

Bay Area Toll Authority

Oversight Committee

July 9, 2025

Agenda Item 5b-25-0758

Contract Amendment – Richmond-San Rafael (RSR) Bridge Access Improvement Project Package B2 – Utility Relocation: Pacific Gas & Electric Company (\$750,000)

Subject:

A request for Committee approval of an amendment to the contract with Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) for utility relocation services in support of the Richmond-San Rafael (RSR) Bridge Access Improvement Project-Package B2 (Project), in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Background:

The 5.5-mile long RSR Bridge has served the needs of North Bay and East Bay travelers for over 65 years. BATA has been collaborating with partner agencies including Caltrans, Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), and Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) on a series of projects and programs that work collectively to manage the bridge and improve multi-modal mobility in the corridor. Efforts include the RSR Forward Program, this Project, and the recently completed RSR Bridge Westbound Upper Deck Study.

The RSR Bridge Access Improvement Project is a project undertaken in partnership with Caltrans with the goals to address traffic congestion and provide bicycle and pedestrian access to and across the bridge, consistent with core strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050 including Bay Trail build-out. This project consists of three major construction packages: Package A, B1 and B2 – which phases the implementation of multiple operational improvements on the RSR corridor. Packages A and B1 consisted of the Pilot project that converted the bridge lower deck shoulder to a peak period use lane and converted the upper deck shoulder to a multi-use path. These packages also added permanent multi-use path improvements in Richmond, as well as a new bidirectional bicycle path on the shoulder of the I-580 westbound Sir Francis Drake Boulevard off-ramp flyover. Package B2, this Project, will complete the gap between the Main Street and the off-ramp flyover in San Rafael, by widening the sidewalk along Francisco Boulevard for a bi-directional shared-use facility.

On September 8, 2021, this Committee approved a contract with PG&E in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for relocation of existing utility lines that were in conflict with the Project. BATA subsequently entered into a Utility Agreement with PG&E in October 2022 (Utility

Agreement No. 04-UT-2071.0) to relocate the existing overhead utility lines by undergrounding them in a joint trench with Comcast and AT&T.

During the subjected relocation, PG&E encountered unknown utilities at the field, including electrical lines that were owned by third parties (Zayo and the City of San Rafael). These unknown utilities were in conflict with the proposed PG&E utility relocation work. PG&E performed additional investigation to identify utility owners, and established mitigation strategies. In addition, due to issues in accessing a PG&E meter box and service connection within a private property during construction, and per BATA's request, PG&E redesigned the service connection to this property affected by the Project. Staff estimates that an additional \$750,000 is needed to complete the utility relocation work, including additional coordination, engineering design, new joint trenches and vaults, revised service connection, and additional traffic control. This amount also includes funds to cover the increase in material and labor costs since the original utility agreement. Project close-out is now anticipated by June 2026.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with PG&E in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 and to extend the contract to June 30, 2026, for the RSR Bridge Access Improvement Project-Package B2 utility relocation services.

Attachments:

- Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment



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Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment

Work Item No.:	8953
Consultant:	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Work Project Title:	Utility Relocation Services: Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project Package B2 – Utility Relocation
Purpose of Project:	To relocate existing overhead utilities along Francisco Boulevard
Brief Scope of Work:	PG&E (Utility Owner) shall perform engineering and construction to support the proposed undergrounding of the existing utility overhead lines along Francisco Boulevard for the RSR Bridge Access Improvement Project (Package B2).
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	This amendment – \$750,000 Current contract amount before this amendment – \$500,000 Maximum contract amount after this amendment – \$1,250,000
Funding Source:	Toll Bridge Rehabilitation Program Funds
Fiscal Impact:	Funds are included in the FY 2025-2026 Toll Bridge Rehabilitation Program Budget.
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Utility Relocation Services as described above and in the BATA Oversight Committee Summary Sheet dated July 9, 2025 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$750,000 for such amendment.
Bay Area Toll Authority:	<hr/> Nate Miley, Vice Chair
Approved:	July 9, 2025