

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Regional Network Management Committee

May 8, 2026

Agenda Item 2c – 26-0431

**Contract — Interstate 880 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) North Segment Sign
Maintenance Services: Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. (\$338,400)**

Subject:

Request for authorization to negotiate and enter into a contract with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. (Bear Electrical) to provide preventative and corrective maintenance services for the Interstate 880 (I-880) ICM North Segment trailblazer signs for \$67,562 for an initial one-year term with the option to extend for up to four additional years for a total amount not to exceed of \$338,400 over the five years.

Background:

MTC, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 4, City of Oakland, City of San Leandro, and Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit), collaborated on the delivery of the I-880 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) North Segment Project. The project aims to minimize the burden on local streets of incidents occurring along I-880 by installing Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) equipment, including electronic message signs called trailblazer signs. Trailblazer signs are located along key arterial streets to redirect motorists safely and efficiently back onto I-880. Stakeholders identified this project for initial deployment as part of an overall ICM approach to improve mobility, accessibility, and safety along the I-880 corridor.

In September 2016, partner agencies executed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to identify ongoing operations and maintenance responsibilities for the project. Per the agreement, project elements generally will be owned, operated, and maintained by Caltrans and the cities. The MOU, however, stipulates that MTC is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of 43 I-880 ICM North Segment trailblazer signs.

Procurement Process:

MTC issued a request for proposals (RFP) in January 2026 for preventative and corrective sign maintenance services. An email advertising the RFP on MTC's website was sent to 4,600 individuals/firms. Three firms attended the proposer's conference on February 5, 2026. MTC

received two proposals, including Bear Electrical, the incumbent contractor, and Yunex LLC, which were evaluated by a panel of MTC, Caltrans, and City of Oakland staff on March 17, 2026. Using the RFP criteria of cost effectiveness, approach, expertise, past performance, and presentation, Bear Electrical was found to be highly qualified and very cost-effective. The panel determined that Bear Electrical is well equipped with established business systems to conduct the required maintenance activities. Bear Electrical is a well-regarded on-call maintenance contractor with considerable experience with various local agencies in the Bay Area. Bear Electrical's proposed approach emphasizes high standards of performance and continuous engagement with MTC and partner agencies.

Attachment A includes a summary of Bear Electrical Solutions Inc., and its project team's small business enterprise (SBE) status.

Issues:

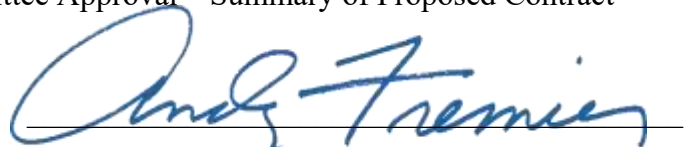
None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Regional Network Management Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a contract with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. to provide sign maintenance services for an initial \$67,562 for the first year with the option to extend for up to four additional years for a total amount not to exceed \$338,400 over the five years.

Attachments:

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



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Small Business Enterprise Status

-	Firm Name	Role on Project	SBE** Yes / No	If SBE Yes, List #
Prime Contractor	Bear Electrical Solutions		No	N/A

Footnote

**Denotes certification by the State of California.

Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Contract

Work Item No.: 6031

Recipients: Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc.
Alviso, CA

Work Project Title: I-880 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) North Segment Sign Maintenance Services

Purpose of Project: Provide preventative and corrective maintenance services for the I-880 ICM North Segment trailblazer signs.

Brief Scope of Work: Provide overall project management, oversee preventative and corrective maintenance work, maintain records of all repairs and inspections.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$338,400

Funding Source: MTC Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE)

Fiscal Impact: Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget. Subsequent years are subject to annual budget approval.

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc to provide sign maintenance services for the purposes described above and in the Regional Network Management Committee Summary Sheet dated May 8, 2026 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$338,400 for such contract, subject to annual budget approval.

Regional Network
Management Committee:

Candace Andersen, Chair

Approved: May 8, 2026