



**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 the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the Interstate 5 Widening Project Between Yale Avenue and State Route 55

### **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 Interstate 5 widening project between Yale Avenue and State Route 55.

### **Recommendations**

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 0-2371 for consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the Interstate 5 widening project between Yale Avenue and State Route 55.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 0-2371 for consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the Interstate 5 widening project between Yale Avenue and State Route 55.

### **Discussion**

The Interstate 5 (I-5) widening project between Interstate 405 (I-405) and State Route 55 (SR-55) (Project) is Project B in the Measure M2 (M2) freeway program, and is included in the updated Next 10 Delivery Plan adopted by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) in November 2019. The Project is scheduled to move into the design phase using M2, state, and federal funding.

The Project will add one general purpose (GP) lane in both directions on I-5 between I-405 and SR-55. The Project will reestablish existing auxiliary lanes and

provide new auxiliary lanes where necessary, and provide continuous access to the high-occupancy vehicle lanes.

The final environmental document was signed on January 7, 2020, with build Alternative 2B identified as the preferred alternative by the project development team. Alternative 2 includes the addition of one GP lane in each direction of I-5 from just north of I-405 to just south of SR-55. The improvements include standard lane and shoulder widths except where the improvements join existing nonstandard lanes or shoulders, and at isolated locations at bridge columns, overhead signs, or other appurtenances. Design Variation B, the preferred alternative, includes additional nonstandard inside shoulder widths and/or lane widths to reduce right-of-way impacts. The Project is being developed as two 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 I-405 to Yale Avenue
- Segment 2 extends from Yale Avenue to SR-55

At this time, Board approval is requested to release Request for Proposals (RFP) 0-2371 for design services for Segment 2. The future RFP for Segment 1 is planned for release in December 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 |

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**

Segment 2 of the Project is included in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account 0017-7519-FB103-VVV, and will be funded through a combination of federal and M2 funds.

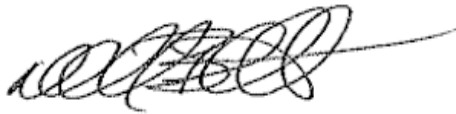
#### ***Summary***

Board of Directors' approval is requested to release Request for Proposals 0-2371 for consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the Interstate 5 widening project between Yale Avenue and State Route 55.

***Attachment***

- A. Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) 0-2371, Consultant Services for the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the Interstate 5 Widening Project Between Yale Avenue and State Route 55

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