



November 3, 2025

To: Regional Transportation Planning Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: Agreement for the Construction of the Trabuco Rose Gully Repair Project

Overview

On August 18, 2025, the Orange County Transportation Authority issued an invitation for bids for construction of the Trabuco Rose Gully Repair Project, located at one of the Orange County Transportation Authority's environmental mitigation program properties. Bids were received in accordance with the Orange County Transportation Authority's procurement procedures for public works projects. Board of Directors' approval is requested to execute the construction agreement.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-5-4213 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Prestige Prime Engineering, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$344,800, for construction of the Trabuco Rose Gully Repair Project.

Discussion

As part of Measure M2 (M2), a portion of the M2 freeway program revenues were set aside for the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) M2 Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) which provides funding for programmatic mitigation to offset impacts from the M2 freeway projects. A key component of the EMP included the acquisition of seven properties (Preserves) of open space or wilderness lands, totaling approximately 1,300 acres.

OCTA established the Trabuco Rose Preserve (Preserve) in 2011, and is responsible for overseeing the maintenance, security, and biological monitoring for this Preserve. The Preserve is located in Trabuco Canyon and is comprised of approximately 400 acres of open space. A small unnamed gully/creek on the Preserve as well as the nearby slopes and the surrounding habitat are all eroding. This gully formed decades ago when fill was placed in a natural creek for residential development just south of the Preserve. Repairs were made to the

upper portion of this gully in 2021 as Phase 1 of the Project. The objective of the Project is to implement Phase II of the Project which is designed to repair the gully and stabilize the adjacent slopes.

Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2025 and be completed within three months. Work will be coordinated closely with the Preserve biological monitors to ensure that the sensitive biological resources are avoided to the maximum extent feasible. Depending on weather conditions, and timing of completion, coordination may also be necessary with the regulatory permitting agencies, including the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Procurement Approach

This procurement was handled in accordance with OCTA's Board of Directors-approved procedures for public works projects. These procedures, which conform to both state and federal requirements, require that contracts are awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder after a sealed bidding process.

Invitation for Bids (IFB) 5-4213 was electronically released on August 18, 2025, through OCTA's CAMM NET system. The Project was advertised on August 18 and August 25, 2025, in a newspaper of general circulation. A pre-bid conference and job walk/site visit were held on August 26, 2025, and were attended by ten firms. Three addenda were issued to provide the pre-bid conference registration sheets and handle administrative issues related to the IFB. On September 16, 2025, five bids were received and publicly opened.

All bids were reviewed by staff from both the Contracts Administration and Materials Management and Capital Project Delivery departments to ensure compliance with the contract terms and conditions and technical specifications. The list of bidders and bid amounts is presented below:

<u>Firm and Location</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Prestige Prime Engineering El Cajon, California	\$344,800
Matcon General Engineering, Inc. Corona, California	\$353,325
Zusser Company, Inc. Los Angeles, California	\$395,391

Bert W. Salas, Inc. Lakeside, California	\$412,807
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Bosco Construction, Inc. Chatsworth, California	\$570,000
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The OCTA engineer's estimate for the Project was \$400,900. The recommended firm's bid is 14 percent below the engineer's estimate and is considered by staff to be fair and reasonable.

State law requires award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. As such, staff recommends award to Prestige Prime Engineering as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$344,800, for the construction of the Project.

Fiscal Impact

The Project is included in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, Planning Division, Account No. 0017-7519-FX001-TCQ, and is funded by local M2 funds.

Summary

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-5-4213 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Prestige Prime Engineering, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$344,800 for construction of the Trabuco Rose Gully Repair Project.

Attachment

None.

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