



June 12, 2017

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Approval to Release Request for Proposals for the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5

Overview

Staff has developed a request for proposals to initiate a competitive procurement process to retain consultant services to prepare plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 7-1719 consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 7-1719 for consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5.

Discussion

The State Route 55 improvements from Interstate 405 (I-405) to Interstate 5 (I-5) (Project) are part of Project F in the Measure M2 (M2) freeway program. In the Next 10 Plan, adopted by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) in November 2016, the Project is identified as one of the M2 freeway projects to be completed. The supplemental draft environmental document was circulated for public comment on April 3, 2017, and Alternative 3-Modified, which includes general purpose, high-occupancy vehicle, and auxiliary lanes,

has been identified as the preferred alternative by the Project development team. Therefore, the Project is ready to proceed into the final design phase.

The Project will add lanes in each direction between I-405 and I-5, and add auxiliary lanes between interchanges. Approving the release of a request for proposals (RFP) for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates at this time will enable the consultant design team to begin work in January 2018, or sooner.

Procurement Approach

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

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| • Qualifications of the Firm | 25 percent |
| • Staffing and Project Organization | 40 percent |
| • Work Plan | 35 percent |

The evaluation criteria are consistent with criteria developed for similar architectural and engineering (A&E) procurements. Several factors were considered in developing the criteria weights. Staff assigned the greatest level of importance to staffing and project organization, as the qualifications of the project manager and other key task leaders are of most importance to the timely delivery of the Project. Likewise, staff assigned a high level of importance to the work plan as the technical approach to the Project is critical to the successful performance of the Project. The qualifications of the firm in performing work of similar scope and size are also very important to the success of the Project. As this is an A&E 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

The Project is proposed in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account 0017-7519-FF101-0KU, and will be funded through federal State Transportation Block Grant funds.

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Summary

Board of Directors' approval is requested to release Request for Proposals 7-1719 for consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5.

Attachment


- A. Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) 7-1719, Consultant Services for the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 405 and Interstate 5

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