



RESOLUTION #HSRA 25-04

Approval to Solicit Bids for the Fresno Station Early Works Project and Award a Contract

Whereas, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, constructing, and operating an intercity high-speed passenger train network that is fully integrated with the state's existing intercity transportation services (Public Utilities Code sections 185030 and 185031);

Whereas, stations and station-area components are critical to several aspects of the high-speed rail program's success, including attracting ridership, meeting the state's environmental and sustainability goals, and capturing ancillary revenues associated with station area development;

Whereas, functional passenger stations are a critical component for operation of, and revenue service on, the high-speed rail system;

Whereas, construction of central valley stations and station-area components are essential to the completion and delivery of an initial operating segment as well as long-term operation;

Whereas, completion of early works is critical to advance delivery of the system on schedule;

Whereas, the Authority has been awarded time-limited federal grant money that will assist with the early works supporting Fresno station;

Whereas, the Authority has advanced designs which include components for the Fresno Station Early Works Project which will renovate, modernize, and preserve the historic Fresno Depot, relocate related utilities at the station entrances, provide multimodal parking and electric vehicle charging infrastructure and install plaza improvements as initial building blocks for the future high-speed rail multimodal Fresno station (Project);

Whereas, the Authority is preparing to solicit competitive construction bids for the Project utilizing the design-bid-build methodology;

Whereas, the Authority is authorized to solicit competitive bids for design-bid-build public works construction contracts by the State Contract Act, Public Contract Code (PCC) §10100, et seq.; any resulting award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder (PCC §10108);

Whereas, based upon the reasons set forth to the Board in the staff presentation and materials, the framework for bidding the Project, selecting a contractor and awarding the contract is appropriate and reasonable.

Therefore, it is resolved:

- (1) The Board authorizes Authority staff to solicit competitive bids for construction services for the public works Project as described in the staff presentation and materials in or after the third quarter of 2025 with an estimated contract value of \$58,090,000.
- (2) The Board authorizes the CEO, or his duly appointed delegate, to execute and award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder provided that the lowest responsible bid does not exceed \$58,090,000.
- (3) The Board authorizes staff to develop and finalize the procurement and contractual documents prior to beginning the Project bid solicitation process and to make appropriate non-substantive modifications thereto as part of the procurement process.
- (4) The Board directs staff to research the availability of any type of new market tax credit or historic building renovation tax credit (or similar) for the renovation of the historic Fresno Depot in conjunction with the Fresno Station Early Works Project.

Vote: 7-0

Yes: Richards, Miller, Schenk, Ghielmetti, Perea, Escutia, Cohen

No: N/A

Absent: Camacho, Williams

Date: May 1, 2025

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