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**Agenda Item 2e**

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## *Memorandum*

TO: Operations Committee

DATE: July 6, 2018

FR: Executive Director

W.I. 1237

RE: Contract Amendment – On-Call Design Services: URS Corporation Americas (\$400,000)

This memorandum requests Committee approval for a contract amendment with URS Corporation Americas (URS) in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to continue design services during construction for two Bay Bridge Forward projects – Commuter Parking Initiative and West Grand Ave. HOV/Bus Only Lane. In addition, the amendment will allow URS to proceed with preliminary engineering for the extension of the West Grand Ave. HOV/Bus Only Lane.

### **Background**

The Commuter Parking Initiative is intended to increase Transbay person throughput by providing more opportunities for commuters to park and share rides in transit and carpools. MTC is constructing commuter parking lots at I-80/Buchanan Ave. in Albany, and at I-880/High St. and I-880/ Fruitvale Ave. in Oakland using California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) airspaces underneath the freeway. MTC has entered into a maintenance agreement with Caltrans that allows MTC to develop, operate, and maintain the commuter parking lots. The three locations combined will have approximately 800 parking spaces and will include new bus stops and carpool/passenger loading areas, as well as lighting and perimeter fencing for safety and security. MTC will charge parking fees to cover operations and maintenance costs. As part of Bay Bridge Forward, MTC staff is also working with AC Transit to pilot a new express bus service to serve new Transbay riders at the lots.

The West Grand Ave. HOV/Bus Only Lane is intended to increase Transbay person throughput by providing access and operational improvements for transit buses and eligible carpools through the conversion of approximately 1,300 feet of the right shoulder on the West Grand Avenue on-ramp and northbound I-880 connector to a bus lane.

### **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 January 2016, the Operations Committee authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with URS for design services related to preparing environmental studies and design and engineering plans for the candidate commuter parking sites. These activities fell within the scope of work outlined in the on-call design services procurement, but were outside the scope of the earlier informal solicitation. Thus, this contract was a direct award to URS as permitted by the on-call design services procurement.

In February 2016, after a competitive procurement under the 2014 design services pool for the West Grand Ave. HOV/Bus Only Lane project, staff recommended URS because of their understanding of the project and its challenges, the proposed management team, staff experience, and the capacity of qualified personnel to complete the project according to schedule.

This amendment will add \$400,000 to the contract, bringing the contract total to \$2,498,000. Attachment A includes a summary of URS and its project team's small business and disadvantaged business enterprise status.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to amend a contract with URS Corporation Americas to continue design services in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.

  
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Steve Heminger

**Attachment:**

- Attachment A: URS Team Small Business and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Status

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URS Team Small Business and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Status

	Firm Name	Role on Project	DBE* Firm			SBE** Firm		
			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).

\*\*Denotes certification by the State of California.

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL  
Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment

Work Item No.:	1237
Contractor:	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, engineering plans and design services for Commuter Parking Initiative and West Grand Ave. HOV/Bus Only Lane.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$400,000 this amendment Previously approved agreement: \$2,098,000 Total approved contract amount based on this action: \$2,498,000
Funding Source:	RM2
Fiscal Impact:	Funding is included in the FY 2018-19 MTC Budget.
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with URS Corporation Americas to provide the consulting services described above and in the Executive Director's memorandum dated July 6, 2018 and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside \$400,000 for such contract amendment.
Operations Committee:	<hr/> Dave Cortese, Chair
Approved:	Date: July 13, 2018