

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING) RESOLUTION NO. 95-2141A
THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR)
THE SOUTH/NORTH TRANSIT CORRIDOR) Introduced by Mike Burton,
STUDY) Executive Officer

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan has the South/North transit corridor as the region's highest priority for development once the Light Rail Transit in the Westside Corridor and Hillsboro Extension is complete, and

WHEREAS, light rail alignment and termini studies from Clackamas County through Milwaukie, for downtown Portland and for Vancouver into Clark County, Washington are now available as part of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and

WHEREAS, Consultant Services are deemed to be the most efficient means by which to manage the large amount of work and provide needed technical and financial expertise, and


WHEREAS, the South/North Corridor Study is listed in the 1994-95 Fiscal Year Budget as a Type "A" contract which pursuant to Metro Code Provision 2.04.032(d) requires authorization by Metro Council prior to this Request for Proposals (RFP) release, and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.04.033 (a)(1) requires the Metro Council to approve all multi-year contracts which commit Metro to expenditures beyond the current fiscal year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council hereby approves the issuance of an RFP substantially similar to the attached to provide technical, financial and intergovernmental coordination assistance for the South/North Transit Corridor Study through the completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Design Concept and Scope Refinement Report.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council specifically approves the inclusion of a statement in that RFP which would allow the Metro Council, at its discretion, to extend that Contract and thereby allow provision of similar services through preparation and completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 11 day of May 1995.


J. Ruth McFarland, Presiding Officer

Staff Report

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 95-2141 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE SOUTH/NORTH
TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TO EXECUTE A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Date: May 1, 1995

Presented by: Andrew Cotugno

PROPOSED ACTION

Approval to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) and authorization for the Executive to execute a multi-year contract with a consulting team to provide technical assistance, financial analysis and intergovernmental coordination of the South/North Transit Corridor Study. The Metro Council is specifically requested to waive further review of the final contract with the most advantageous Proposer, and to reserve the right to extend those consulting services to allow the ultimate completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The South/North Transit Corridor Study is moving from an initial phase of alternative and design option narrowing to a second phase of more intense environmental analysis and design development. This second phase is called Tier II Environmental Impact Statement/Preliminary Engineering (EIS/PE). The first *step* of the EIS/PE effort includes the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and initiation of PE. Metro is overall project manager for this first step of the EIS/PE effort and is specifically responsible for managing the development of the DEIS. Tri-Met will manage the PE task and will assume lead agency responsibilities during EIS/PE Step Two when the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and PE are completed. Metro will manage the FEIS development during the second step.

In March 1995, Metro Council approved Resolution No. 95-2101 that authorized the release of an RFP for environmental services to assist in preparation of significant portions of the DEIS. That resolution specifically reserved the Metro Council's right to extend those services when the most advantageous proposer was selected. The consultant selection committee has chosen and Metro staff have entered into negotiations with the finalist. Execution of the contract is expected in May 1995.

The first element of the scope of work associated with this proposed RFP and consultant contract is to provide assistance to Metro in preparing several other methodology reports, technical analyses, results reports and sections and chapters of the South/North DEIS. Technical analysis will be provided in areas of transit impact analysis and in developing and evaluating financial plans and scenarios. The consultant will also prepare an analysis and documentation of the project's land use and economic benefits that will be used to address anticipated Federal land use and economic criteria.

The memoranda, results reports and sections or chapters of the DEIS that will be prepared under this contract are within the following areas:

- Purpose and Need
- Evaluation Methodology Process and Report
- Alternatives Considered
- Transit and System-Wide Transportation Impacts
- Financial Analysis
- Evaluation
- Design Concept and Scope Refinement Report
- Federal Land Use and Economic Benefits Criteria

The second element of the scope of work associated with this proposed RFP and consultant contract is the provision of issue identification and resolution and intergovernmental coordination assistance.

Metro currently has a consultant contract for the provision of similar services for the first phase of the project aimed at design option and alignment narrowing. That consultant contract is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 1995. This proposed contract would provide similar services through Step One of the EIS/PE phase with a possible extension into Step Two, pending Council approval.

The proposed schedule for release of the RFP and selection of the consultant team is generally:

May 12	Release of the RFP following Council Approval
May 26	Proposals Due to Metro
June 2	Interviews
June 30	Execution of Contract

As noted above, under this proposal Metro may later consider an extension of this contract for the provision of similar services to assist in the completion of the FEIS. This action would require subsequent Metro Council approval.

The general time frame for the DEIS preparation is expected to be:

August 1995	Methodology Reports
Fall 1995	Results Reports
Summer 1996	DEIS Sections and Chapters
Winter 1996/97	Design Scope and Concept Refinement Report

Funding for this contract will come from a variety of sources including Federal Transit Administration grants, C-TRAN and/or State of Washington contributions, State of Oregon Lottery funds and other local sources.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 95-2141.