



December 8, 2025

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: Approval to Release Request for Proposals for Construction Management Support Services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project Between Interstate 5 and State Route 91

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority has developed a request for proposals to initiate a competitive procurement process to retain a consultant to provide construction management support services 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 250112 for the selection of a consultant to provide construction management support services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91.
- B. Approve the release of Request for Proposals 250112 to provide construction management support services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is implementing the State Route 55 (SR-55) Improvement Project between Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route 91 (Project). The Project is Project F in the Measure M2 (M2) freeway program and is being advanced through the updated Next 10 Delivery Plan adopted by the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) in November 2024.

The Project will construct general purpose lane improvements in each direction between I-5 and State Route 22 and provide operational improvements to interchange ramps at Fourth Street/Irvine Boulevard, Katella Avenue, and

Lincoln Avenue. An additional lane will be added to the northbound and southbound (SB) off-ramps at Fourth Street/Irvine Boulevard and to the SB SR-55 Katella Avenue off- and on-ramps. The existing SB SR-55 Lincoln Avenue off-ramp will be relocated 1,300 feet to the south, adjacent to the existing SB SR-55 Lincoln Avenue hook on-ramp from Tustin Avenue.

Additionally, the Project provides standard curb ramps and sidewalks along the adjacent impacted arterials within the project improvement areas that improve active transportation options and provide continuity for pedestrians. Final design for the Project is nearing completion.

Caltrans, as the implementing agency for the construction phase, is expected to advertise the construction contract by late 2025 and then award and administer the contract through completion. OCTA is seeking a qualified firm to provide construction management support services. Caltrans will provide the resident engineer, structures representative, and other field personnel, along with construction administrative support and environmental monitoring. OCTA, as the sponsor agency on this Project, will provide consultant field staff for construction inspection, an office engineer, scheduling, claims support, and materials testing. A construction cooperative agreement with Caltrans will be executed prior to the Project moving into the construction phase.

Procurement Approach

OCTA's Board-approved procurement policies and procedures require that the Board approve all requests for proposals (RFP) 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 | 20 percent |
| • Staffing and Project Organization | 40 percent |
| • Work Plan | 40 percent |

The evaluation criteria and weightings are consistent with criteria developed for similar architectural and engineering (A&E) procurements. Several factors were considered in developing the criteria and weightings. The firms' qualifications and experience in performing relevant work of similar scope, size, and complexity are important to the success of the Project. Staff proposes to give a high level of importance to staffing and project organization, as the qualifications of the project manager and other key task leaders are 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, as the technical approach is critical to the 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.

The RFP will be released upon Board approval of these recommendations.

Fiscal Impact

Funding for this Project is included in OCTA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Budget and subsequent FY budgets, Capital Programs Division, Account No. 0017-9085-FF102-0X0, and will be funded with local M2 funds.

Summary

Board of Directors' approval is requested to release Request for Proposals 250112 for construction management support services 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.

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Attachment

- A. Draft: Request for Proposals (RFP) 250112, Construction Management Support Services for the State Route 55 Improvement Project between Interstate 5 and State Route 91

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