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**RAIL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION (RCC)
APRIL 4, 1994 MEETING
NORWALK ARTS & SPORTS CENTER
NORWALK, CA**

818 West Seventh Street
Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90017

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MEMBERS PRESENT

ROBERT KRUSE, CHAIRMAN
DAVID ANDERSON
ROBERT ARTHUR
EVAN ANDERSON BRAUDE
JIM BROWDER

STAFF PRESENT

EDWARD McSPEDON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CONSTRUCTION & PRESIDENT, RCC
CHARLES STARK, PROJECT MANAGER, METRO RED LINE SEGMENTS 1 & 3
DAVID SIEVERS, PROJECT MANAGER, METRO GREEN LINE
MICHAEL BACA, ACTING DIRECTOR, CONTRACTS MANAGEMENT
JESSICA CUSICK, DIRECTOR, ART-FOR-RAIL
MAYA EMSDEN, PROJECT MANAGER, METRO GREEN LINE A-R-T PROGRAM
MELISSA SCHIAVO, ACTING RCC BOARD SECRETARY
MERCY MENESES, ASSISTANT RCC BOARD SECRETARY

OTHERS

AUGUSTIN ZUNIGA, COUNTY COUNSEL
RICK LANDELL, LTK ENGINEERING SERVICES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 14, 1994 meeting were approved as submitted.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

- Mr. Kruse thanked Mr. Arthur and the City of Norwalk for hosting the meeting and making it possible for the Board members to see the terminus of the Metro Green Line. Mr. Kruse also expressed his appreciation to staff for arranging the Metro Green Line tour prior to the meeting.
- Mr. Kruse stated that the MCC Ordinance/Resolution is back on the agenda today with a few revisions to reflect comments received from the MTA Board at the Ordinance Workshop.

4. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. McSpedon reported the following:

- At the MTA Board meeting on March 23, the B641 contract for the radio system equipment was approved subject to resolution of the pending protest. Also, at the February MTA Board meeting the Board had voted to reject all bids on the B642 contract. However, at the March MTA meeting there was a motion to put the B642 (Metro Red Line public address system) item back on the calendar in April for reconsideration of the RCC Board's recommendation.
- Tunneling was resumed last week on the Hollywood/Vermont project.
- The Pasadena groundbreaking is scheduled for Friday at 8:00 A.M., which will begin with the demolition of the L.A. River Bridge.
- The RCC has won the 1994 Cal-Trans "Excellence in Transportation Award" for Environmental Clearance and Mitigation in Rail Construction in recognition for the B251 tunnel project.

5. WELCOME BY THE CITY OF NORWALK

Mr. Arthur expressed his pleasure at hosting today's meeting and welcomed the Board members, staff and members of the public. Mr. Arthur also stressed the importance of the Metro Green Line and other transportation projects to his community.

STANDING INFORMATION REPORTS

6. FORECAST OF UNEXECUTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CONTRACT CHANGES OVER \$200,000

The RCC Board received this status report.

7. FORECAST OF UNEXECUTED CONSTRUCTION/PROCUREMENT
CONTRACT CHANGES OVER \$200,000

The RCC Board received this status report.

8. REPORT ON WORK ORDERS OVER \$200,000 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING
2/28/94

The RCC Board received this status report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 9 & 13 were pulled for discussion.

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Browder seconded, to approve the rest of the Consent Calendar Items 10, 11 & 12. Motion was approved, with Mr. Arthur abstaining on Item #11.

10. METRO GREEN LINE - CONTRACT NO. H1200
TRACTION POWER SUBSTATION SYSTEM (TPSS)
APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 30

The RCC Board recommended that the MTA Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to approve Change Order No. 030 for:

- a) A time extension of 135 days which extends interim contract milestone dates, but will not impact the approved ROD.
- b) An additional \$441,239.00 to the current contract value of \$19,770,580.00, which increases the total contract value to \$20,211,819.00. This total is within the currently authorized AFE amount of \$21,615,541.00. (See Attachment A)

11. METRO RED LINE, SEGMENT 2 - CONTRACT NO. E0070
PARSONS/BRINCKERHOFF/DMJM
ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT (EMC)
APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT CHANGE REQUESTS AND
AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO CONTRACT WORK ORDER NO. 0003

The RCC Board recommended that the MTA Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 4 in the amount of \$5,911,026 which increases the CWO value to \$73,406,499.00.

12. METRO GREEN LINE - UTILITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY

The RCC Board recommended that the MTA authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Utility Cooperative Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. Additional future expenditures shall be as determined at a later date and processed to the respective Boards for approval.

REGULAR CALENDAR

CONSENT CALENDAR - ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

9. METRO RAIL PROJECTS - INVITATION FOR BID NO. RFIQ SS001
SECURITY GUARD SERVICES
NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT

Mr. Anderson stated that the roughly \$8 million estimated cost seems high and that it implies that the work could be done at a reduced cost if there were budget constraints, which there are. Mr. Baca stated that the contract was for two years with three one-year options, and therefore the \$8 million cost estimate is for a five-year period and not for two years.

Mr. Kruse questioned the process and asked whether we are handling this item basically just as a contract. Mr. Baca stated that Chief Sharon Papa has two members of Transit Police who have offices within the RCC organization and we are handling the contract for them.

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Browder seconded, to approve this item. Motion was approved.

The RCC Board authorized staff to proceed with the advertisement and solicitation of RFIQ No. SS001 for Security Guard Services.

13. IMPERIAL HIGHWAY GRADE SEPARATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Mr. Sievers gave a presentation on this item.

Mr. Sievers explained that the MTA is merely a one-third funding agency to this program and our cost commitment may be reduced to under \$2 million from \$4.6 million if anticipated additional funding is received.

Mr. Kruse asked if the cost commitment reduction is predicated upon a final bid price for the contract. Mr. Sievers stated that the reason for a possible reduction primarily depends on possible additional funding from the California Transportation Commission. One-third of these additional funds would go to the MTA.

Mr. Browder moved, and Mr. Arthur seconded, to approve this item. Motion was approved.

The RCC Board recommended that the MTA Board:

- a) Approve removing the Imperial Highway Grade Separation from the Metro Green Line Scope of Work and establish it as a separate project;
- b) Approve a budget of \$4.6 million for the Imperial Highway Grade Separation project; and
- c) Approve the reduction of the Metro Green Line Project Budget by \$4.6 million to \$717.8 million.

15. PASADENA BLUE LINE - CONTRACT NO. MC013
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CONTRACT WORK ORDER NO. 1
RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

Mr. Baca provided background information on this item.

Mr. Anderson asked if we have an approved not-to-exceed amount for the total construction management contract for the Pasadena Blue Line. Mr. Baca responded that that amount is still being negotiated. Mr. Anderson inquired as to whether each subsequent recommendation for award will show up as a change order on the construction management contract. Mr. Baca replied that after negotiations are concluded for the full contract for construction management services, staff will return to the Board for approval of that amount.

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Browder seconded, to approve this item. The motion was approved with Mr. Arthur abstaining.

The RCC Board recommended that the MTA Board award Contract No. MC013 and approve the issuance of Contract Work Order No. 1 with MTC, per Attachment "A", for a period of 1 year and 7 months in the amount NOT-TO-EXCEED \$3,290,470.00 which includes the negotiated amount of \$2,991,337.00 plus the 10% contingency amount of \$299,133.00.

16. STATUS UPDATE ON METRO RED LINE RAIL VEHICLE PROCUREMENT

Mr. Stark stated that additional Metro Red Line cars were needed by September, 1998 for the Hollywood opening of Segment 2. Should we choose to go out for bid, that process would have to be started immediately.

Mr. Stark added that there are two rail car procurement methods that are available to support the schedule: 1) to exercise the A650 option; and 2) to go out for bid and get a new contract.

Mr. Kruse asked for an explanation as to why a decision has to be reached by the MTA Board in April. Mr. Stark stated that staff needs direction at the April 18th Board meeting should they wish us to go out to bid.

Mr. Stark explained that the advantages of pursuing the A650 option are that we have a known fixed price and that based on a market survey that was performed by LTK Engineering Services, the price is below the current market. Also, the DBE percentage under the A650 option would be 14.1% versus an unknown percentage for a new procurement. MTA administrative costs would be approximately \$750,000 for a new procurement and the E0090 contract would be increased by approximately \$1.9 million. Mr. Stark added that the Breda car is a proven and known car with service reliability figures in the high 90's and that the A650 option would give us a lower spare parts inventory requirement which would reduce the costs of buying the parts and the manpower needed to man them. This option would also incur less operator and maintenance training.

Mr. Kruse asked if MTA Operations is going to give a recommendation. Mr. Stark stated that we will ask them for their buy-in. Mr. Braude stated that he was concerned about the different propulsion system on the new cars and that additional costs would be incurred. Mr. Stark agreed that there would be additional parts costs for the new propulsion system but that the overall costs of maintaining the proposed A.C. propulsion system should be substantially lower than that of the current D.C. system..

Mr. Stark explained that the disadvantage of the A650 option is that the price is not determined by recent competition. However, the market survey has affirmed that the option price is favorable. Mr. Stark concluded that the cost of going out to bid would be higher than the A650 option.

Mr. Anderson questioned why MTA is paying sales tax for purchase of the rail cars when some other agencies apparently are not. Staff agreed to research the answer to this question.

17. METRO CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION (MCC) RESOLUTION

Mr. Kruse stated that the Resolution was rewritten to incorporate comments and suggestions which arose at the RCC Workshop on March 23rd. The most substantive change was an increase in the MTA membership from two to four thereby increasing the total MCC Board size to nine members. Mr. Kruse suggested that it may be appropriate if the four positions reflected the supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the cities and the chairman.

Mr. Braude moved, and Mr. Arthur seconded, to approve this item. Motion was approved.

The RCC Board recommended that the MTA adopt the attached resolution, Attachment A, which provides that the Metropolitan Construction Corporation is the transit construction organizational unit of the MTA and is the successor in interest to the Rail Construction Corporation.

18. METRO GREEN LINE - ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Ms. Cusick introduced Ms. Emsden, who gave a slide presentation on this item. Ms. Emsden explained that the artists are selected by community-based advisory groups which serve on the selection panel and are kept informed of the progress. The City of Norwalk advisory group discovered that the City of Norwalk was initially called "place of the bees," so the bee theme has been incorporated into the artwork at the station.

19. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

20. BOARD MEMBER REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

There were no requests for future items.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Zuniga disclosed the following item to be discussed in the Closed Session:

Potential Litigation - G.C. #54956.9 (b)
● Contract No. B251

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 P.M.

Submitted by:



MELISSA SCHIAVO
Acting RCC Board Secretary

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