

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Regional Network Management Committee

January 10, 2025

Agenda Item 2c

**Contract – Bay Bridge Forward (BBF): Interstate 580 Westbound High Occupancy Vehicle
Lane Extension – MNS Engineers, Inc. (\$1,030,000)**

Subject:

Request for Committee approval to negotiate and enter into a contract with MNS Engineers, Inc., to provide Construction Management services for the BBF: Interstate 580 (I-580) Westbound (WB) High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Extension project (Project), in an amount not to exceed \$1,030,000.

Background:

As part of the Bay Bridge Forward Initiative, the I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Extension Project (Project) proposes to convert approximately 2.3 miles of an existing general-purpose (GP) lane on westbound Interstate 580 (I-580) to an HOV lane from the beginning of the existing HOV lane near the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) Toll Plaza approach to just east of the Broadway-Richmond Boulevard Undercrossing. Given the worsening congestion associated with the SFOBB traffic, MTC has been seeking solutions to improve the traffic operations along the I-580 corridor. Solutions to reduce congestion on this corridor are limited by the constrained right of way. The proposed GP to HOV lane conversion will provide travel time savings for buses and HOV and hence encouraging mode shift. The Project is anticipated to increase person throughput during peak hours. The project has obtained environmental clearance for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project has also obtained Caltrans approval for final design.

Procurement Process:

On October 2, 2024, MTC issued a Request for Qualifications for Construction Management Services for the BBF: I-580 WB HOV Lane Extension project (“RFQ”) inviting firms to submit Statements of Qualifications (“SOQ”) for this project.

In response to the RFQ, MTC received SOQs from three proposers: ABA Global, Inc; MNS Engineers, Inc.; and Zoon Engineering. An evaluation panel comprised of MTC and Caltrans staff reviewed the SOQs based upon the following evaluation criteria specified in the RFQ:

Evaluation Criteria	Percentage
1) Qualifications and experience of the team and key personnel	40%
2) Firm’s understanding of the project	20%
3) Firm’s work plan to completing the work	20%
4) Past performance of the prime, based on references and information learned about past projects	10%
5) Written, visual, and oral presentation	10%
Possible Total:	100%

After the initial evaluations held on December 5, 2024, the panel shortlisted MNS Engineers, Inc., and Zoon Engineering for further consideration. The two firms were interviewed on December 13, 2024. Based on the results of the interviews and the SOQ evaluations, the panel recommends the ranking of firms below with selection of MNS Engineers, Inc. as the highest ranking firm. MNS Engineers, Inc., and its subconsultants have demonstrated a clear understanding of the project scope and potential challenges and have presented a strong approach that meets the expectations of the panelists.

The table below provides the final ranking based upon the panel’s evaluations:

Ranking	Consultant
1	MNS Engineers, Inc.
2	Zoon Engineering
3	ABA Global, Inc.

Attachment A includes a summary of MNS Engineers, Inc. and its subcontractors’ small business enterprise (SBE) and disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) statuses.

Issues:

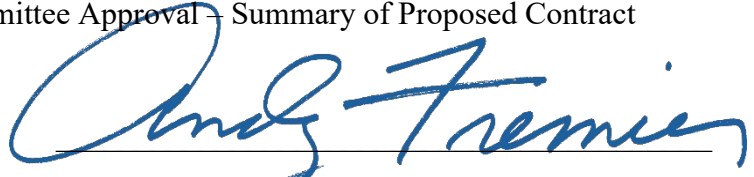
None identified.

Recommendations:

Authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a contract with MNS Engineers, Inc., to provide construction management services for the BBF: I-580 WB HOV Lane Extension project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,030,000.

Attachments:

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



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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	MNS Engineers, Inc.	Construction manager	No		No	
Subcontractor	Mozamo Engineering, Inc.	Materials Testing, Inspection, Source Inspection	Yes	49375	Yes	2021265
Subcontractor	Circlepoint	Public Outreach	Yes	50993	Yes	40528

*Denotes certification by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP).

**Denotes certification by the State of California.

Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Contract

Work Item No.: 2657

Consultant: MNS Engineers, Inc.
Oakland, CA

Work Project Title: Bay Bridge Forward – Interstate 580 Westbound High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Extension

Purpose of Project: To provide construction management services for the BBF: I-580 WB HOV Lane Extension Project

Brief Scope of Work: Consultant shall perform construction management and contract administration services in accordance with Caltrans Construction Manual and Caltrans Standard Specifications and Plans for the construction of the BBF: I-580 WB HOV Lane Extension Project.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$1,030,000

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds

Fiscal Impact: Funding is included in the FY 2024-25 MTC Budget

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with MNS Engineers, Inc., for construction management services for the BBF I-580 WB HOV Lane Extension project described above and in the Regional Network Management Committee Summary Sheet dated January 10, 2025, and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$1,030,000 for such contract.

Regional Network
Management Committee:

David Rabbitt, Chair

Approved: January 10, 2025