

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Administration Committee**

August 12, 2026

Agenda Item 3g-26-0830

**Contract Amendment - State Route 37 Scientific Support. The Aquatic Science Center
(\$440,013)**

Subject:

Authorization to negotiate and enter into a \$440,013 contract amendment with Aquatic Science Center for a total contract amount not to exceed \$640,013 to support the development of the Resilient State Route (SR) 37 Program.

Background:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), in collaboration with state and local transportation, resource and regulatory agencies are partnering on the Resilient SR 37 Program in the delivery of multi-benefit transportation and ecological enhancement projects. State Route 37 is a 21-mile east-west corridor connecting the counties of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and Solano. The low-lying corridor experiences many challenges, including chronic traffic congestion which severely impacts low-income commuters, a lack of public transit, vulnerability to storm-related flooding, and sea level rise- which is anticipated to inundate the corridor in several decades. SR 37 cuts through a mosaic of tidal and seasonal wetlands. Restoration of these baylands will enhance habitat for threatened and endangered species and will buffer adjacent communities and infrastructure from rising bay waters and storm surge. The Resilient SR 37 Program is working on the concurrent design and delivery of the near-term Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project, which will provide time-savings, reliability, and resilience for travelers as well as habitat improvements, and the first long-term sea level adaptation projects along the corridor.

The Aquatic Science Center will support MTC on the planning and delivery of near and long-term projects that address critical quality of life and ecological improvements that will benefit the North Bay and the broader Bay Area. The Aquatic Science Center is uniquely qualified to provide scientific expertise regarding San Francisco estuary ecological processes to provide scientific advice for project, support the long-term sea level rise projects, and the implementation of the green stormwater treatment recommendations as part of future project delivery.

Procurement Process:

MTC first entered into an agreement under Executive Director's Authority with the Aquatic Science Center in July 2024 technical services supporting program management and delivery. Aquatic Science Center is a joint powers authority established pursuant to a joint exercise of

powers agreement between the State Water Resources Control Board and the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies entered into pursuant to Government Code Sections 6500 *et seq.*, and staffed by the San Francisco Estuary Institute, and the MTC for the performance of State Route 37 Science Support.

The proposed contract amendment will cover work needed to advance project and funding activities for the next three (3) years, through August 30, 2029. Aquatic Science Center is a is neither a disadvantaged business enterprise nor a small business enterprise.

Issues:

None identified

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a \$440,013 contract amendment for a total contract not to exceed \$640,013 with Aquatic Science Center in support of the Resilient State Route 37 Program, for services through August 30, 2029, with the option to extend for an additional two years.

Attachment:

- Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment Approval



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Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment Approval

Work Item No.:	8947
Consultant:	Aquatic Science Center, Richmond, California
Work Project Title:	State Route 37 Scientific Support
Purpose of Project:	Adapt SR 37 to sea level rise while addressing pressing quality of life challenges including travel reliability, transit, public access, as well as ecological enhancements that reconnect and enhance the historical San Pablo Baylands.
Brief Scope of Work:	SR 37 scientific advice and support.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	This amendment: \$440,013 Contract amount before this amendment: \$200,000 Maximum contract amount after this amendment: \$640,013
Funding Source:	Toll Bridge Rehabilitation Program Funds
Fiscal Impact:	Part of funding is included in the FY 2026-27 agency budget, and the remainder is subject to future agency budgetary approval.
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Aquatic Science Center for State Route 37- Scientific Support dated August 12, 2026 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$440,013 for such contract amendment, subject to future budgetary approvals.
Administration Committee:	Gina Papan, Chair
Approved:	August 12, 2026