



June 22, 2020

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Consultant Services to Prepare the Project Report and Environmental Document for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico

Overview

Staff has developed a request for proposals to initiate a competitive procurement process to retain consultant services to prepare the project report and environmental document for the Interstate 5 improvement project from San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 0-2335 for consultant services to prepare the project report and environmental document for the Interstate 5 improvement project from San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 0-2335 for consultant services to prepare the project report and environmental document for the Interstate 5 improvement project from San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico.

Discussion

The Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) are concluding efforts on the South County Traffic Relief Effort (SCTRE). Based on technical work, public feedback, and policy direction, three alternatives are proposed to move forward into project development. On March 12, 2020, the TCA Board of Directors approved recommendations to proceed with project development of a non-tolled extension of Los Patrones Parkway, widening of Ortega Highway between Calle Entradero and Reata Road, and the extension of high-occupancy

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vehicle (HOV) lane improvements on Interstate 5 (I-5) from the San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico. On April 13, 2020, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) also approved recommendations to proceed with these projects. Caltrans and TCA will provide a final project report for SCTRE that will formalize these recommendations.

The I-5 improvement project from San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico (Project) would complete the HOV lane network in Orange County and complement the I-5 HOV improvements that were recently completed as part of Project C in the Measure M2 freeway program. The Project proposes to construct one HOV lane in each direction on I-5 from the San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico, reestablish existing auxiliary lanes, and modify interchange ramps.

Approving the release of a request for proposals (RFP) for the preparation of the project report and environmental document services at this time will enable the project approval/environmental document phase of the Project to begin in mid-2021.

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 |

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 is critical to the successful performance of the Project. The qualifications of the firm in performing work of

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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 included in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account 0001-7519-A9160-F17, and will be funded through federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funding.

Summary

Board of Directors' approval is requested to release Request for Proposals 0-2335 for consultant services to prepare the project report and environmental document for the Interstate 5 improvement project from San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico.

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Attachment

- A. Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) 0-2335, Consultant Services to Prepare the Project Report and Environmental Document for the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico

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