

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Regional Network Management Committee

June 13, 2025

Agenda Item 2d

Contract – Regional Transit Assessment: NN Engineering, Inc. (\$1,100,000)

Subject:

Request for approval of a contract with NN Engineering, Inc. to conduct a Regional Transit Assessment in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.

Background:

MTC is working to support faster, more reliable transit that moves more people in the Bay Area, supporting the vision and goals of Plan Bay Area 2050 and the Transit Transformation Action Plan. To build upon the longer-term implementation strategies and project corridors included in Transit 2050+, MTC will be conducting an in-depth, data-driven Regional Transit Assessment that guides shorter-term investments in transit priority projects in the Bay Area. The Assessment will analyze existing transit operations throughout the region, identify “hotspot” locations with transit speed and reliability issues, develop a regional Transit Priority Network that informs where near-term transit-supportive investments should be prioritized, and develop a near-term transit priority implementation strategy. The Assessment will include input from partner agency stakeholders, including transit operators and county and local jurisdictions, and build upon other transit efforts throughout the region conducted by MTC and its agency partners.

The Assessment will work towards implementing the long-term vision for transit developed through Transit 2050+ and now incorporated into Plan Bay Area 2050+, via detailed analysis of existing transit operations and opportunities for near-term investment. The Assessment will also complement MTC’s Transit Priority Policy for Roadways, which will support the implementation of transit priority infrastructure and promote interagency coordination. The development of the Policy is underway, and the draft Policy is expected to be presented to the Regional Network Management (RNM) Committee in summer 2025.

Procurement Process:

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. On March 17, 2025, MTC invited all firms pre-qualified on the 2021 TEP Bench, Service Category E: Transit Planning and Engineering, to propose on this project. MTC received five proposals from: 1) Cambridge Systematics, Inc.; 2) Fehr & Peers; 3) Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; 4) Kittelson & Associates, Inc.; and 5) NN Engineering, Inc. An evaluation panel comprised of MTC and AC Transit staff reviewed and scored the proposals based on the following evaluation criteria and weights: Qualifications and Team Experience (40%); Project Understanding and Approach (20%); Price (20%); Cost Effectiveness (10%); and Presentation (10%). The table below provides the final ranking based upon the panel evaluations:

Ranking	Consultant
1	NN Engineering, Inc.
2	Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
3	Fehr & Peers
4	Cambridge Systematics, Inc.
5	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Based on the evaluation results, the panel unanimously recommends the selection of NN Engineering, Inc. The NN Engineering, Inc. team demonstrated its extensive qualifications and experience conducting similar transit planning projects, working with large quantities of complex data, and collaborating with a diverse set of stakeholder agencies in the Bay Area. Further, the NN Engineering, Inc. team displayed a strong understanding of the project, provided a thorough and thoughtful approach to complete tasks, and proposed a reasonable price with cost-effective staff rates. NN Engineering, Inc. 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.

Issues:

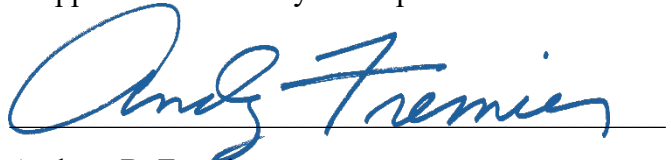
None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the RNM Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a contract with NN Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 for the above-described work. The term of the contract shall be for one (1) year (through August 2026), with an option to extend for an additional two (2) years.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status
- Attachment B: Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed Contract

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Andrew B. Fremier

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	NN Engineering, Inc.	Task 1 Project Management, Task 2 Transit Service Baseline Analysis, Task 3 Hotspot Identification, Task 5 Transit Priority Network Development, Task 6 Assessment Document & Webpage, Task 8 Transit Priority Implementation Strategy	No	n/a	No	n/a
Subcontractor	WSP USA, Inc.	Task 4 Swiftly/Cal-ITP Data Comparison	No	n/a	No	n/a
Subcontractor	Kearns & West, Inc.	Task 5 Transit Priority Network Development, Task 7 Stakeholder Engagement	No	n/a	Yes	21-0871
Subcontractor	Niti Systems Consultants, Inc.	Task 2 Transit Service Baseline Analysis, Task 5 Transit Priority Network Development	Yes	47874	No	n/a
Subcontractor	Access Planning, Ltd.	Task 8 Transit Priority Implementation Strategy	No	n/a	No	n/a

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

**Denotes certification by the State of California.

Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Contract

Work Item No.:	1621
Consultant:	NN Engineering, Inc. San Francisco, CA
Work Project Title:	Regional Transit Assessment
Purpose of Project:	Conduct an assessment that analyzes existing transit operations in the region and informs future regional investments in transit priority.
Brief Scope of Work:	Compile existing transit operations data and conduct an existing conditions assessment, identify “hotspot” locations in the region with transit speed and reliability issues, develop a regional Transit Priority Network that informs where near-term transit priority investments should be prioritized, develop a near-term transit priority implementation strategy, and create a concise, graphics-rich summary report.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$1,100,000
Funding Source:	State Transit Assistance (STA) Revenue-Based Exchange
Fiscal Impact:	Funds available in Fiscal Year 24-25 MTC Operating/Capital Budgets
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with NN Engineering, Inc. to conduct the Regional Transit Assessment, described above and in the Regional Network Management Committee Summary Sheet dated June 13, 2025, and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$1,100,000 for such contract.
Regional Network Management Committee:	<hr/> Alicia John-Baptiste, Chair
Approved:	June 13, 2025