



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of July 7, 2007**

DATE: June 18, 2007

SUBJECT: Approve a Sole Source Award to Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, PC (“HOK”) and authorization of additional funds to provide Design Revisions and Construction Phase Services for three prototype Columbia Pike Super Stops.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION (S):

1. Approve a sole source award to Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, PC (“HOK”) to provide design revisions and construction phase services for three prototype Columbia Pike Super Stops.
2. Authorize additional funds not to exceed \$85,500 for design revisions and construction phase services for three prototype Columbia Pike Super Stops.
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract documents, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

ISSUE: None

SUMMARY: The design phase of the enhanced bus stops (“Super Stops”) project for Columbia Pike is complete, and Arlington County is now ready to construct three prototypical Super Stops on Columbia Pike. This request is to use the designer (“HOK”) of the enhanced bus stops to advise and consult with the County during construction of the three prototype stops until final payment is due to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (“WMATA”) which will manage construction and provide the construction contractor. The total budget authorization requested for this Agreement is not to exceed \$85,500, which includes a 10% budget contingency.

BACKGROUND: The County Board entered into an agreement with HOK in November of 2003 (Agreement No. 35-03) for design and construction engineering services for the Super Stops project. The objective of the project is to provide enhanced, larger bus shelters and other improvements to bus stops along the Columbia Pike corridor to improve the transit experience for customers. The Super Stops are the second phase of major transit improvements for the corridor that began with the restructure of the Metrobus 16 line in 2003. The 16 line, branded as

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Staff: Lynn Rivers, DES, Transportation, Transit Bureau

“Pike Ride”, carries more than 12,000 passengers per day, the highest bus ridership in the Commonwealth of Virginia and among the top ten of all WMATA bus service lines.

HOK has completed the design drawings for the Super Stops and submitted construction documents to the County. County staff has approved the final design of the Super Stops and has obtained funding to construct three prototype Super Stops on Columbia Pike. The Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) has reviewed the design drawings and construction documents and forwarded comments to the County. WMATA has agreed to provide the construction contractor through WMATA’s Job Order contract and has also agreed to manage the contractor and oversee construction. The County’s base contract with “HOK” has recently expired. A sole source award for additional services can be justified on the basis of the previous work performed by “HOK”, on this project, the need for project continuity, and significant cost-savings to the County.

DISCUSSION: To insure successful project implementation, “HOK” will provide construction engineering services during the construction phase of the three prototype stops, which will include pre-bid and pre-construction meeting participation, shop drawing reviews, response to Requests for Information from the contractor, punch list inspections, and review of contractor-provided as-built drawings. Other services to be provided by HOK pursuant to this Sole Source Award will include:

- responding to VDOT design comments;
- providing a complete Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) review and incorporating revisions to the Construction Documents;
- advising the County during construction until final payment to the contractor is due;
- attending up to six (6) scheduled project meetings;
- visiting the site monthly, up to a total six (6) visits, during construction to check on progress and quality of work and advise the County accordingly;
- reviewing and approving change orders prepared by the construction contractor; and
- conducting inspections during Substantial Completion and Final Completion

HOK will keep the same consultant team that prepared the project Construction Documents. The November 2003 Board Report for the original contract is attached.

FISCAL IMPACT: The \$85,500 increase for HOK’s construction engineering services and 10% contingency are entirely funded by a FY 2006 State RSTP grant through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (account 313.43515.MA36.0319.000).