

Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority
Network and Operations Committee

April 12, 2024

Agenda Item 4b

**Amendment to Cooperative Agreement – Regional Tolling Infrastructure Maintenance
Services – Bay Area Toll Authority**

Subject:

Recommendation to approve an amendment to the cooperative agreement with the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) to allow BATA to directly charge its contractor's invoices to the appropriate Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) budget for Express Lanes related work.

Background:

BAIFA is currently operating approximately 130 miles of Express Lanes along Interstate 680 (I-680) in Contra Costa County, Interstate 880 (I-880) in Alameda County, and US-101 in San Mateo County (the latter, through agreement with the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority). Approximately 35 miles of BAIFA express lanes are under construction on I-80 in Solano County and are expected to be operational in 2025.

On May 24, 2023, this Committee authorized BAIFA to enter into a cooperative agreement with BATA, to delegate authority to BATA for managing BAIFA's Express Lanes highway maintenance contract.

On June 14, 2023, BATA authorized a 3-year contract with Yunex LLC to provide routine and as-needed comprehensive maintenance services for express lanes civil infrastructure and field elements of the backhaul communications network along multiple corridors. The scope includes: routine preventative maintenance; corrective maintenance as needed, including emergency repairs; and spare parts for express lane infrastructure such as fiber optic cable, cabinets, signs, roadway lighting, conduit, and pull boxes. BATA's contract with Yunex LLC also provides comprehensive maintenance services for the seven state-owned toll bridge facilities to support toll equipment and operations.

The Cooperative Agreement with BATA documents BATA's and BAIFA's roles and expectations for this contract and reimbursement for maintenance, other work, and related expenses pertaining to their respective assets. The contract is administered by BATA, and any future contract amendments will be brought only to the BATA Oversight Committee for action. However, the BAIFA budget and budget amendments to fund the maintenance work related to express lanes will still be brought to BAIFA for approval.

Cooperative Agreement Amendment:

The amendment proposes to modify the language regarding budget and funds, to also allow BATA to directly charge the Yunex LLC invoices to the appropriate BAIFA budget for Express Lanes related work. This will help reduce the administrative burden on the agency's budget/finance and project management staff.

Issues:

None.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends authorization for the Executive Director or designee to enter into an amendment to the cooperative agreement with BATA to allow BATA to directly charge the Contractor's invoices to the appropriate BAIFA budget for Express Lanes related work.

Attachments:

- Request for Authority Approval


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Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Cooperative Agreement Amendment

Work Item No.: 6861, 6863, 6864

Agency: Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA)
San Francisco, CA

Work Project Title: Regional Tolling Infrastructure Maintenance Services

Purpose of Project: Agreement for BATA to manage the maintenance contract for civil infrastructure and field elements of the backhaul communications network along multiple BAIFA-operated Express Lanes corridors.

Brief Scope of Work: BATA to manage, through its Regional Tolling Infrastructure Maintenance Services contract, routine and as-needed comprehensive maintenance services for civil infrastructure and field elements of the backhaul communications network along multiple Express Lanes corridors and other related expenses.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: Cost to be included as part of annual BAIFA budgets

Funding Source: BAIFA Operating Budget

Fiscal Impact: No impact.

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to enter into an amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with BATA to allow BATA to directly charge the Contractor's invoices to the appropriate BAIFA budget for Express Lanes related work as described above and in the BAIFA Summary Sheet, dated April 12, 2024.

BAIFA Network and
Operations Committee:

Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Chair

Approved: April 12, 2024