

**Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority
(BAIFA)**

May 24, 2023

Agenda Item 3e - 23-0679

**Cooperative Agreement – Regional Tolling Infrastructure Maintenance Services –
Bay Area Toll Authority**

Subject:

Recommendation to approve a cooperative agreement with the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) to delegate authority to BATA for managing BAIFA's Express Lanes highway maintenance contract.

Background:

BAIFA is currently operating approximately 130 miles of Express Lanes along I-680 in Contra Costa County, I-880 in Alameda County, and US-101 in San Mateo County (the latter, through agreement with the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority). Approximately 35 miles of BAIFA express lanes are under construction on I-80 in Solano County and are expected to be operational in 2025.

On March 22, 2017, BAIFA authorized a 3-year contract with Econolite Systems, Inc. to provide routine and as-needed comprehensive maintenance services for express lanes civil infrastructure and field elements of the backhaul communications network along multiple corridors. The scope includes: routine preventative maintenance; corrective maintenance as needed, including emergency repairs; and spare parts for express lane infrastructure such as fiber optic cable, cabinets, signs, roadway lighting, conduit, and pull boxes. On March 25, 2020, BAIFA authorized an amendment and extension of the contract for an additional three (3) years. The contract has since been extended by four additional months to August 31, 2023 under Executive Director authority to allow incorporation of BAIFA's maintenance scope in a procurement underway by BATA, as described below.

In parallel, BATA has a separate contract with Econolite Systems, Inc. to provide comprehensive maintenance services for the seven state-owned toll bridge facilities to support toll equipment and operations. This contract is also set to expire August 31, 2023.

Since both BAIFA and BATA maintenance contracts have similar scopes of work and are managed by the same project manager, staff have elected to combine the two contracts for efficiency in oversight and in an attempt to attract interest from more contractors. The combined, single maintenance services contract will be administered by BATA, and the contract award and any future contract amendments will be brought only to the BATA Oversight Committee for

action. However, BAIFA budget and budget amendments to fund the maintenance work related to express lanes will still be brought to BAIFA for approval. Therefore, the Cooperative Agreement with BATA will document BATA and BAIFA's roles and expectations for this contract and reimbursement for maintenance, other work, and related expenses pertaining to their respective assets.

A Request for Proposal (RFP), titled Regional Tolling Infrastructure Maintenance, that combines comprehensive management and maintenance services for both the BAIFA Express Lanes and BATA Bridge Toll Facilities was advertised through BATA on February 10, 2023. The RFP is in the final stages of review. The contract award (to one contractor) is scheduled for BATA Committee approval on June 14, 2023.

The contract will also include options, on an as-needed basis, to maintain transportation field equipment owned and/or operated by MTC and MTC SAFE. Similarly, MTC and MTC/SAFE budget and budget amendments for maintenance of their specific equipment will still be brought to the MTC Operations committee for action. This will be documented within the same Cooperative Agreement with BATA and presented to their respective committees for approval.

Issues:

None.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends authorization for the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a cooperative agreement with BATA to delegate authority to BATA for managing BAIFA's Express Lanes highway maintenance contract.

Attachments:

Request for Authority Approval



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Summary of Proposed Cooperative Agreement

Work Item No.: 6861, 6863, 6864

Agency: Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA)

Work Project Title: Regional Tolling Infrastructure Maintenance Services

Purpose of Project: Agreement for BATA to manage the maintenance contract for civil infrastructure and field elements of the backhaul communications network along multiple BAIFA-operated Express Lanes corridors.

Brief Scope of Work: BATA to manage, through its Regional Tolling Infrastructure Maintenance Services contract, routine and as-needed comprehensive maintenance services for civil infrastructure and field elements of the backhaul communications network along multiple Express Lanes corridors and other related expenses.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: Cost to be included as part of annual BAIFA budgets

Funding Source: BAIFA Operating Budget

Fiscal Impact: Funding is subject to the adoption of a BAIFA operating budget for FY 2023/2024, FY 2024/2025, and FY 2025/2026.

Motion by Authority: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a Cooperative Agreement with BATA to manage the maintenance services for BAIFA Express Lanes as described above and in the BAIFA Summary Sheet, dated May 24, 2023.

Authority:

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

Approved: May 24, 2023