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DESCRIPTION	
SUBJECT:	Revisions to the Anacostia Streetcar Project
PURPOSE:	To obtain approval from the Board of Directors to: 1. issue a task to Contract C05102, Vehicle Engineering Consultant Services, to support the Anacostia Streetcar Project; 2. issue a task to the "New Starts" A/E Contract (SF5111 - DMJM) to assemble the contract documents for a maintenance facility contract; and 3. obtain approval to issue a request for proposal for a design/build contract for a maintenance facility and to award if within budget.

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NARRATIVE

DISCUSSION:

The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) and WMATA have been developing a streetcar project for a corridor east of the Anacostia River. Initially the plan was to utilize an existing CSX railroad right-of-way since the rail line was no longer in use. Extensive negotiations with CSX for property acquisition were futile and the plan to implement the streetcar service in the railroad right-of-way was abandoned. So as to not to abandon the proposed transportation improvements, DDOT has decided to construct the streetcar line on city streets serving the same communities as the original plan. To effect this change, DDOT has assumed responsibility from WMATA for the design and construction of the street car line and stations. WMATA continues its responsibility for managing the delivery of the streetcar vehicles. As a result of these changes, the originally approved budget had to be revised to reflect the current state of the streetcar project. The prior project budget of \$16.1 million was divided into two accounts; one for the vehicle portion of the project and the other for the capital portion of the project. The approved reconfigured budget does not increase the budget amount but merges the two accounts into one account. This action permits the use of funds that were originally intended for property acquisition, for example, for modifications to the vehicle contract as well as other project necessities. The revised budget also has a contingency that the project personnel have the sole discretion within WMATA, with coordination with DDOT, to decide how to allocate within the \$16.1 million budget amount.

The decision to construct the street car line in the streets had an impact on the fabrication of the vehicles. The station platforms in the CSX right-of-way were designed at a height of 14" to allow for level boarding. Platforms of this height were viewed as potentially problematic in a street environment. One option to address this issue was to revise the vehicle to allow for ADA compliant boarding with platforms of a lower height. To mitigate the costs of modifying the vehicles to accommodate lower platforms, a stop work order was issued to the vehicle manufacturer. After considerable study, DDOT decided that 14" high platforms could be constructed in the street environment and modifications to the vehicle would not be needed. However, the delivery date of the vehicles has been revised to the end of 2006 as a result of the stop work order.

The Board actions of September, 2004 included approval to obtain the services of a consultant to assist WMATA staff with the oversight of the fabrication of the vehicles. The contract for those services expired on December 31, 2005. Since delivery of the vehicles is slated for the end of 2006, vehicle consulting services are required for the remainder of the fabrication period. On September 22, 2005 WMATA awarded to Booz Allen Hamilton contract number C05102 entitled Vehicle Engineering Consultant Services. Board approval is being sought to issue a task to this contract in an amount not to exceed \$350,000, as provided for in the approved revised budget, for continuation of the consultant support for the fabrication of the Anacostia Streetcar Project vehicles.

The design for the streetcar line in the CSX ROW included a maintenance and operation building. Since the location of the building included the use of CSX property it can no longer be constructed at the location designed. A new location has been identified within the DCDPW yard adjacent to the original location. Because this location can accommodate the original design, DDOT wants WMATA to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for the original design at the new location. WMATA would manage the design and construction of the facility if the proposals are within budget. Therefore, Board approval is sought to issue an RFP for a design/build contract for the maintenance facility and award the contract if within budget.

All actions taken hereafter for this project will be incorporated into a funding agreement with

DDOT. Meanwhile WMATA will proceed with the above actions in advance of execution of the agreement pursuant to direction from the District of Columbia

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to disapprove issuance of the task to the the vehicle consultant contract. This alternative is not recommended because it could result in the vehicles not being eligible for safety certification upon completion of production.

The Board could choose to disapprove the issuance of the task to the New Starts consultant to assemble the contract documents for the maintenance facility contract. This alternative is not recommended because it would prevent the preparation of the documents for the contract to design and construct the maintenance facility.

The Board could choose to disapprove the issuance of the RFP for the design/build contract for the maintenance facility. This alternative is not recommended because it would not be consistent with DDOT's plans for implementing the project.

PRIOR APPROVALS:

On February 22, 2004 the Board approved an initial project budget for early actions.

On September 17, 2004 the Board approved, among other items, initiating and awarding a vehicle consultant contract for the project. (MEAD 82090)

On January 19, 2006 the Board approved the reconfiguration of the project budget as shown in the Impact on Funding section.

IMPACT ON FUNDING:

Budget: System Access Program
Project Title: Anacostia Streetcar Project
Page: Resolution 2006-06

	Vehicle Consultant	Maint. Facility	New Starts Consultant
Current Budget	\$625,000	\$5,100,000	\$100,000
This Action	\$350,000	\$5,100,000	\$100,000
Prior Obligation	\$256,030	\$ 0	\$0
Subtotal	\$606,030	\$5,100,000	\$100,000
Remaining Budget	\$ 18,970	\$ 0	\$0

Note that the funds approved in February of 2004 and reconfigured in January of 2006 will continue to be used to support the project.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS:

Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements:

Contracts evolving from this project will require the contractor to comply with Executive Order No. 11246.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Requirements:

There is no DBE goal established for the contract. However, DBE participation is encouraged and pursuant to WMATA's race neutral program, is anticipated to be 21%.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Directors approve:

1. issuance of a task to Contract C05102 to support the Anacostia Streetcar Project; and
2. issuance of a task to the "New Starts" A/E Contract (SF5111 - DMJM) to assemble the contract documents for a maintenance facility contract; and
3. issuance of a request for proposal for a design/build contract for a maintenance facility and to award if within budget.