REPORT

DATE: August 30, 2007

TO: Administration Committee and Regional Council

FROM: Leyton Morgan, Manager of Contracts

SUBJECT: Contracts Over $250,000

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve

BACKGROUND:

Parsons Brinkerhoff $286,489
(Conduct a detailed Commuter Rail Station Needs Assessment for three specific commuter rail lines within the Metrolink rail system)

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost associated with this project are captured in Work Element Number 06-140.SCGC2.

Reviewed by:

Division Manager

Reviewed by:

Chief Financial Officer

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION of GOVERNMENTS

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant Parsons Brinkerhoff Americas Inc.

Scope: The Southern California Association of Governments in partnership with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA), and the Riverside County Transportation Commission, request funds to conduct a detailed Commuter Rail Station Needs Assessment for three specific commuter rail lines within the Southern California commuter rail system known as Metrolink. The study will assess demand for parking, transit feeder service, airport fly-away service, specific way-finding opportunities and/or general station needs at 15 commuter rail stations located along the 91 Line (Riverside to Fullerton to Los Angeles), the Inland Empire to Orange County Line, and the Orange County Line.

Contract Amount:

Total not to exceed	**$286,489**
Parsons Brinkerhoff Americas Inc.	$218,464
Sharon Green & Asso.	$45,025
OP&C	$10,000
Sarah Catz	$13,000

Contract Period: September 3, 2007 through July 31, 2008

Work Element: 06-140.SCGC2 $287,340 Funding Source: FTA, Riverside County

Request for Proposal: A bid alert notice for RFP 07-082 was emailed to 450 consultants, and the RFP was posted on SCAG's bid management system. A total of 64 firms downloaded the RFP. The following five consultant(s) responded to the RFP:

Parsons Brinkerhoff/Sharon Green & Asso. OP&C/Sarah Catz	$286,489
Wilbur Smith Associates/The Planning Center	$287,000
IBI/DMR/LSA/OP&C Arellano & Associates	$286,740
Arup Americas/RTKL/Economic Research/ The Robert Group	$281,433
Kittesson & Asso./Kodama/GRC	$280,995

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated all five proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations. Interviews were held with all five proposers.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Sheldon Peterson, Rail Programs Manager, RCTC
Abbe McClenahan, Principal Transportation Analyst, OCTA
Lea Simpson, Transportation Planner, Caltrans Dist. 7
André Darmanin, Regional Transit Planner, SCAG

Basis for Selection: The PRC committee recommends Parsons Brinckerhoff for the contract award because of the firm's qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the project. Their firm is one of the few world renowned consultants who have experience in a variety of planning fields, including rail corridor studies. The strength of their lead project manager as well as their multidisciplinary approach drawn in their multitude of studies separated their team from the other proposers. Parsons Brinckerhoff is willing and able to meet the highly demanding requirements of this project given their detail-oriented approach as outlined in their proposal.

Parsons Brinckerhoff has performed a considerable amount of rail transportation work for SCAG in the past and is very knowledgeable about key rail issues facing the region. They are currently completing a study regarding the construction and management of the LOSSAN North Corridor. Their proposal and presentation was thorough and better addressed the key issues outlined in the scope of work than did the other proposers.