



July 14, 2025

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Approval to Release Invitation for Bids for Construction of the Inland Slope Rehabilitation – Phase II Project

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority has completed the plans, specifications, and estimates for a slope rehabilitation project to repair erosion damage to various areas within the Orange County Transportation Authority-owned right-of-way. Planned work will include regrading slopes, placing shotcrete, and improving trackside drainage and culverts. Board of Directors approval is requested to release the invitation for bids.

Recommendation

Approve the release of Invitation for Bids 4-2666 for the construction of the Inland Slope Rehabilitation – Phase II project.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) owns the Orange Subdivision railroad right-of-way (ROW), which extends from the Fullerton Junction to the San Diego County Line. This corridor is a critical segment of the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor, which supports both intercity and commuter passenger rail, as well as freight service. Recognized for its strategic importance at both the state and national levels, the LOSSAN Rail Corridor is also designated as a national defense connector line under the U.S. Department of Defense's Strategic Rail Corridor Network.

OCTA, in coordination with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), proposes the rehabilitation of inland slopes and drainage improvements adjacent to the existing main tracks between milepost (MP) 187.3 and MP 193.0 (Project). Field investigations identified six sites currently affected by erosion and stormwater runoff, that require repair, stabilization, and drainage enhancements to prevent potential impacts to rail operations. These sites are

located in the cities of Laguna Niguel, Lake Forest, and Mission Viejo, and contain nearly vertical embankments that range in length from approximately 200 to 700 linear feet. The project location and limits are shown in Attachment A. Preliminary engineering was completed in October 2023, and environmental documentation was prepared and approved in April 2025 in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The project design is now complete and ready to proceed to construction.

Procurement Approach

OCTA's procurement policies and procedures require that the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) approve all invitation for bids (IFB) over \$1,000,000. Staff is requesting approval from the Board to release IFB 4-2666 for the construction of the Inland Slope Rehabilitation – Phase II project. (Attachment B).

The IFB will be released upon Board approval. The budget for this Project is \$5,000,000. The award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in accordance with the state law.

Fiscal Impact

Funding for this Project is included in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account No. 0018-9084-C5054-TYR and is funded by state grant SB 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) Local Partnership Program – formulaic and local funds.

Summary

Board of Directors' approval is requested to release Invitation for Bids 4-2666 for construction of the Inland Slope Rehabilitation – Phase II project.

Attachments

- A. Project Location Map
- B. Draft Invitation for Bids (IFB) 4-2666, Construction of the Inland Slope Rehabilitation – Phase II

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