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RAIL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING APRIL 8, 1988

MEMBERS PRESENT

JACKI BACHARACH, CHAIRWOMAN
MARCIA MEDNICK
WALTER KING
JOHN LA FOLLETTE
ROGER STANARD
RAY GRABINSKI
CHARLES ABBOTT

STAFF PRESENT

PAUL TAYLOR, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ED McSPEDON, DIRECTOR, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
AL SCALA, MANAGER, CONTRACTS
LOU HUBAUD, RAIL SYSTEMS SPECIALIST
SHARON ROBINSON, MANAGER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OTHERS

BILL VOLKMER, TRANSCAL
JIM BURGESS, CHIEF OF TRANSIT POLICE, SCRTD

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the March 18, 1988 as submitted.

REPORT ON THIRD-PARTY ACTIONS AND CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICES

Ed McSpedon presented staff's report on third-party actions and contract changes notices. Outline attached.

Jacki Bacharach had asked staff about the concerns brought forth from an article in the L.A. Times on the Metro Rail project, Mr. McSpedon briefed the Committee on what impacts the Metro Rail project delays have caused on our construction. He stated that the current schedule supports our planned December, 1990 opening of service into 7th and Flower Station but that this schedule has "zero float" due to the delays encountered by SCRTD in awarding that contract. As soon as the RTD contractor submits his detailed schedule, we will be able to schedule who does what and at what time in more detail. He told the Committee that the Flower Street construction coordination with RTD is good and that we are interfacing on a daily basis.

Mr. McSpedon stated that LACTC's systems contracts (such as SCADA, Traction Power, Safety & Security Communications System, etc) are dependent on the 7th & Flower Station being ready as well and will be negatively affected by any delays to RTD's construction. The Committee discussed the responsibility of the Commission in dealing with these delays, both financially and legally and what actions could be taken to oversee these delays. Mr. McSpedon suggested that the Committee asked the RTD to report to the Commission on 7th & Flower station and the status of the subsequent contracts. Mr. Adams gave an account of how we monitor and coordinate with the RTD on Flower Street contracts and what tools we have to mitigate problems before they impact schedules. He also stated that some of the problems are unforeseeable, although they still fall under RTD's responsibility. The Committee expressed their concerns on who mitigates what and at what point. Mr. McSpedon explained that in order to complete this project as quickly as possible and to be cost-effective, the contracts have been scheduled closely together. This results in a situation wherein even a minor delay to one contract can cause severe impacts to numerous other aspects of the work. Nonetheless it is believed that this approach will lead to the lowest overall project cost and most timely project completion.

Mr. McSpedon informed the Committee on the status of other systems contracts and joint procurement contracts such as direct fixation fasteners, and radios. Paul Taylor explained that the delay of the radio procurement is due to the added extras RTD is requesting on the radios. Mr. McSpedon explained that our need date for the radios is earlier than that of RTD because of the vehicle

manufacturer's need to know the specifics of the radio for incorporation into the LRV design and manufacture. The Committee recommended that the Cost Reduction Panel should meet immediately and that the RTD should attend the Committee meetings on a regular basis to report on 7th & Flower and joint procurement activities. The Committee also recommended that staff continue to work on this at the implementation level.

AWARD CONTRACT P0851 - HI-RAIL TRUCKS

Al Scala asked that this item not be considered for action at this time. The Committee concurred.

AWARD CONTRACT P0852 - RE-RAIL EQUIPMENT

Al Scala presented staff's recommendation. Mr. Scala and Mr. Bill Volkmer showed slides on what the re-rail truck is and how the truck sets a derailed train back on the track. Mr. Jack Russell, McCormack-Morgan, explained the functions of the truck in detail. The Committee stated their concerns as to why we were so far off in our engineer's estimate. Mr. Volkmer stated that when TransCal called other properties on the prices of their re-railing trucks, he didn't realize that the equipment and sales tax were not included. Ms. Bacharach stated that she would like to make a motion that should TransCal leave out overhead profit, escalation, etc., from their estimates for subsequent equipment purchases that they be responsible for those charges. Mr. McSpedon stated that contractually we couldn't enforce that, and that the way we are affected in this kind of situation is not financially, but budget-wise we may be misled into assuming that the bids are going to be in a certain range and they turn out to be another range. He also stated that we have looked into this estimate and feel we are paying a reasonable price for the equipment. The Committee felt that TransCal was neglectful in their engineer's estimate and after consideration of all the facts directed staff to notify TransCal by letter that we don't want this to happen again.

Mr. King moved that the Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Acting Executive Director to award Contract No. R01-T02-P0852 to McCormick-Morgan, the only responsive and responsible bidder. The motion was approved. The contract award will be for a total contract price of \$452,528.00. A 5% contract reserve fund of \$23,472.00 is also recommended to cover the cost of changes and extra work, but will not be included in the contract award amount. Award is contingent upon resolution of any bid protest timely-filed.

AWARD CONTRACT H836 - S&S COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Al Scala presented staff's recommendation. The Committee recommended the Commission authorize the Acting Executive Director to award contract No. R01-T07-H836 to HSQ Technology, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The contract award will be for a total estimated contract price of \$3,375,722.00. A 10% contract reserve fund of \$339,278.00 is also recommended to cover the cost of changes and extra work, but will not be included in the contract award amount. Award is contingent upon resolution of any bid protest timely-filed.

SECURITY PLANNING/STAFFING

Ed McSpedon presented staff's recommendation to the Committee. Lou Hubaud discussed the safety and security plans for the LB-LA line in terms of operation and staffing--how many, what will they do and where will they be. Mr. Hubaud and Jim Burgess explained the functions of the transit police and the need to start staffing now in order to get the necessary training implemented before the start-up date. Mr. Burgess explained the difficulty he's had in recruiting qualified personnel and stated that in order to make the January 1, deadline for training, the decision should be made now. There was discussion on transit police vs. security guards.

The Committee said that it would like to see an operational plan started now and they would also like to see some of the Prop. A funds used for security.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve \$3,053,293 to fund a phased build-up of rail transit security staff beginning with the January 1, 1989 police academy class. This is money we would give to RTD to fund the phase start-up the rail system. It was also recommended that staff work on integrating local return money from cities to this process.

INTERIM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY

Sharon Robinson presented staff's report on security planning and staffing.

PROPOSED FLORENCE STATION MODIFICATIONS

Ed McSpedon presented staff's recommendation to the Committee. On March 15, 1988, Supervisor Hahn requested that LACTC reconsider its earlier decision and proceed to acquire properties to the east of Florence Station to provide for roadway and station area improvements. Mr. McSpedon explained the pros and cons of the park and ride site and a cost comparison between our concept and the concept from L.A. County. Mr. Ed Cano, representing Supervisor Hahn, expressed the Supervisor's concerns on narrowing a street that will be bringing a great number of people into the station. Walter King stated that he opposed what staff has done on a professional basis, on an engineering basis and that the poorest planning to serve the southwest community had been done, and felt that this site should be considered a future growth park and ride. Jacki Bacharach stated that she sees this as an improvement to the area and other areas have contributed to the cost of improvements in their area and if the County's proposal were to be used the County should contribute to the cost.

A representative from the LACDPW expressed their concern with the narrowing of Graham Street and stated they felt that the LACTC's concept is unacceptable. After further discussion the Committee recommended that the Commission:

1. Proceed with the construction of Florence Station including modifications to adjacent streets as currently designed and bid, as an interim plan for the station.
2. Direct staff to meet with the County to develop a plan for joint funding and responsibility for the County's proposed park and ride at the Florence Station and to report back to the Committee.
3. Call on the County Department of Public Works to issue all necessary permits and approvals necessary to enable the work at the Florence Station site as currently designed and awarded for construction to proceed on schedule.

Motion was approved unanimously.

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BRIEFING ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT SERVICES

The Committee held this item over to the next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Committee requested a closed session to consider acquisition of Parcels R01-R21-AS73-Kurtzman and AS342-L.A. County and actual litigation.

ADJOURNMENT