



**September 13, 2021**

**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 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 5 and State Route 91

### **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 5 and State Route 91.

### **Recommendations**

- A. Approve the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings for Request for Proposals 1-3643 for consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 1-3643 for consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91.

### **Discussion**

The State Route 55 (SR-55) Improvement Project between Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route 91 (Project) is part of Project F 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 April 2021. The Project is scheduled to move into the design phase using previously approved M2 and federal funding.

The Project will add a general purpose lane in each direction between I-5 and State Route 22 and provide operational improvements on southbound (SB) ramps at Katella Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. Specifically, an additional lane will be added to the SB SR-55 Katella Avenue off- and on-ramps, and the existing SB SR-55 Lincoln Avenue off-ramp will be relocated 1,300 feet to the south, next to the existing SB SR-55 Lincoln Avenue hook on-ramp.

The final environmental document was signed on March 30, 2020, and the build alternative 2B 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 will enable the selected consultant design team to begin work in July 2022 or sooner.

### ***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 proposed 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 |

The evaluation criteria are consistent with criteria developed for similar architectural and engineering (A&E) procurements. In developing the criteria and weightings, several factors were considered. The firm's qualifications and experience in performing relevant work of similar scope, size, and complexity 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 vitally critical to understanding the project requirements and to the timely delivery and successful performance of the work. An equal level of importance is also assigned to the work plan to evaluate the technical approach and resource allocation for the work to ensure successful performance and timely delivery 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.

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**Fiscal Impact**

The Project is included in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account No. 0017-7519-FF102-0WZ, and will be funded with a combination of federal and M2 funds.

**Summary**

Board of Directors' approval is requested to release Request for Proposals 1- 3643 to select a firm to provide consultant services for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91, as well as approval of the proposed evaluation criteria and weightings.

**Attachment**

- A. Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) 1-3643, Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 5 and State Route 91

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