



July 14, 2025

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 La Palma Avenue and State Route 55

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 La Palma Avenue and State Route 55.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 5-4158 for the selection of a consultant to provide construction management support services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between La Palma Avenue and State Route 55.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 5-4158 to provide construction management support services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between La Palma Avenue and State Route 55.

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 La Palma Avenue and State Route 55 (SR-55) (Project). The Project is part of Project I in the Measure M2 (M2) freeway program and is being advanced as part of the updated Next 10 Delivery Plan approved by the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) in November 2024.

The Project will provide a general purpose lane in the eastbound direction between La Palma Avenue and SR-55, bridge widening over the Santa Ana River, and reconstruction of the Glassell Street/Kraemer Boulevard and Tustin Avenue interchanges. As a part of interchanges reconstruction, the existing Glassell Street/Kraemer Boulevard and Tustin Avenue bridges over SR-91 will be replaced with new bridges that provide standard vertical clearance below, standard width lanes and sidewalks, and bikeways enhancing active transportation options. The final design for the Project is nearing completion.

Caltrans, as the implementing agency for the construction phase, is expected to advertise the construction contract by late 2025 and then award and administer the contract through completion. OCTA is seeking a qualified firm to provide construction management support services. Caltrans will provide the resident engineer, structures representative, and other field personnel, along with construction administrative support and environmental monitoring. OCTA, as the sponsor agency on this Project, will provide consultant field staff for construction inspection, an office engineer, scheduling, claims support, and materials testing. A construction cooperative agreement with Caltrans will be executed prior to the Project moving into the construction phase.

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:

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| • 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 architectural and engineering (A&E) procurements. Several factors were considered in developing the criteria and weightings. The firms' qualifications and experience in performing relevant work of similar scope, size, and complexity are important to the success of the Project. Staff proposes to give a high level of importance to staffing 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

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of the work. An equal level of importance is also assigned to the work plan, as the technical approach is critical to the successful performance and timely delivery 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 this Project is included in OCTA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Budget and subsequent fiscal years' budgets, Capital Programs Division, Account No. 0017-9085-FI105-1OR, and will be funded with a combination of federal, state, net excess 91 Express Lanes revenue, and local M2 funds.

Summary

Board of Directors' approval is requested to release Request for Proposals 5-4158 for construction management support services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project between La Palma Avenue and State Route 55, as well as approval of the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings.

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Attachment

- A. Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) 5-4158, Construction Management Support Services for the State Route 91 Improvement Project Between La Palma Avenue and State Route 55

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