

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION 21-260

AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF ON-CALL TASK ASSIGNMENT #3
WITH EQUINOX RESEARCH AND CONSULTING INTERNATIONAL, INC FOR
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AT THE MEADOWDALE
BEACH PARK AND ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Meadowdale Beach County Park, with more than 70,000 annual visitors, was purchased in 1971 with acquisition partially funded by the Washington State Interagency Committee (IAC) (now known as Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office) (RCO) for the purpose of saltwater beach access; and

WHEREAS, a major park development project was completed in 1988 which included securing an agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) for shared use of the 6-foot wide, 5.5-foot high, 60-foot long culvert conveying Lund's Gulch Creek, a salmon-bearing stream through the BNSF embankment for the purpose of providing public beach access; and

WHEREAS, over time, increased runoff and rainfall events within the gulch have resulted in sediment delivery, flooding, public safety, and fish impediment issues at the entrance to and within the culvert; and

WHEREAS, a Preferred Alternative to address the multiple issues was developed through a public process during a Feasibility Phase in 2014-2015, and included replacing the undersized culvert and approximately 128 linear feet of hard armored BNSF railroad embankment with a multi-span railroad bridge, providing a widened opening for creek meander and sediment delivery, restoring a pocket estuary for juvenile Chinook and other salmonids, and providing an ADA-accessible path under the bridge separated from the creek; and

WHEREAS, improvements proposed by the Preferred Alternative are located within the BNSF right-of-way requiring landowner cooperation for implementation of this project; and

WHEREAS, the County-procured contractor, Strider, will also construct the improvements below the bridge within BNSF's right-of-way including the underpass trail and estuary improvements, during a tight fish window timeframe; and

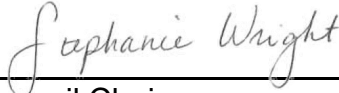
WHEREAS, a professional or archaeologist supervised by a professional archaeologist is required to be on site during any excavation by County-procured contractor, for cultural resources expertise, and the County has a professional archaeologist on staff; and

WHEREAS, Equinox Research and Consulting International, Inc. was selected through the County's On-Call Consultant Services Program to provide archaeological and historical cultural resources expertise services during scheduled absence of said County staff archaeologist, to keep a continuous work schedule flowing throughout the tight fish window period, for a total amount not to exceed \$34,850.44 on this Task Assignment No. 3 (TA#3) with Equinox;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council hereby approves the contract and authorizes the County Executive to sign and execute Task Assignment No.3 (TA#3) with Equinox.

PASSED this 28th day of July, 2021.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Asst. Clerk of the Council