

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Regional Network Management Committee

May 9, 2025

Agenda Item 2b

**Contract Amendment – Regional Transportation Emergency Preparedness Support -
AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (\$1,500,000)**

Subject:

Request for approval of a contract amendment for Regional Transportation Emergency Preparedness Support with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) to assist in executing disaster preparedness and emergency transportation plans.

Background:

MTC's Disaster Recovery Planning program works with the Bay Area's transportation agencies, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to develop coordinated, multimodal transportation response plans. During a major disaster, transportation agencies may be called on to provide first responder agencies with resources for life safety support, while also continuing to provide transportation services to meet the mobility needs of the public. This increased demand for resources, combined with potential damage to the transportation system and disruption of regular services, creates the need to coordinate available transportation resources and prioritize efforts to restore capacity and services.

MTC began its role in regional disaster recovery planning in the wake of the Loma Prieta earthquake. Initially, MTC led the preparation of regional plans that provided detailed definitions of the roles and responsibilities of transportation agencies and county and state offices of emergency management. More recently, MTC assisted with the creation of the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Transportation Emergency Management Plan (RTEMP), which defines procedures for interagency communication and decision-making to restore basic regional mobility after a major transportation disruption.

Over the years, MTC and the Bay Area's transportation agencies have conducted 27 region-wide exercises to test various regional and local emergency plans. These exercises have helped prepare these agencies for coordinated responses to several localized events, including the COVID-19 pandemic, North Bay wildfires, and the 2013 BART strike. In the coming years the

exercises will continue to build upon lessons learned and address the changing procedures and protocols within individual agencies in addition to practicing coordinated responses by transportation agencies, Caltrans, County Offices of Emergency Services, and Cal OES.

Contract Amendment:

On May 5, 2022, MTC issued a Request for Proposals for consultant assistance to conduct and evaluate ongoing regional transportation emergency preparedness exercises, test the RTEMP, assess all regional emergency transportation plans, and undertake emergency preparedness activities within the Bay Area. Notices were sent to over 3,500 firms that specialize in transportation projects and/or facilitating emergency response exercises. AECOM was awarded the three-year contract with an option to extend for three additional years.

As part of the original three-year contract, AECOM and their subcontractors completed numerous regional exercises, trainings, and plan updates. Additional funding authorization is necessary to continue these emergency preparedness activities. This amendment will execute the three-year extension option, and add \$1,500,000 to the contract, bringing the contract total to \$2,900,000. The scope of work under this contract amendment will include an emergency exercise series of two tabletop exercises and one functional exercise; an update to MTC's Emergency Operations Plan; an update to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, amongst other relevant projects. AECOM Technical Services, Inc. is neither a small business enterprise (SBE) nor a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). A summary of their subconsultant SBE and/or DBE status is included in Attachment A.

Issues:


None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Regional Network Management Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for regional transportation emergency preparedness support services in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 through FY 2027-2028.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status
- Attachment B: Request for Committee Approval — Summary of Contract Amendment



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Attachment A: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status

	Firm Name	Role on Project	DBE* Yes / No	If DBE Yes, List #	SBE** Yes / No	If SBE Yes, List #
Prime Contractor	AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (Oakland, CA)	Lead, technical support	No		No	
Subcontractor	SenseMakers, LLC. (Anaheim, CA)	Exercise support	No		Yes	1758321
Subcontractor	Suhr Consulting (San Francisco, CA)	Exercise support	No		Yes	2028404

*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.:	6031
Consultant:	AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Oakland, California
Work Project Title:	Regional Transportation Emergency Preparedness Support
Purpose of Project:	Provide regional emergency preparedness support and practice the execution of transportation plans.
Brief Scope of Work:	Evaluate the need to update or revise current Bay Area emergency transportation plans; design, conduct and evaluate emergency exercises; assess and revise MTC’s Emergency Operations Plan; and provide technical assistance as needed. In addition, the project may include additional disaster preparedness and recovery tasks.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$1,500,000
Funding Source:	Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE)
Fiscal Impact:	\$500,000 is subject to approval in the FY 2025-26 agency budget. \$500,000 is subject to approval in the FY 2026-27 agency budget. \$500,000 is subject to approval in the FY 2027-28 agency budget.
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for the purpose described above and in the Regional Network Management Committee Summary Sheet dated May 9, 2025, and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$1,500,000 for such amendment, subject to budgetary approvals described above.
Regional Network Management Committee:	<hr/> Alicia John-Baptiste, Chair
Approved:	May 9, 2025