




October 26, 2020

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority has developed a request for proposals to initiate a competitive procurement process to retain consultant services for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 0-2604 for consultant services for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 0-2604 for consultant services for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in coordination with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA), proposes the Irvine Station Improvements Project (Project). Improvements include reconfiguring the Irvine Station (Station) with additional rail infrastructure to support future expansion of passenger service as part of SCRRA's Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) Program. The Project Definition Report (PDR) was completed in June 2019 by SCRRA, and the Project is ready to advance into the environmental phase. A multidisciplinary firm is needed to complete the environmental phase that includes the preparation of preliminary engineering and environmental documentation.

The Station is served by both commuter and intercity passenger rail services through Metrolink's Orange County (OC) and Inland Empire-OC lines, as well as Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner. The railroad corridor south of Laguna Niguel is generally constrained by the availability of the railroad right-of-way; therefore, the service growth envisioned in the SCORE Program is north of the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Station. The Station will serve as a transfer point between Pacific Surfliner trains running to/from San Diego and local Metrolink trains running to/from Los Angeles or the Inland Empire. The Project improvements identified in the PDR include the addition of third and fourth tracks between Milepost (MP) 184 and MP 186.7 (approximately 2.7 miles), and station reconfiguration to allow for better-timed transfers and improve accessibility. The existing configuration at the Station, with two main tracks and side platforms, provides limited capacity due to the depth of the platforms and right-of-way constraints that prevent expanding them and does not allow for operating more passenger trains in and out of the Station with more frequent headways.

The Project requires a cooperative agreement between OCTA and SCRRA to define roles, responsibilities, and funding for the preliminary engineering and environmental phase. OCTA is the lead on the preliminary engineering and environmental phase and will coordinate this work with SCRRA and the City of Irvine. OCTA staff is working with SCRRA to finalize the draft cooperative agreement for the Project, which is anticipated to be provided to the Board for approval by February 2021.

Procurement Approach

OCTA Board of Directors (Board)-approved procurement policies and procedures require Board approval for all requests for proposals (RFP) over \$1,000,000, as well as approval for the evaluation criteria and weightings. Staff is submitting the draft RFP and evaluation criteria and weightings for Board approval, 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 | 20 percent |
| • Staffing and Project Organization | 40 percent |
| • Work Plan | 40 percent |

Several factors were considered in developing the criteria weightings. The qualifications of the firm was assigned a 20 percent weighting, as performing work of similar scope and size are important to the success of the Project. Staff assigned a high level of importance to staffing and project organization, as the

qualifications of the project manager and other key task leaders are important to the timely delivery of the Project. Work plan was also weighted equally high as the technical approach to the Project is critical to the successful 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

The Project was approved in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account 0018-7519-TR215-0SV, and will be funded with Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant funds granted by the California State Transportation Agency through SCRRA's SCORE Program.

Summary

Board of Directors' approval is requested to release Request for Proposals 0-2604 for consultant services for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project, as well as approval of the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings.

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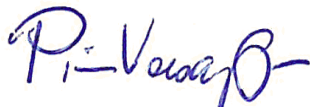
Attachments

- A. Project Location Map
- B. Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) 0-2604, Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services for the Irvine Station Improvements Project

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