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Memorandum

TO: Operations Committee

DATE: June 1, 2018

FR: Executive Director

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RE: Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Tow Procurement – Fiscal Year 2020-24

This informational memorandum serves to provide the Committee with a summary of proposed modifications and expansion to the Bay Area FSP program to be reflected in the upcoming tow contract procurement scheduled to be released in July 2018.

Background

The Bay Area FSP program is in its 25th year of service. FSP continues to be a vital program in providing congestion relief by quickly clearing incidents during commute hours on the Bay Area's busiest freeways. MTC SAFE contracts with private tow operators to patrol segments of highways that are referred to as "beats." Funding from Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, provides MTC SAFE with an annual allocation of approximately \$4,900,000 solely for Bay Area FSP Service expansion and inflationary cost increases.

In April 2018, this Committee approved use of SB1 funds to amend current contracts with expanded service on specific beats starting in July 2018. Staff moved all beats to a four hour AM and PM peak standard and made immediate adjustments also to add midday service on I-880 and an additional truck on State Route (SR) 4. Minor service expansions were also made on SR 13, I-580, I-680, SR 17, and SR 85. The upcoming procurement will further expand the FSP coverage in the Bay Area. An SB1 repeal initiative is on the November 2018 ballot; if successful the FSP program would scale back most proposed expansion.

Procurement

Every two years, MTC SAFE releases a four-year FSP tow procurement for approximately half of its 30 beats. The 15 beats highlighted in Attachment 1 will be up for bid in July. The Request for Qualifications and Bid Invitation (RFQBI) is a three-step process that:

1. Qualifies interested tow providers through experience and inspections.
2. Solicits bids from bidding tow providers meeting those requirements.
3. Recommends contract award to the bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid for a particular beat based on its operational limit. This is determined by MTC SAFE in consultation with FSP partners, California Department of Transportation and the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

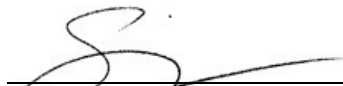
Staff is proposing moderate adjustments that ensure that FSP continues to be an effective congestion management program. The proposed recommendations in Table 1 are based on analysis of various congestion metrics, program performance data, and field observation feedback from CHP and tow contractors. These recommendations may be further modified due to future evaluations or changes to the FSP fund programming, such as a potential repeal of SB 1 on the November 2018 ballot.

Table 1
FY 2020-24 FSP Procurement – Expansion

Region	Proposed Modifications	Affected Beats
North Bay counties Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma	New coverage on SR 37, I-80 (weekend), I-680, I-780 Modified coverage and increased hours on SR 29, US-101	13, 15, 29, 28, 34
Peninsula counties San Francisco, San Mateo	New coverage on I-280 Expanded coverage and hours on SR 92, I-280, US 101	10, 11, 20, 33
East Bay counties Alameda, Contra Costa	New Coverage on I-880 (midday) Expanded coverage and hours on SR 84	14
South Bay county Santa Clara	New coverage on US 101 Expanded coverage and hours on I-280	31 (new), 33

MTC SAFE commenced a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) preference on all new FSP procurements in October 2017 with a five percent bid preference awarded to SBE certified vendors. MTC held an outreach event in March 2018 to assist vendors with SBE certification awarded from the State of California. MTC SAFE will continue this outreach effort prior to releasing the upcoming procurement. Contractors may also receive Disadvantaged Business Enterprise certification during the SBE certification process.

Staff plans to release the RFQBI with the above strategies in July 2018. The four-year tow contract recommendations will be brought to this Committee for approval in October 2018 for service to commence in July 2019.



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Attachment:

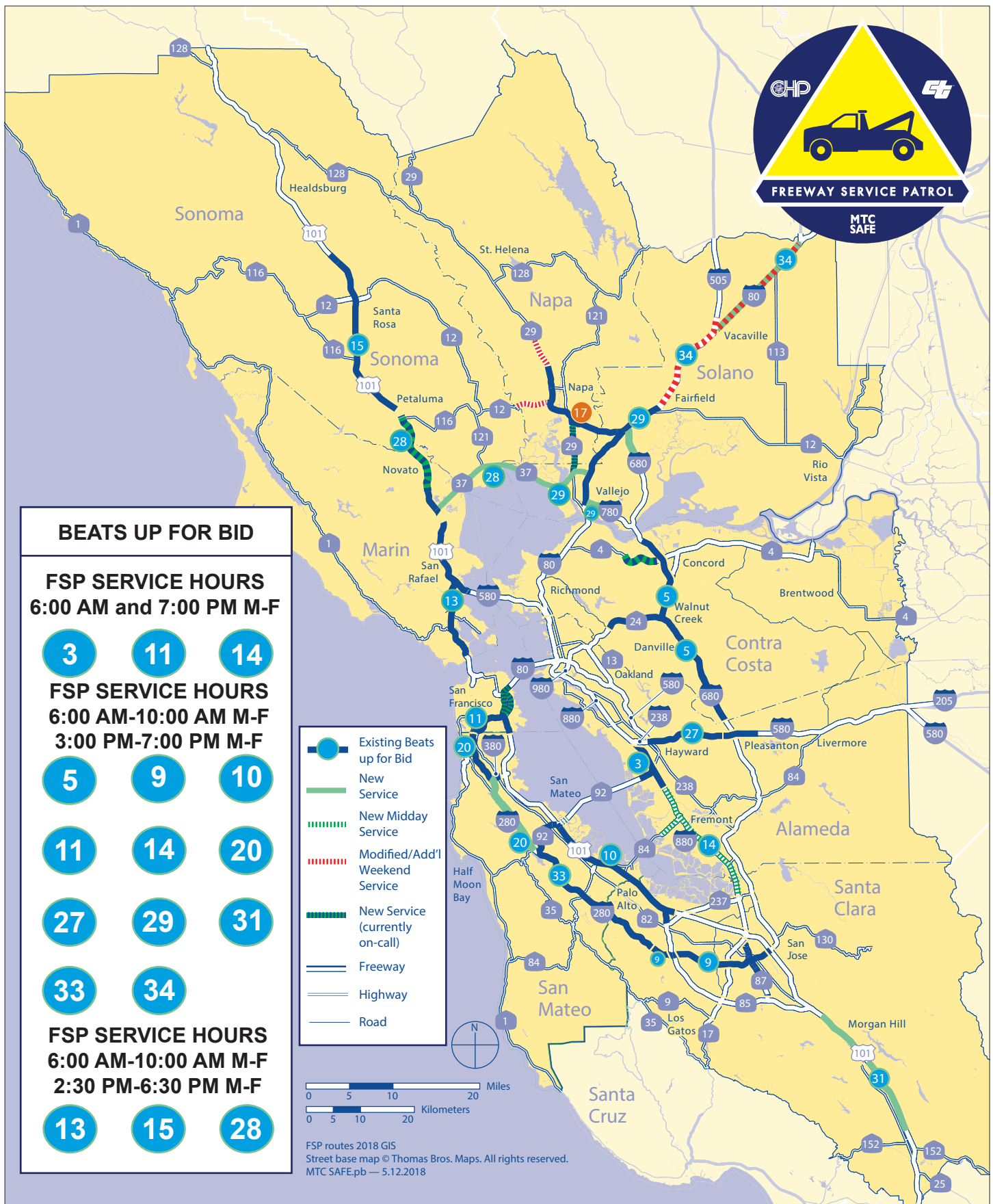
- Attachment A: FY 2020 Beats up for Bid

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