



March 13, 2023

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Approval to Release Request for Proposals for the South Coast Rail Infrastructure Feasibility Study and Alternative Concepts Analysis

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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 conduct the South Coast Rail Infrastructure Feasibility Study and Alternatives Concepts Analysis in south coastal Orange County.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 3-2328 to select a firm to provide consultant services to conduct the South Coast Rail Infrastructure Feasibility Study and Alternative Concepts Analysis.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 3-2328 for consultant services to conduct the South Coast Rail Infrastructure Feasibility Study/Alternative Concepts Analysis.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) owns the Orange Rail Subdivision in Orange County located between the cities of Fullerton and San Clemente. OCTA is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to conduct a study on approximately seven miles of railroad corridor in south coastal Orange County from approximately milepost (MP) 200 to MP 207. The study area includes the cities of Dana Point, San Clemente, and unincorporated portions of the counties of Orange and San Diego. As defined by the Department of Defense, the rail line between Los Angeles and San Diego counties is designated as a Strategic Rail Corridor Network, which consists of key railroad lines most important to national defense. This study will take into consideration federal, state, and local sustainability planning efforts.

Finally, an equal level of importance is also assigned to the work plan to evaluate the technical approach and resource allocation for the work to ensure successful performance and timely delivery of the project. As this is an architectural and engineering procurement, price is not an evaluation criterion pursuant to state and federal laws.

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

Fiscal Impact

Funding for this study is included in the proposed OCTA's Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget, Planning Division, Account No. 0017-7519-TR222-PEJ, and will be funded using Measure M2 (M2) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funds. M2 will contribute approximately 12 percent of the total contract value while STBG would fulfill the remaining budget.

Summary

Board of Directors' approval is requested to release Request for Proposals 3-2328 for consultant services to conduct the South Coast Rail Infrastructure Feasibility Study and Alternative Concepts Analysis, as well as approval of the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings.

Attachments

- A. South Coast Rail Infrastructure Study and Alternative Concepts Analysis
- B. Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) 3-2328, South Coast Rail Infrastructure Feasibility Study and Alternative Concepts Analysis

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