



September 12, 2019

To: Transit Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

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Subject: Request to Exercise Option Term for Right-of-Way Maintenance Services on the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Orange and Olive Subdivisions

Overview

On November 24, 2014, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved an agreement with Joshua Grading & Excavating, Inc., to provide railroad right-of-way maintenance services on the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Orange and Olive Subdivisions for five years, with one two-year option term. In order to continue railroad right-of-way maintenance services, approval to exercise the two-year option term of the existing contract is requested.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. C-4-1361 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Joshua Grading & Excavating, Inc., to exercise the two-year option term for right-of-way maintenance services on the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Orange and Olive Subdivisions, in the amount of \$2,600,000, and extend the term of the agreement through January 22, 2022. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$10,800,000.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) owns and maintains the operating railroad right-of-way (ROW) for the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Orange and Olive subdivisions within the County of Orange. The Orange Subdivision begins at Fullerton Junction and extends 42 miles southerly to the Orange County/San Diego County Line, and the Olive Subdivision begins at Atwood Junction in Placentia, extends south 5.5 miles, and connects with the Orange Subdivision. Rail service on these

railroad ROW corridors is operated by the Southern California Regional Rail Authority and Amtrak for passenger service, and BNSF Railway and Union Pacific for freight service.

To allow for the safe and efficient operation of passenger and freight trains, the railroad ROW must be maintained in compliance with federal, state, and local regulations for services such as weed abatement, fire prevention, and nuisance liability standards, herbicide application, rodent control, maintenance of drainage channels and embankments, erosion control, graffiti abatement, debris removal, fencing installation and repair work, grading and/or barrier construction and repair, and signage installation and repairs on a continual basis. The maintenance services have been provided by Joshua Grading & Excavating, Inc., since 2014. Joshua Grading & Excavating, Inc., has performed well through this contract.

Procurement Approach

The original procurement was handled in accordance with OCTA's Board of Directors' (Board) approved procedures for professional and technical services that conform to both federal and state laws. On November 24, 2014, the Board approved an agreement with Joshua Grading & Excavating, Inc., for an initial term of five years with one-two-year option term. The total maximum obligation of the initial term was \$8,200,000.

The proposed amendment is to exercise the two-year option term which will add funding of \$2,600,000 and extend the term of the agreement through January 22, 2022. With the approval of this amendment, the total contract value will be \$10,800,000.

Fiscal Impact

Funding for this project is included in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget, Operations Division, Account 018-7517-D2601-AB9, and will be funded through Local Transportation Funds.

Summary

Staff is recommending the Chief Executive Officer execute Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. C-4-1361 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Joshua Grading & Excavating, Inc., to exercise the two-year option term in the amount of \$2,600,000, for a total contract value of \$10,800,000, and extend the agreement through January 22, 2022 for right-of-way maintenance services on the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Orange and Olive Subdivisions.

Attachment

- A. Joshua Grading & Excavating, Inc., Agreement No. C-4-1361 Fact Sheet

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