



RESOLUTION AWARDING A TWO-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO WMH CORPORATION, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$1,700,000, FOR ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE U.S. 101/I-280 MANAGED LANES AND BUS PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT PAYMENT TERMS AND NON-MATERIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, The Transportation Authority is seeking engineering and environmental consulting services for the U.S.101/I-280 Managed Lanes and Bus Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, The Project will help provide a continuous connection for bus and carpool riders between downtown San Francisco and downtown San Jose, one of the most congested corridors in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, The primary goals of the Project are to increase reliability and efficiency of the freeway, reduce emissions, and increase equitable access in the corridor; and

WHEREAS, On February 3, 2020, the Transportation Authority issued a Request for Proposals for preliminary engineering and environmental planning services for the Project, and by the due date of March 4, 2020, received two proposals in response; and

WHEREAS, A multi-agency selection panel comprised of staff from the California Department of Transportation and the Transportation Authority evaluated the proposals based on qualifications and other criteria identified in the Request for Proposals and recommended award of the contract to the highest-ranking firm: WMH Corporation; and

WHEREAS, The Project Report and Environmental Document are required by Caltrans as part of the Project Approval and Environmental Document process, which



will scope and evaluate managed lane options consistent with the Project's goals;
and

WHEREAS, The scope of services will include an advanced traffic study, Phase 1 environmental document, and preliminary engineering; and

WHEREAS, The Transportation Authority paused award of the contract in March of 2020 due to uncertainty surrounding outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Following collaboration with regional partners to advance policies and programs for equitable express lane networks within the Bay Area, and to position this Muni Equity Strategy project for potential near-term funding, Transportation Authority staff is recommending resuming the project and awarding the contract to WMH Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Through outreach, community co-creation and technical development, the project team intends to develop a model managed lanes project featuring integration with public transit and other equity components; and

WHEREAS, The initial contract amount of \$1,700,000 will be funded with Prop K sales tax funds appropriated through Resolution 20-16; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget amendment that will be considered for final approval at the Transportation Authority's April 27, 2021 meeting, includes this year's activities and sufficient funds will be included in future budgets to cover the remaining cost of the contract; and

WHEREAS, At its March 24, 2021 meeting, the Citizens Advisory Committee considered the subject contract award and adopted a motion of support for the staff recommendation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Transportation Authority hereby awards a two-year professional services contract to WMH Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000, for engineering and environmental consulting services for the U.S. 101/I-



280 Managed Lanes and Bus Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate contract payment terms and non-material contract terms and conditions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That for the purposes of this resolution, "non-material" shall mean contract terms and conditions other than provisions related to the overall contract amount, terms of payment, and general scope of services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That notwithstanding the foregoing and any rule or policy of the Transportation Authority to the contrary, the Executive Director is expressly authorized to execute contracts and amendments to contracts that do not cause the total contract value, as approved herein, to be exceeded and that do not expand the general scope of services.

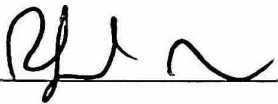


The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof, this 27th day of April, 2021, by the following votes:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Preston, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Nays: (0)

Absent: Commissioners Peskin and Safai (2)


_____ 5/19/21
Rafael Mandelman Date
Chair

ATTEST: 
_____ 5/19/21
Tilly Chang Date
Executive Director