

August 1, 2016

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution authorizing execution of an amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Environmental Science Associates (ESA), to prepare the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements for PSE's proposed Energize Eastside Project, in an amount not to exceed \$2,481,760.00.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact under this amended contract. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being developed by a third party consultant under a Professional Services Contract the cost of which will be recovered from PSE through a cost recovery agreement between the City and PSE that includes reimbursement for consultant costs, staff resource costs, and other costs associated with EIS development.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

None. The City is obligated as the SEPA Lead Agency to develop the EIS under the term of Bellevue City Code 22.02.036.B.

DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL

 X Action

BACKGROUND

The City entered into a Professional Services Contract with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for the purpose of developing an EIS in response to PSE's proposed Energize Eastside electrical utility facility project. The original contract was approved in February 2015. Since that time there were three amendments to the scope of the contract that refined the proposed work associated with the preparation of the EIS but did not amend the overall contract value.

This resolution amends the scope of work in preparing the Phase 2 DEIS and FEIS based on experience gained in preparation of the Phase 1 DEIS and stakeholder outreach conducted to-date. This resolution also revises the overall contract amount from \$1,400,000 to \$2,481,760. The amendment is necessary for the following reasons:

- Project management and coordination have run higher than expected due to the complexity of the project, including coordination with Partner Cities, and similar costs are expected through the end of the project.
- The scope for project management now includes additional coordination and assistance to the City's project manager to ensure agreed upon project timelines are met.

- Website updates are more frequent and involved due to growing complexity of the project.
- The public outreach plan was revised and expanded.
- Substantial revisions and reorganization to the Phase 1 Draft EIS occurred before publishing to improve usability, and the City received extensive comments on the Phase 1 Draft EIS after publishing.
- It is expected that the Phase 2 Draft EIS will be similar in scope and complexity to the Phase I Draft EIS.
- The Consultant team developed a larger number of exhibits for the Phase 2 scoping meetings than originally expected, in an effort to explain the need for the project.
- The scoping process for Phase 2 had to be re-opened in order to allow opportunity for the public to comment on “bypass routes” proposed by PSE at the end of the original comment period.
- Extensive comments on scoping for the Phase 2 Draft EIS were received.
- Detail on several topics for the Phase 2 Draft EIS will be greater than originally estimated.
- Overall costs for developing the Phase 2 Draft EIS will be higher in order to meet the proposed project schedule.
- It is anticipated that the Final EIS will require additional time in order to respond to the higher than originally estimated public comments.

Refer to the amended scope of work for a full accounting of the changes included as part of this amendment.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an amendment to a Professional Services Contract in amount not to exceed \$2,481,760 with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) to prepare the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for PSE’s proposed Energize Eastside Project.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9131 authorizing execution of an amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Environmental Science Associates (ESA), to prepare the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements for PSE’s proposed Energize Eastside Project, in an amount not to exceed \$2,481,760.00.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9131

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Amendment 4: Scope of Work- PSE Energize Eastside State Environmental Impact Statement