

Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee

May 13, 2020

Agenda Item 2b - 20-0270

Funding Agreement Amendment - Operations and Maintenance at the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Observation Platform and Parking Lot: East Bay Regional Park District (\$1,560,000) (5- year term)

Subject: A request to enter into a funding agreement amendment with the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) for operations and maintenance of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Observation Platform and Parking Lot premises (Pier Premises), in an amount not to exceed \$1,560,000 for a five year term commencing in FY 2020-21, subject to the approval of future BATA budgets.

Background: As part of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) East Span Seismic Safety Project and in lieu of imploding of additional old bridge piers, the project was permitted to create an observation pier atop the old E-19 to E23 piers of the old east span in Oakland for public access. The new 600' observation pier runs parallel to the new bridge and offers expansive views and access to the bay. While the pier and a nearby public parking lot to the Bay Bridge Trail remains a permit obligation of Caltrans and BATA, our agencies have negotiated with EBRPD to manage the facilities on our behalf as part of their adjacent new Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline Park.

Subject to operating funding from BATA, EBRPD has agreed to maintain and operate the facilities under lease and operations and maintenance agreements with Caltrans. EBRPD will operate and maintain the facilities as a park and recreation resource for public benefit, as outlined in the Bay Conservation and Development Commission Permit No. 2001.008.45. EBRPD services shall include day-to-day operation and maintenance of the facilities in conjunction with their Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline Park, including a park ranger and part time public safety officer, platform cleaning, janitorial services, graffiti removal, landscaping and utilities. This cost is estimated at \$300,000 a year for five years with an additional \$60,000 in the first year for specialized pier maintenance equipment.

The BATA operating funds match an additional \$500,000 annually that EBRPD will be providing to operate the pier, parking lot, and adjacent facilities, including security, staffing, supplies and services. Further, EBRPD has contributed over a million dollars in capital funds for additional public amenities, like restrooms, at the Pier Premises.

As part of the park, EBRPD is already operating and maintaining the SFOBB Bridge Yard Building near the toll plaza for public use and as a rest stop along the Bay Bridge Trail with currently budgeted BATA operating funds. The Bridge Yard funding is \$150,000 per year for a five year term commencing in FY 2017-18. BATA staff recommends amending this agreement to include the aforementioned scope and budget to maintain and operate the observation pier and parking lot.

The observation pier and parking lot were constructed and are to be maintained and operated by Caltrans and funded by BATA as a project permit requirement of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge East Span Replacement Project and Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project in lieu of funding the demolishing old remaining piers in the bay. As noted, BATA and Caltrans have negotiated with the EBRPD to manage the facilities on our behalf as part of their adjacent new Judge John Sutter Regional

Shoreline Park. Ongoing pier operations and maintenance will be funded from the BATA funds, subject to approval of future BATA budgets.



Completed Observation Pier in Oakland

Issues: None

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement amendment in an amount not to exceed \$1,560,000 with the EBRPD for a five year term commencing in FY 2020-21, subject to the approval of future BATA budgets for operations and maintenance of the Pier Premises.

Attachments: Request for Committee Approval Sheet – Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement Amendment



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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL
Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement Amendment

Work Item No.: 1251

Agency East Bay Regional Park District
Oakland, CA

Work Project Title: Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline Park - Operations and maintenance of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Observation Platform and Parking Lot premises

Purpose of Project: Operations and maintenance of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Observation Platform and Parking Lot premises for public use and access.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: This Amendment - \$1,560,000.
Current contract amount before this amendment - \$750,000
Maximum contract amount after this amendment - \$2,310,000

Funding Source: BATA Operating Budget

Fiscal Impact: Funds in the amount of \$360,000 to be included in the FY 2020-21 BATA Operating Budget, subject to approval; the balance of funding for the remaining years are subject to the approval of future BATA budgets

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement amendment in an amount not to exceed \$1,560,000 for a five year term commencing in FY 2020-21 with the East Bay Regional Park District, as described above and in the BATA Oversight Committee Summary Sheet dated May 13, 2020; and that the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds in the amount of \$1,560,000 for such funding agreement amendment, subject to the approval of future BATA budgets.

BATA Oversight Committee: _____
Amy R. Worth, Chair

Approved: Date: May 13, 2020