

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Administration Committee

June 14, 2023

Agenda Item 2f - 23-0761

**Contract – Transit Connected Network Planning (Transit 2050+): Fehr & Peers
(\$2,000,000)**

Subject:

Authorization to negotiate and enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, with Fehr & Peers for the Transit Connected Network Planning (Transit 2050+) (“Project”).

Background:

Action #18 from the Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan calls for MTC and transit operators to “fund, develop and adopt a Bay Area Connected Network Plan that includes transit service hub categories, core service networks (such as Rapid Transit), funding requirements and next steps.” The Plan Bay Area 2050 Implementation Plan also includes connected network planning as an implementation action for strategies focused on building a next-generation transit network.

MTC will integrate transit connected network planning into the forthcoming focused update of Plan Bay Area 2050, referred to as Plan Bay Area 2050+. This integration will create a transit modal plan, titled Transit 2050+, as part of Plan Bay Area 2050+ by prioritizing revisions to the Plan’s six transit-related strategies (T1, T3, T4, T10, T11, and T12), recognizing the continued financial challenges faced by transit operators and the need to re-evaluate legacy (i.e., pre-COVID) transportation projects to ensure they align with current and future regional needs.

Transit 2050+ is co-managed by MTC and transit operator staff. The MTC and transit operator staff co-Project Managers are responsible for overall project management, including developing task orders and reviewing consultant deliverables, coordination with the broader Plan Bay Area 2050+ team, coordinated stakeholder outreach and engagement with Plan Bay Area 2050+, and coordination with advisory and decision-making bodies. The co-Project Managers are supported by a Project Management Team consisting of staff representatives from the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), Caltrain, Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD), Valley Transportation

Authority (VTA), Alameda-Contra Costa Transit (AC Transit), County Connection, Marin Transit, and the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVRTA/Napa Vine).

Procurement:

MTC issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on March 28, 2023 to procure a consultant or consultant team to conduct the Project. Required services shall be authorized by Task Order and will be based on the Preliminary Scope of Work included in the RFQ.

Email notification of the RFQ was sent to 3,935 individuals and firms via Constant Contact. Staff hosted a non-mandatory pre-submittal conference on April 6, 2023 via Zoom, which provided opportunities for firms to ask questions about the Project and the procurement process. The pre-submittal conference was attended by 29 individuals representing 20 different firms. On May 2, 2023, MTC received four submittals in response to the RFQ.

An evaluation panel comprised of three MTC staff and one staff member each from AC Transit and SFMTA reviewed applicants on the following evaluation criteria:

| Evaluation Criteria | Percentage |
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| Experience and qualifications of the firms in relation to the Minimum and Desired Qualifications described in the RFQ. | 30% |
| Experience and qualifications of the proposed Project Manager and other key personnel in relation to the Minimum and Desired Qualifications described in the RFQ as well as depth of staff resources to work on multiples tasks at the same time. | 30% |
| Written and oral communication, as evidenced by the submittal and interviews. | 25% |
| Reasonableness of hourly rates in relation to the quality of personnel proposed and proposed allocation of resources. | 15% |
| Possible Total Score | 100% |

Upon the panel’s review of the Statement of Qualifications submitted, one firm, Fehr & Peers, scored significantly higher than the other three firms. Consequently, the panel determined that it

would not be necessary to conduct interviews in order to make a recommendation for award. The table below provides the final ranking after submittal reviews:

| Ranking | Consultant Team |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Fehr & Peers |
| 2 | Kimley-Horne and Associates, Inc. |
| 3 | Cambridge Systematics, Inc. |
| 4 | Jacobs |

Based on the evaluation panel's submittal review, they recommend Fehr & Peers for the Project. Attachment A includes a list of Fehr & Peers Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) status.

Issues:

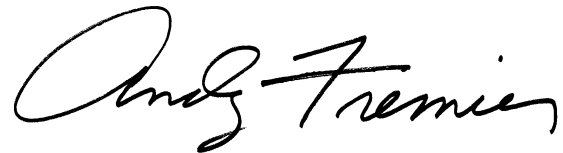
None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 with Fehr & Peers for Transit Connected Network Planning (Transit 2050+).

Attachments:

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



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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 | Fehr & Peers | Prime | No | | | |
| Subcontractor | Kal Krishnan Consulting Services | Risk Analysis | Yes | 5259 | | |
| Subcontractor | TMD | Transit Planning Consulting Services | Yes | 49228 | | |
| | Leshner Planning and Transportation | Technical Documentation | Yes | 51063 | | |
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*Denotes certification by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP).

**Denotes certification by the State of California.

Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Consultant Contract

Work Item No.: 1517

Consultant: Fehr & Peers, Oakland, California

Work Project Title: Transit Connected Network Planning (Transit 2050+)

Purpose of Project: Integrate transit connected network planning into the forthcoming update of Plan Bay Area 2050, Plan Bay Area 2050+, through a comprehensive update to the six-transit related strategies in the plan.

Brief Scope of Work: Assess existing conditions, needs, gaps, and opportunities; conduct Project Performance Assessment; develop and assess transit network concepts; develop a recommended transit network concept for incorporation into the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Final Blueprint; complete a Transit 2050+ Supplemental Report; and support public outreach and engagement throughout the planning process.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$2,000,000

Funding Source: FY22-23: General Fund (\$410,843); FTA 5303 (\$589,157); FY23-24: \$1,000,000 STP requested.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,000,000 is included in the FY 2022-23 Agency Budget. Additional funding of \$1,000,000 may be available in future Fiscal Years subject to approval of future MTC budgets.

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Fehr & Peers for Transit Connected Network Planning (Transit 2050+) described above and in the Administration Committee Summary Sheet dated June 14, 2023 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for such contract, subject to budgetary approval as described above.

Administration Committee:

Federal D. Glover, Chair

Approved: June 14, 2023