



Resolution #HSRA 17-17

Amendment to the Environmental and Engineering Contract for the San Francisco to San Jose and San Jose to Merced Project Sections with HNTB Corporation

Whereas, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for the development and implementation of intercity high-speed rail service pursuant to the Public Utilities Code § 185030, *et seq.*;

Whereas, the Authority may enter into contracts with private and public entities for the design, construction, and operation of high-speed rail trains, including all tasks and sections thereof, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code section 185036. This authority includes preliminary engineering, environmental clearance work and permitting;

Whereas, Environmental and Engineering Services for the San Francisco to San Jose and San Jose to Merced Project Sections are required to provide services for compliance with applicable environmental laws culminating in a Record of Decision under the federal Environmental Policy Act and a Notice of Determination under the California Environmental Policy Act for each project section, while also informing the public and accurately summarizing the impacts of the proposed high-speed and blended system proposals, under the direction and support of the Authority;

Whereas, the original HNTB Contract Agreement was signed by the Authority on November 23, 2015 for \$36 million;

Whereas, significant scope and alignment shifts were required in both sections because of changed conditions; including new land use developments either along or adjacent to the original alignments, revisions to the Caltrain Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) rail alignment to increase high-speed rail speeds, revisions to original alignments to avoid freight and passenger rail conflicts and advancement of a San Luis Reservoir Avoidance Alignment requiring new tunnel construction;

Whereas, the amount needed to complete all the work necessary to complete engineering required for procurement and permitting has been estimated at approximately \$39.6 million; and,

Whereas, an amendment of \$10 million will not fully fund all the services necessary to complete engineering required for procurement and permitting, but does advance the development of both environmental documents, maintains stakeholder and community outreach and maintains program momentum in Northern California.

Therefore, it is resolved:

The Chief Executive Officer, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the Environmental and Engineering contract with HNTB be amended at add an additional \$10 million now, increasing the contract to a current not to exceed amount of \$46 million that the contract with Kleinfelder (HSR 15-172) be amended to reduce it by \$10 million.

Vote:

Yes:

No:

Absent:

Date:

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