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Memorandum

TO: Operations Committee

DATE: December 31, 2015

FR: Deputy Executive Director, Operations

W. I. 1237

RE: Contract – On-Call Design Services: URS Corporation Americas (\$1,500,000)

This item requests Committee approval of a contract with URS Corporation Americas (URS) for on-call design services in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to prepare engineering plans, environmental documents, and permit applications for commuter parking lots.

Background

At the Spring 2014 Commission Workshop, the Commission discussed a number of active operational management strategies that would reduce demand and/or squeeze about five percent in “operational capacity” out of our transportation system, thereby significantly reducing delay without expanding the roadway footprint. Creating improved or new commuter parking lots that would encourage commuters to park and share a ride via carpools, shuttles, or buses was among the operational strategies to be pursued. Staff has worked closely with Caltrans to identify potential sites suitable for commuter parking, focusing on State-owned sites along congested corridors that can accommodate 150 or more spaces, provide good freeway access, and have potential for direct links to transit or shuttle services. Furthermore, staff engaged the Bay Area Council and transit operators such as AC Transit and SamTrans for feedback on site suitability.

More recently, staff has started to identify near-term opportunities to address core capacity constraints across the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, particularly on the West Grand Avenue approach. Since the bridge is closely approaching the max of vehicle capacity, our approach is to find ways to increase person throughput on the bridge. Staff is reaching out to Caltrans to consider converting a portion of the shoulder on West Grand Avenue into a HOV/bus lane only to increase the movement of people in high-occupancy vehicles/express buses through the toll plaza and across the bridge into San Francisco during the morning and evening peaks. To provide opportunities for increasing person throughput, staff is also coordinating with AC Transit to reroute existing express bus services from I-580 to West Grand Avenue as well as to institute new express bus routes along Grand Avenue, including picking up potential new choice riders at proposed commuter parking lots at I-80/Buchanan Ave, I-880/High St., and I-880/Fruitvale Ave. We would also look towards shared mobility and microtransit opportunities in both the Oakland and San Francisco to increase ridesharing through the bridge corridor.

Staff is now ready to carry forward a few sites for environmental clearance and detailed design and engineering plans, starting with sites located by I-80/Buchanan Ave, I-880/High St., and I-880/Fruitvale Ave. Consultant assistance is required to complete this work. Future candidate parking sites will be pursued as funding becomes available. Additionally, MTC will enter into a maintenance agreement with Caltrans to allow MTC to utilize the State-owned sites for commuter parking purposes. MTC would be responsible for both the capital and ongoing operations and maintenance of the parking lots.

Procurement Process

In January 2014, after a competitive procurement, the BATA Oversight Committee authorized the Executive Director to enter into contracts with eight firms, including URS, to provide on-call design services on behalf of MTC. In September 2014, MTC conducted an informal solicitation among the eight firms under the 2014 design services pool for the commuter parking project. As a result, staff determined that URS's firm and staff qualifications, expertise and experience in engineering and design services associated with the development of commuter/transit parking lots would be most advantageous in delivering the engineering and design work contemplated by MTC.

In late September 2014, under Executive Director's authority, MTC entered into a contract with URS for \$100,000 for on-call design services to conduct engineering assessments of potential commuter parking sites. In April 2015, this Committee amended the contract to add \$100,000 to cover the costs of engineering assessments for additional potential sites that Caltrans right-of-way staff had cleared for potential future commuter parking uses.

The additional \$1,500,000 would fund a new contract with URS for design services related to preparing environmental studies and design and engineering plans for the candidate commuter parking sites in accordance with Caltrans' Permit Engineering Evaluation Report process. These activities fall within the scope of work outlined in the on-call design services procurement, but were outside the scope of the earlier informal solicitation. Thus, the new contract will be a direct award to URS as permitted by the on-call design services procurement.

Attachment A includes a summary of URS and its project team's small business and disadvantaged business enterprise status.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that this Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a contract with URS Corporation Americas in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for continuing design services for the commuter parking initiative.


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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL
Summary of Consultant Contract

Work Item No.:	1237
Consultant:	URS Corporation Americas San Jose, CA
Work Project Title:	On-Call Design Services
Purpose of Project:	Provide on-call design services for various regional transportation capital improvement projects.
Brief Scope of Work:	Task order-based assistance in environmental clearance and design and engineering plans in preparation of permit application for commuter parking lots.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$1,500,000
Funding Source:	\$1,500,000 SAFE
Fiscal Impact:	Included in the MTC FY 2015-16 budget
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with URS Corporation Americas to provide the consulting services described above and in the Executive Director's memorandum dated December 31, 2015, and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 for such contract.
Operations Committee:	<hr/> Scott Haggerty, Chair
Approved:	Date: January 8, 2015

Attachment A
Small Business and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Status

			DBE* Firm			SBE** Firm		
	Firm Name	Role on Project	Yes	If Yes, List #	No	Yes	If Yes, List #	No
Prime Contractor	URS Corporation Americas	Design Services/ Project Management			X			X
Subcontractor	WRECO	Design Services	X	30066				X

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

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