

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
on the date of March 6, 2003  
on the motion of Commissioner  
duly seconded by Commissioner

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NOLTE ASSOCIATES, INC.,  
FOR THE PROJECT APPROVAL/ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT PHASE  
OF THE HIGHWAY 1 WIDENING/HOV PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (Commission) identified the Highway 1 Widening with high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes project as its highest priority in the 2001 Regional Transportation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission requires the technical assistance of a consultant to complete the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase of the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project; and,

WHEREAS, through a Request for Proposals/competitive bid process, the consultant evaluation committee ranked the team lead by Nolte Associates, Inc. as the highest ranked consultant; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission directed the Executive Director, together with Caltrans and the Commission's On-Call Consultants, to work with Nolte Associates in refining the scope of services to ensure a cost effective and timely approach in meeting state and federal requirements for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project; and,

WHEREAS, a proposed scope of work, schedule, and budget has been developed for a two-phased PA/ED process to meet constrained transportation revenue projections without compromising the thoroughness of environmental study and opportunity for community input; and,

WHEREAS, the total cost of the consultant's scope of services for a two-phased PA/ED process is \$6.525 million, wherein Phase I costs \$3.025 million and Phase II costs \$3.5 million; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has programmed \$3.8 million in Regional Surface Transportation Program funds for the consultant's Phase I PA/ED activities, leaving a balance of \$775,000 for project management staff and consultant support for the lead agency; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has approved a funding plan for Phase II of the PA/ED for the Highway Widening/HOV Project; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THAT:

1. The Commission hereby requests Caltrans to conduct pre-award audits of the consultant and sub-consultants through its Office of External Audits.

2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to complete negotiations and execute a two-phased consultant contract, subject to positive findings of the pre-award audits, with Nolte Associates, Inc., for Phase I services in an amount not to exceed \$3.025 million, and for proposed Phase II services in an amount not to exceed \$3.5 million, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6.525 million, subject to the attached scope of work, project cost breakdown and schedule in Exhibit A.
3. The consultant contract shall include the possibility of transferring the contract to a Joint Powers Authority to oversee and manage the Highway 1 Widening/HOV project, if it is formed.
4. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to amend the contract agreement for Phase I work, including the attached scope of work, the project team and schedule, provided that the contract budget for Phase I does not exceed \$3.025 million.
5. Approval by the Commission or duly authorized agency shall be required prior to initiating Phase II work.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

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Jan Beautz, Chair

ATTEST:

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Linda Wilshusen, Secretary

Distribution: Auditor-Controller  
RTC Fiscal  
Nolte Associates, Inc.