Civil, Track and Landscaping (I-880 to Hostetter) contract in an amount of \$132,000, for a new authorized amount of \$22,856,559.

7. **Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Project for the Palo Alto Caltrain Transit Center**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the concept proposal for artist Masayuki Nagase's Bench "Sculptures" CODE project at the Palo Alto Caltrain Transit Center.

8. **Light Rail Grinding and Profiling Contract**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Harsco Track Technologies for light rail grinding and profiling of VTA's light rail track at a cost of \$621,250 for a three-year period.

9. **Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Program Update – July through August 2004**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE) Program Update – July through August 2004.

10. **Report on the Vasona Light Rail Project for the Month of July 2004**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the Report on the Vasona Light Rail Project for the Month of July 2004.

11. **Joint Powers Board Monthly Status Report**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the Joint Powers Board Monthly Status Report.

12. **Committee for Transit Accessibility Report**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the Committee for Transit Accessibility Report.

13. **Monthly Legislative Reports**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the Monthly Legislative Reports.

REGULAR AGENDA

14. **General Engineering and Architectural Consultant Services**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to execute task order contracts with five civil engineering, three architectural, and two electrical engineering consultant firms for General Engineering and Architectural Consultant Services for facilities, rail, and highway projects services to be utilized on an as-needed basis. Each contract will be for a period of up to three years, with an option to extend the contract for an additional two-year term. The total amount for all ten contracts will not exceed \$10,000,000.

15. **Downtown East Valley – Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project Preliminary Engineering Services**

Jack J. Collins, Chief Construction Officer, reported that the Board Memorandum recommendation would be corrected to reflect the firm of Rajappan and Meyer Consulting Engineers, Inc., instead of Valley Transit Consultants, noting that the corrected Memorandum would be forwarded to the September 2, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting.

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Valley Transit Consultants for Preliminary Engineering services on the Downtown East Valley – Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project in an amount not to exceed \$10,400,000. The initial contract term will be for 13 months. This contract is currently locally funded.

16. **Amendment to the Contract with EIP Associates for Preparation of the Downtown East Valley Santa Clara/Alum Rock Corridor Environmental Impact Statement/Report**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole approved submitting a recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to amend the contract with EIP Associates, Inc., for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Downtown East Valley Santa Clara/Alum Rock Corridor Project, increasing the approved contract value by \$165,000 for a new contract value not to exceed \$902,834.

OTHER ITEMS

17. **Committee Work Plan**

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole reviewed and accepted the Committee Work Plan.

18. **Committee Staff Report**

There was no Committee Staff Report.

19. **Chairperson's Report**

There was no Chairperson's Report.

20. **Determine the Consent Agenda for the September 2, 2004 Board Meeting**

CONSENT: Item #5. Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount of \$878,068 for construction of the Vasona Light Rail Project San Fernando Station Plaza. This contract is 81 percent federally funded; **Item #6.** Authorize the General Manager to amend the total authorized funding for the Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., construction contract to accommodate the final contract close-out adjustments on the Tasman East Light Rail Project – Civil, Track and Landscaping (I-880 to Hostetter) contract in an amount of \$132,000, for a new authorized amount of \$22,856,559; **Item #7.** Approve the concept proposal for artist Masayuki Nagase’s Bench “Sculptures” CODE project at the Palo Alto Caltrain Transit Center; **Item #8.** Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Harsco Track Technologies for light rail grinding and profiling of VTA’s light rail track at a cost of \$621,250 for a three-year period; **Item #14.** Authorize the General Manager to execute task order contracts with five civil engineering, three architectural, and two electrical engineering consultant firms for General Engineering and Architectural Consultant Services for facilities, rail, and highway projects services to be utilized on an as-needed basis. Each contract will be for a period of up to three years, with an option to extend the contract for an additional two-year term. The total amount for all ten contracts will not exceed \$10,000,000; **Item #15.** Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Valley Transit Consultants for Preliminary Engineering services on the Downtown East Valley – Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project in an amount not to exceed \$10,400,000. The initial contract term will be for 13 months. This contract is currently locally funded; and **Item #16.** Authorize the General Manager to amend the contract with EIP Associates, Inc., for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Downtown East Valley Santa Clara/Alum Rock Corridor Project, increasing the approved contract value by \$165,000 for a new contract value not to exceed \$902,834.

REGULAR: None

21. Announcements

There were no Announcements.

22. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Cortese, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracene Y. Crenshaw, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors