

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Operations Committee**

June 10, 2022

Agenda Item 4c

**Contract – Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan: Alta Planning + Design, Inc.
(\$250,000)**

Subject:

Request for approval of a contract for the Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. in a not to exceed amount of \$250,000.

Background:

In 1987, Senate Bill 100 (Lockyer) mandated that ABAG develop and adopt a plan and implementation program, including a financing plan, for a continuous, nonmotorized recreational corridor extending around the perimeter of San Francisco and San Pablo Bays: The San Francisco Bay Trail. The ultimate vision of the Bay Trail program is a 500-mile trail serving 47 cities in all nine Bay Area counties and seven toll bridges.

In 2005, ABAG conducted its first evaluation of the Bay Trail network: The San Francisco Bay Trail Project Gap Analysis Study. This study identified remaining unconstructed segments of the Bay Trail (i.e., gaps), scored and prioritized gaps based on evaluation criteria, developed cost estimates, and presented an overall timeframe for completion of the Bay Trail. At the time of the study, approximately 270 miles of the planned 500-mile network (54%) had been constructed. The study concluded that the Bay Trail could be completed within 15 years at the cost of about \$188 million. No Bay Trail gap closure studies have been conducted since 2005.

In early 2021, the Bay Trail program moved to MTC's Operations Division in the Design and Project Delivery Section to align with the need to design and deliver the remaining gap closures. As of 2021, 352 miles (70%) of the 500-mile vision had been constructed; the remaining 30% contains challenging segments and includes major bridge corridors. MTC staff recognize the need to revisit the 2005 study for an updated inventory of gaps in the Bay Trail and to re-evaluate the scoring and prioritization of gap closure projects, given new priorities for the Bay Trail program. Such priorities include expanding trail access to Equity Priority Communities, increasing active transportation mode share, developing connections to parks and open space, providing access to transit and on-street active transportation facilities, preserving the shoreline environment, adapting to sea level rise, and creating a comfortable user experience.

In December 2021, MTC Resolution No. 4459 was approved by the Administration Committee; it included the allocation of \$250,000 of Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) 2% Transit Transfer funds to Work Item 1127 Regional Trails, to be used to develop the Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan.

Procurement Process:

On March 23, 2022, MTC issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan to the 2020 Quick-Build Design and Engineering and Construction Management Services consultant bench under Service Category A: Design and Engineering Services, as well as the 2021 Transportation Engineering and Planning Services consultant bench under Service Category D: Active Transportation Planning and Engineering. On April 20, 2022, MTC received proposals from two teams: Alta Planning + Design, Inc. and Street Plans.

A panel consisting of staff from MTC and the East Bay Regional Park District evaluated the proposals based on qualifications/team experience, project understanding/approach, price, cost effectiveness, presentation, and Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program. Upon review of the proposals, MTC staff recommends the selection of Alta Planning + Design, Inc. due to their strong understanding of the project and extensive qualifications in trail planning and development, geographic information system based prioritization and analysis, and robust community engagement.

Issues:

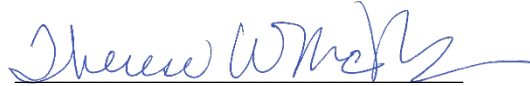
None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Operations Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a contract with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the above-described work.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status

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Therese W. McMillan

Attachment A

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status

	Firm Name	Role on Project	DBE* Yes / No	If DBE Yes, List #	SBE** Yes / No	If SBE Yes, List #
Prime Contractor	Alta Planning + Design, Inc.	Project Management, Data Analysis, Evaluation, Prioritization, and Community Engagement	No	n/a	No	n/a
Subcontractor	Parisi Transportation Consulting	Concept Designs	No	n/a	Yes	2000013

*Denotes certification by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP).

**Denotes certification by the State of California.

Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment

Work Item No.: 1127

Consultant: Alta Planning + Design, Inc.
Oakland, CA

Work Project Title: Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan

Purpose of Project: To inventory and evaluate existing gaps in the Bay Trail network to rank and prioritize implementation of gap closure projects.

Brief Scope of Work: Inventory existing gaps in the Bay Trail network, develop and apply evaluation criteria to score and rank gap closure projects, develop concept designs for top-ranked gap closure projects, develop a Gap Closure Implementation Plan document, conduct robust community engagement, and manage the overall project schedule and budget.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$250,000

Funding Source: BATA 2% Transit Transfer, MTC Resolution No. 4459

Fiscal Impact: Funding is included in the FY 2021-22 MTC Budget

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. to inventory and evaluate existing gaps in the Bay Trail network as described above and in the Operations Committee Summary Sheet dated June 10, 2022 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$250,000 for such contract.

Operations Committee: 

Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Chair

Approved: June 10, 2022