



**December 12, 2022**

**To:** Members of the Board of Directors

**From:** Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Construction Management Support Services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project Between State Route 55 and Lakeview Avenue

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**Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority has developed a request for proposals to initiate a competitive procurement process to retain a consultant to provide construction management support services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between State Route 55 and Lakeview Avenue.

**Recommendations**

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 2-2919 for selection of a consultant to provide construction management support services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between State Route 55 and Lakeview Avenue.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 2-2919 to provide construction management support services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between State Route 55 and Lakeview Avenue.

**Discussion**

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is implementing the State Route 91 (SR-91) Improvement Project between State Route 55 (SR-55) and Lakeview Avenue (Project). The Project is part of Project I in the Measure M2 (M2) freeway program and is being advanced through the updated Next 10 Delivery Plan approved by the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) in December 2021.

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The Project improvements shown on Attachment A include realigning the existing westbound (WB) SR-91 on- and off-ramps to direct traffic to WB SR-91, add a new on-ramp from the Lakeview Avenue bridge and connecting directly to southbound (SB) SR-55, and separate WB SR-91 from SB SR-55. The existing Lakeview Avenue overcrossing bridge would be replaced with a new bridge that would include standard height and six lanes with shoulder and sidewalks. Caltrans proposes a multi-asset project (MAP) within this project limit. The MAP includes architectural and engineering (A&E) services related to pavement rehabilitation, upgrading existing safety devices, installing census stations, lighting replacement, conduit replacement, and installing Smart Street Lighting, to name a few. The plan is to combine the Project and MAP at 100 percent design, which is anticipated to be submitted to Caltrans in mid-December 2022, just prior to being ready for construction. The construction contract is expected to be advertised in fall 2023. OCTA is seeking a qualified firm to provide construction management support services.

OCTA staff proposes to use Caltrans for the administration of the construction contract. As the implementing agency for the construction phase, Caltrans will provide the resident engineer, structures representative, and other field personnel, along with construction administrative support and environmental monitoring. OCTA will provide consultant field staff for construction inspection, the office engineer, scheduling, claims support, materials testing, and field surveying.

***Procurement Approach***

OCTA's Board-approved procurement policies and procedures require that the Board approve all requests for proposals (RFP) over \$1,000,000, as well as approve the evaluation criteria and weightings. Staff is submitting for Board approval the draft RFP and evaluation criteria and weightings, which will be used to evaluate proposals received in response to the RFP. The recommended evaluation criteria and weightings are as follows:

- Qualifications of the Firm 20 percent
- Staffing and Project Organization 40 percent
- Work Plan 40 percent

The evaluation criteria and weightings are consistent with criteria developed for similar A&E procurements. Several factors were considered in developing the criteria and weightings. The firm's qualifications and experience in performing relevant work of similar scope, size, and complexity are important to the success of the Project. Next, staff proposes to give a high level of importance to staffing

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and project organization, as the qualifications of the project manager and other key task leaders are critical to understanding the Project requirements and to the timely delivery and successful performance of the work. An equal level of importance is also assigned to the work plan, as the technical approach to the Project is critical to the successful performance of the Project. As this is an A&E procurement, price is not an evaluation criterion pursuant to state and federal laws.

The RFP will be released upon Board approval of these recommendations.

**Fiscal Impact**

Funding for the Project will be included in the OCTA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Budget and subsequent FY budgets, Capital Programs Division, Account No. 0017-9085-F1106-10Q, and will be funded with a combination of net excess 91 Express Lanes revenue, and federal and state grants.

***Summary***

Board of Directors' approval is requested to release Request for Proposals 2-2919 for construction management support services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between State Route 55 and Lakeview Avenue, as well as approval of the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings.

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***Attachments***

- A. Area of Improvements – Segment 1
- B. Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) 2-2919, Construction Management Support Services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project Between State Route 55 and Lakeview Avenue

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