



BRIEFING: MAY 10, 2016 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #5

TO: Chairman Richard and Board Members

FROM: Mark McLoughlin, Director of Environmental Services

DATE: April 28, 2016

RE: Consider Extending the Environmental and Engineering Services Contract for the Altamont Corridor Project Section for Time Only

Background

AECOM is the California High-Speed Rail Authority's (Authority) environmental and engineering consultant for the Altamont Corridor project section. The Authority executed the original contract with AECOM on November 12, 2008 after conducting a procurement process consistent with the State's competitive Architectural and Engineering (A&E) procurement process.

Since 2008, the Authority has led the Altamont Corridor Project, while the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) has acted as one of the Authority's regional partners in planning the project. In 2012, the Legislature appropriated \$34.6 million for the Altamont Corridor in SB 1029. The original contract value was \$55.0 million for preliminary engineering and project specific environmental work. As of April 2016, the Authority has expended approximately \$13.9 million on the Altamont Corridor under this contract. While the contract has been amended three times, the scope and budget remain as originally procured.

Pursuant to the Amended Second Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Authority Board on June 6, 2013, the Authority transferred management of the AECOM contract to the SJRRRC, a California joint powers agency, that operates and manages the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE), which provides commuter rail service in the Altamont Rail Corridor between Stockton and San Jose.

Since transfer of contract management responsibilities to SJRRRC, SJRRRC has continued forward with the scope of work through annual work plans approved by the Authority. SJRRRC, with the assistance of AECOM, has completed several major accomplishments over the past year including, but not limited to:

- Completion of a Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation and initiation of the environmental process with the Federal Railroad Administration.

- Completion of project scoping meetings in support of the environmental process.
- Identification of alignment alternatives for the corridor including completion of alignment alternatives for the extension of ACE to Modesto and Merced.
- Identification of all new station location alternatives for the extension of ACE to Modesto and Merced as well as potential new station locations in downtown Tracy, at the River Islands development east of Tracy, and in West Tracy.
- Completion of a regional economic benefits analysis.

The current contract, as amended, expires on June 30, 2016.

Prior Board Action

On July 9, 2008, the Board authorized staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for the Altamont Corridor for environmental and engineering services.

On September 3, 2008, the Board delegated authority to the CEO, “to enter into a contract with the highest ranking firm of which [he or she] is able to reach a satisfactory contract with fair and reasonable compensation once negotiations have been successfully completed.”

On June 6, 2013, the Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Amended Second Memorandum of Understanding, which transferred management of the AECOM contract to SJRRC.

On April 10, 2014, the Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a contract amendment to extend the contract for time, up to a one (1) year extension through June 30, 2015, and to require AECOM to comply with the Authority’s 30 percent Small Business participation goal for the Altamont Corridor project section.

Discussion

The proposed amendment would extend the contract duration by three (3) years, from June 30, 2016 through June 30, 2019 to allow AECOM to progress the preliminary engineering and project specific environmental work for the Altamont Corridor.

While the Authority hoped to transfer both management of the AECOM contract and the associated funds (allocated pursuant to SB 1029) to SJRRC (in an effort to optimize efficiency as set forth in the April 2014 Board Memo) the Authority was unable to find a mechanism to effectuate this transfer of funds. Despite this, the current arrangement whereby SJRRC manages the AECOM contract has proven efficient and effective and the Authority and SJRRC believe that having AECOM continue the work they already have in process is the most efficient and cost effective manner in which to complete this effort on the Altamont Corridor.

To support the extension of this contract, SJRRC has provided the Authority a plan for the next three years and anticipates that the proposed amendment will allow for completion of 30% design, a Final Environmental Impact Report as well as permits from the United States Army

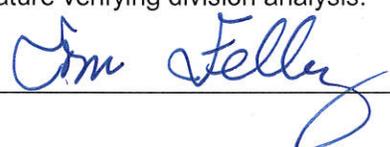
Corps of Engineers, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Legal Approval

The Chief Counsel has reviewed and approved the requested amendment.

Budget Implications

Approval of the requested three year contract extension will not have any budget impact as the original contract value of \$55 million will remain unchanged.

REVIEWER INFORMATION	
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Recommendations

Authority staff recommends that the Board authorize a contract duration extension, to extend the AECOM Regional Consultant Contract (Altamont Corridor Project Section – HSR08-03) through June 30, 2019.

Attachments

- Draft Resolution #HSRA 16-15
- Resolution #HSRA 14-07