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[Chair S. Rechler] —in public session in its entirety. At this point, I'd like to ask corporate secretary Karen Eastman to advise those present of the composition of the subcommittee and of any recusals. >>

[K. Eastman] Thank you. All commissioners are members of the World Trade Center redevelopment subcommittee, and all commissioners are here today. On the first item, just the World Trade Center West Bathtub Vehicular Access, award of contract for electrical systems, Commissioner Moerdler is recused on the matter.

[Chair S. Rechler] Thank you. And so our first report is by Alan Reiss regarding the Bathtub Vehicular Access. Alan.

[A. Reiss] Thank you, good afternoon, Commissioners. I'm here today to recommend a contract award to Five Star Electric for the electrical systems at the West Bathtub Vehicular Access that's located at the north end of the site where the temporary PATH station is today. It was a publicly advertised contract as an RFP and the lowest price proposer. The scope of the work includes all the electrical systems, radios, telephones, and other specialty systems like security within the WBVA project. This authorization would also authorize and increase the Tishman construction management services and an extension of the schedule to be consistent with the WBVA project schedule to the end of 2018. That allows for contract close outs and punch list items. This contract and project is necessary to meet the commitments that we made to various World Trade Center stakeholders such as the One World Trade Center tenants and property managers along with World Trade Center retail. This project will include the roadway that connects from the Eastside Vehicular Roadway network below grade to the loading dock in One World Trade Center, allowing vehicles to utilize the loading dock built below grade at One World Trade Center. And the retail tenants that get their deliveries in the fit out. This project is the—has six contracts that you've already awarded. This will be the seventh of eight major WBVA-related construction contracts. To date, those six contracts which include the demolition of the north temporary access PATH station have a base contract total value of \$103.6 million. This seventh contract, this one, is the electrical and the final contract later this summer will be the construction and architectural fit out of the WBVA. Overall, we have managed and we will continue to manage within the overall board authorized budget of \$412 million for the WBVA project. I'd like to recommend that you bring this project and this contract award to the full board for approval, sir.

[Chair S. Rechler] Thanks, Alan. Do any commissioners have any questions or comments? OK. Seeing none, can I have a motion?

>> Motion.

>> Second.

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[Chair S. Rechler] All in favor?

>> Aye.

[Chair S. Rechler] OK. The next item is an update from Steve Plate. I don't think we need a vote or a roll call. >>

[K. Eastman] No, this is for information only.

[Chair S. Rechler] It's information only. Steve, I just want to welcome you and thank you for the effort you and your team have made in making the World Trade Center site a successful redevelopment and as we're coming to a close in the opening tonight of the observatory deck, you've obviously done a terrific job with that and great recognition in the paper as well, so thanks for your effort.

[S. Plate] Thank you Vice Chair, and thank you Commissioners. What I'd like to do today is continue to share with you the unprecedented success and progress that's been happening at the site. Some of the recent accomplishments I think are noteworthy, although some may seem small to you, it really is a quality of life issue that has made dramatic changes to the people, our neighbors, that we've been very close to for decades. On Liberty Street, we opened that on May 5th, and the comment was that literally within seconds thousands of people were flowing down that street and really welcomed it into the fold. Also, we opened platform B which brought us to the capacity of what we had prior to that event on 9/11. So on the PATH station itself, we have a major portion of it opened which people are enjoying and really relishing greatly. What's next? As the Vice Chair just pointed out, the One World Observatory opening tomorrow. We're opening up more of the plaza and entrances at street level to the street on the north side and also looking at ways to constantly reinvent ourselves, specifically opening up the PATH station to the east side, entrances and exits through Tower Two, Tower Three, and Tower Four with great progress being made at the oculus with 70% of the glass being installed to date, again, looking at ways to even accelerate that even further. I thought it'd be worthwhile to give you a quick snapshot of what we're looking at moving forward. By this year, in 2015, you'll see we're down to a very small portion of the site. And over the next two years, including Tower Three and the WBVA which Alan Reiss just talked about and just spoke about will be very close to completion. Any questions?

[Chair S. Rechler] Any questions? Again Steve, great job. Thank you.

[S. Plate] Thank you.

[Board Chair J. Degnan] I think that concludes the World Trade Center subcommittee—