

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Regional Network Management Committee**

September 12, 2025

Agenda Item 2d

**Technical Assistance for Innovative Deployments to Enhance Arterials through Transit
Signal Priority Contract Actions: i. Contract - SamTrans Countywide Transit Signal
Priority Technical Assistance: Fehr & Peers (\$700,000); ii. Contract - Transportation
Authority of Marin's Countywide Coordinated Signal Modernization Plan: Kimley-Horn
and Associates, Inc. (\$500,000)**

Subject:

Request for approval to enter into two separate consultant contracts to provide technical assistance for Innovative Deployments to Enhance Arterials through Transit Signal Priority (IDEA TSP) grant projects with: i. Fehr & Peers to provide SamTrans Countywide Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Planning & Design Services in an amount not to exceed \$700,000; and ii. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Kimley-Horn) to support the Transportation Authority of Marin's (TAM) Countywide Coordinated Signal Modernization Plan in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Background:

The MTC IDEA TSP Program provides technical assistance to cities, counties and transit agencies to develop Transit Signal Priority (TSP) projects that make transit faster and more reliable. In November 2024, the MTC Regional Network Management Committee approved the project funding recommendations for IDEA TSP grants for five project sponsors: City of San Jose, Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), County Connection, SamTrans, and TAM. In the same month, the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee revised the One Bay Area Grant 3 program to program \$1,950,000 for the selected grantees (MTC Resolution No. 4505).

In July 2021, after a competitive procurement process, the MTC Operations Committee (now RNM Committee) approved the 2021 Transportation Engineering and Planning Services Bench (2021 TEP Bench) comprised of 38 pre-qualified firms divided among five service categories.

In July 2025, the RNM Committee approved the direct selection of consultants from the 2021 TEP Bench for three IDEA TSP grants: Kimley-Horn for the City of San Jose; WSP USA, Inc. for CCTA; and, Advanced Mobility Group for County Connection. Staff now recommends the selection of two pre-qualified consultants from the 2021 TEP Bench for the remaining IDEA TSP grantees: Fehr & Peers for SamTrans; and Kimley-Horn for TAM.

i. SamTrans Countywide Transit Signal Priority Technical Assistance: Fehr and Peers (\$700,000)

On July 9, 2025, MTC invited all firms pre-qualified on the 2021 TEP Bench, Service Category E: Transit Planning and Engineering to propose on this project, which will evaluate TSP on El Camino Real and develop a countywide plan to implement TSP on the SamTrans Frequent Network. MTC received three proposals from: 1) Fehr & Peers; 2) DKS Associates; and 3) WSP USA, Inc. An evaluation panel comprised of MTC, SamTrans and AC Transit staff reviewed and scored the proposals based on the following evaluation criteria and weights: Qualifications and Team Experience (30%); Project Understanding and Approach (25%); Price (20%); Cost Effectiveness (15%); and Presentation (10%). The table below provides the final ranking based upon the panel evaluations:

Ranking	Consultant
1	Fehr & Peers
2	DKS Associates
3	WSP USA, Inc.

Based on the evaluation results, the panel unanimously recommends the selection of Fehr & Peers. The Fehr & Peers team's extensive work history with SamTrans and in San Mateo County demonstrates strong knowledge of local context. Further, the Fehr and Peers team displayed a strong understanding of the project and the need for collaboration with Caltrans and local cities, and proposed a reasonable price with cost-effective staff rates. Fehr & Peers is neither a small business enterprise (SBE) nor a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE). A summary of their subconsultants' SBE and/or DBE statuses is included in Attachment A.

ii. TAM's Countywide Coordinated Signal Modernization Plan: Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. (Kimley-Horn) (\$500,000)

On July 9, 2025, MTC invited all firms pre-qualified on the 2021 TEP Bench, Service Category C: Arterial Operations, to propose on this project to inventory, update, and improve the traffic signal infrastructure along major transit corridors throughout Marin County and develop a long-term planning framework to modernize the County's traffic signals. MTC received three proposals from: 1) Kimley-Horn; 2) Iteris, Inc.; and 3) Advanced Mobility Group. An evaluation panel comprised of MTC and TAM staff reviewed and scored the proposals based on the following evaluation criteria and weights: Qualifications and Team Experience (30%); Project Understanding and Approach (25%); Price (20%); Cost Effectiveness (15%); and Presentation (10%). The table below provides the final ranking based upon the panel evaluations:

Ranking	Consultant
1	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
2	Iteris, Inc.
3	Advanced Mobility Group

Based on the evaluation results, the panel unanimously recommends the selection of Kimley-Horn. The Kimley-Horn team demonstrated its extensive qualifications and experience conducting signal infrastructure projects, and extensive knowledge of the existing signal infrastructure in Marin County. Further, Kimley-Horn displayed a strong understanding of the project, a unique partnership with the firm that provides signal maintenance services to a number of affected jurisdictions, and proposed a reasonable price with cost-effective staff rates. Kimley-Horn is neither a small business enterprise (SBE) nor a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE). A summary of their subconsultants' SBE and/or DBE statuses is included in Attachment B.

Issues:

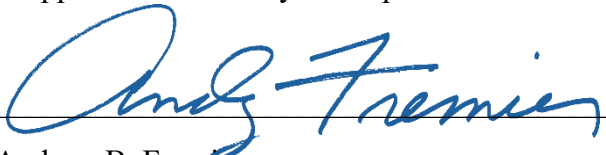
None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Regional Network Management Committee authorize the Executive Director to: i. negotiate and enter into a contract with Fehr & Peers in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 for SamTrans Countywide Transit Signal Priority Technical Assistance; and ii. negotiate and enter into a contract with Kimley-Horn in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for TAM's Countywide Coordinated Signal Modernization Plan.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status (Fehr & Peers)
- Attachment B: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status (Kimley-Horn)
- Attachment C: Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed Contract (Fehr & Peers)
- Attachment D: Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed Contract (Kimley-Horn)



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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status (Fehr & Peers)

	Firm Name	Role on Project	DBE* Yes / No	If DBE Yes, List #	SBE** Yes / No	If SBE Yes, List #
Prime Contractor	Fehr & Peers	Lead	No		No	
Subcontractor	Foursquare ITP	Data Analysis	Yes	CUCP #45368	No	
Subcontractor	STV incorporated	systems architecture and stakeholder coordination	No		No	
Subconsultant	Peter Koonce Consulting	Strategic Advisor	No		No	

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

**Denotes certification by the State of California.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status (Kimley-Horn and Associates)

	Firm Name	Role on Project	DBE* Yes / No	If DBE Yes, List #	SBE** Yes / No	If SBE Yes, List #
Prime Contractor	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	Lead	No		No	
Subcontractor	T J K M, DBA TJKM Transportation Consultants	Gap Analysis & Needs Assessment, System Engineering Support	Yes	40772	No	
Subcontractor	DC Electric Group, Inc	Existing Conditions Assessment	No		No	

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Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Contract

Work Item No.:	1621
Consultant:	Fehr & Peers Walnut Creek, California
Work Project Title:	SamTrans Countywide Transit Signal Priority Technical Assistance
Purpose of Project:	IDEA TSP Technical Assistance
Brief Scope of Work:	Provide planning and design services
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$700,000
Funding Source:	OBAG 3 STP
Fiscal Impact:	Funds available in Fiscal Year 25-26 MTC Operating/Capital Budgets
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Fehr & Peers in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 for SamTrans Countywide Transit Signal Priority Technical Assistance as described above and in the Regional Network Management Committee Summary Sheet dated September 12, 2025 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$700,000 for such contract.

Regional Network
Management Committee:

Alicia John-Baptiste, Chair

Approved: September 12, 2025

Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Contract

Work Item No.: 1621

Consultant: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
Raleigh, North Carolina

Work Project Title: Transportation Authority of Marin’s Countywide Coordinated Signal Modernization Plan

Purpose of Project: IDEA TSP Technical Assistance

Brief Scope of Work: Provide planning and design services

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$500,000

Funding Source: OBAG 3 STP

Fiscal Impact: Funds available in Fiscal Year 25-26 MTC Operating/Capital Budgets

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the Marin Countywide Coordinated Signal Modernization Plan described above and in the Regional Network Management Committee Summary Sheet dated September 12, 2025 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$500,000 for such contract.

Regional Network
Management Committee:

Alicia John-Baptiste, Chair

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