

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

April 15, 2021

Agenda Item 6.c.

Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program

Subject: Authorization for the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), or her designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), to amend the contract with Baird + Driskell Community Planning from an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to assist ABAG in implementing the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program (REAP) through the end of December 2023

Background: After a competitive Request for Proposal process, on July 16, 2020 the ABAG Executive Board authorized the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), or her designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments, to negotiate and enter into a contract with Baird + Driskell Community Planning (Baird + Driskell) in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to assist ABAG in designing and implementing the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program (REAP) through the end of December 2023.

The design phase of the program is now completed. With the support of Baird + Driskell, ABAG has successfully applied for and been awarded the balance of its REAP grant of \$18,066,861. This amount supplements ABAG's initial REAP grant of \$5,900,000 for a total of \$23,966,861.

The implementation phase of the Regional Housing Technical Assistance Program (RHTA) funded in large part by REAP has begun with support from Baird + Driskell. Data tools have been launched, Planning Collaboratives have been formed, a 10-part webinar series on Housing Elements is underway, research on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing has begun, Letters of Interest for REAP suballocation grants have been received from all 109 Bay Area jurisdictions and the Regional Planning Consultant Bench will be seated in May.

Interest in RHTA has been high and a broad range of technical desired assistance has been identified by local planning staff. Now that the design phase is complete, it has become apparent that the existing Baird + Driskell contract in amount of not to exceed \$200,000 will be insufficient to adequately support implementation of the existing scope of work. Accordingly, an amendment to add \$200,000 to the contract is requested with a total not to exceed \$400,000.

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Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), or her designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments, to amend the contract with Baird + Driskell Community Planning from an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to assist ABAG in implementing the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program (REAP) through the end of December 2023.

Attachments: Summary Approval

Reviewed:


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