



**March 9, 2020**

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

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

**Subject:** Approval to Release Request for Proposals for the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the State Route 91 Improvement Project Between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue

### **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 91 improvement project between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue.

### **Recommendations**

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 0-2073 for consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 91 improvement project between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 0-2073 for consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 91 improvement project between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue.

### **Discussion**

State Route 91 improvements between State Route 57 and State Route 55 (SR- 55) (Project) are part of Project I 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 2019, the Project is one of the M2 freeway projects that is approved through construction. The Project is now scheduled to move into the design phase using net excess 91 Express Lanes revenue, as approved by the Board.

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The Project will add a general purpose lane in the eastbound direction between La Palma Avenue and SR-55, and provide westbound operational improvements between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue and between SR-55 and Lakeview Avenue. The Project includes reconstruction of the La Palma Avenue overcrossing bridge and reconstruction of the Kraemer Boulevard/Glassell Street, Tustin Avenue, and Lakeview Avenue interchanges.

The draft environmental document was circulated for public comment on November 20, 2018, and the build alternative was identified as the preferred alternative by the Project development team. 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 November 2020, or sooner. The Project is being developed as three separate design and construction projects to enhance the participation and competitive bidding of consultants and contractors, with the following Project limits:

- Segment 1 extends from SR-55 to Lakeview Avenue
- Segment 2 extends from La Palma Avenue to SR-55
- Segment 3 extends from Acacia Street to La Palma Avenue

At this time, Board approval is requested to release RFP 0-2073 for design services for Segment 3. The RFP for Segment 1 was released on May 13, 2019, and the consultant selection was approved by the Board on September 9, 2019. The RFP for Segment 2 was released on September 23, 2019, and the consultant selection was approved by the Board on February 10, 2020.

***Procurement Approach***

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 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        | 25 percent |
| • Staffing and Project Organization | 40 percent |
| • Work Plan                         | 35 percent |

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The evaluation criteria are consistent with criteria developed for similar architectural and engineering (A&E) procurements. Several factors were considered in developing the criteria weightings. 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 in OCTA Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account 0017-7519-FI104-OU9, and will be funded through net excess 91 Express Lanes revenue.

***Summary***

Board of Directors' approval is requested to release Request for Proposals 0- 2073 for consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 91 improvement project between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue.

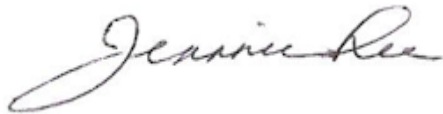
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***Attachment***

- A. Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) 0-2073, Consultant Services for the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the State Route 91 Improvement Project Between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue

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