



**San Francisco  
County Transportation  
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RESOLUTION NO. 22-53

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RESOLUTION AWARDING A TWO-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO MARK THOMAS AND COMPANY, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,850,000 FOR THE DESIGN PHASE AND CALTRANS RIGHT-OF-WAY APPROVAL OF THE I-280 SOUTHBOUND OCEAN AVENUE OFF-RAMP PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT PAYMENT TERMS AND NON-MATERIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, The Balboa Park Station Area, located in the central south side of San Francisco, is a busy and multi-faceted hub of transportation activity; and

WHEREAS, The Balboa Park Area Circulation Study (2014) focused on reconfigurations of the I-280 Ocean Avenue and Geneva Avenue off-ramps to improve pedestrian and bicyclists' safety, traffic circulation, and station access; and

WHEREAS, The existing southbound I-280 off-ramp at Ocean Avenue is a high-speed, single-lane, uncontrolled merge onto westbound Ocean Avenue, which creates a pedestrian safe crossing challenge as well as automobile conflicts with bicycles and buses; and

WHEREAS, The Transportation Authority collaborated with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to complete the Project Study Report - Project Report and received Caltrans' project approval in January 2021; and

WHEREAS, The project received a California Environmental Quality Act Categorical Exclusion determination in July 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Transportation Authority is seeking consultant support to provide design and engineering services and Caltrans right-of-way approval for the I-280 Southbound Ocean Avenue Off-Ramp Project; and

WHEREAS, The scope of services will include project management, right of way engineering, and project engineering and design for plans, specifications, and estimates; and

WHEREAS, On January 4, 2022, the Transportation Authority issued a Request for Proposals for consultant services, and by the due date of February 11, 2022, received two proposals in response to the Request for Proposals; and

WHEREAS, A selection panel comprised of staff from the Transportation Authority and



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Caltrans evaluated the proposals based on qualifications and other criteria identified in the Request for Proposals and interviewed two firms on February 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Based on the results of the competitive selection process, the selection panel recommended award of the contract to the highest-ranking firm: Mark Thomas and Company, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The contract will be funded with State Local Partnership Program grant funds programmed by the Transportation Authority and administered by Caltrans and a Prop K sales tax appropriation; and

WHEREAS, The approved Fiscal Year 2021/22 budget amendment includes this year's activities and sufficient funds will be included in future year budgets to cover the remaining cost of the contract; and

WHEREAS, At its April 27, 2022 meeting, the Community Advisory Committee was briefed on the subject contract award and unanimously 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 Mark Thomas and Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,850,000 for the design phase and Caltrans right-of-way approval of the I-280 Southbound Ocean Avenue Off-Ramp Project; and

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.



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The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof, this 24th day of May 2022, by the following votes:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, and Walton (10)

**Nays:** (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Melgar (1)

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