



BOARD MEETING DATE: October 6, 2017

AGENDA NO. 14

PROPOSAL: Approve Contract Awards and Modification as Approved by MSRC

SYNOPSIS: As part of their FYs 2016-18 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Program, the MSRC approved new contracts under the Major Event Center Transportation and Natural Gas Infrastructure Programs. The MSRC also approved a modification to a contract under the Local Government Match Program as part of their FYs 2012-14 Work Program. At this time the MSRC seeks Board approval of the contract awards and modification.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review, September 21, 2017, Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Approve contract awards to Southern California Regional Rail Authority totaling \$590,751 under the Major Event Center Transportation Program, as part of the approval of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as described in this letter and as follows:
 - a. A contract in an amount not to exceed \$351,186 for special train service in support of professional football games held at the Coliseum in 2017 and 2018; and
 - b. A contract in an amount not to exceed \$239,565 for special train service to the 2017 Festival of Lights in Riverside;
2. Approve contract award to the City of Hermosa Beach in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 for installation of a new limited-access CNG station under the Natural Gas Infrastructure Program, as part of approval of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as described in this letter;
3. Approve modified contract with the City of Duarte under the Local Government Match Program, substituting the purchase of two electric buses for two CNG buses, as part of approval of the FYs 2012-14 Work Program, as described in this letter;
4. Authorize MSRC the authority to adjust contract awards up to five percent, as necessary and previously granted in prior work programs; and

5. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the new and modified contracts under the FYs 2012-14 and 2016-18 Work Programs, as described above and in this letter.

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Background

In September 1990 Assembly Bill 2766 was signed into law (Health & Safety Code Sections 44220-44247) authorizing the imposition of an annual \$4 motor vehicle registration fee to fund the implementation of programs exclusively to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles. AB 2766 provides that 30 percent of the annual \$4 vehicle registration fee subvended to the SCAQMD be placed into an account to be allocated pursuant to a work program developed and adopted by the MSRC and approved by the Board.

In October 2016, the MSRC selected initial categories for the FYs 2016-18 Work Program. At its September 21, 2017 meeting, the MSRC considered recommended awards under the Natural Gas Infrastructure and Major Event Center Transportation Programs. The MSRC also considered a modification to a contract under the Local Government Match Program. Details are provided below in the Proposals section.

Outreach

In accordance with SCAQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, public notices advertising the Natural Gas Infrastructure and Major Event Center Transportation Program Announcements were published in the Los Angeles Times, the Orange County Register, the San Bernardino Sun, and Riverside County Press Enterprise newspapers to leverage the most cost-effective method of outreach to the South Coast Basin. In addition, the solicitations were advertised in the Desert Sun newspaper for expanded outreach in the Coachella Valley.

Additionally, potential bidders may have been notified utilizing SCAQMD's own electronic listing of certified minority vendors. Notice of the solicitations was e-mailed to the Black and Latino Legislative Caucuses and various minority chambers of commerce and business associations, and placed on the Internet at SCAQMD's website (<http://www.aqmd.gov>). Further, the solicitations were posted on the MSRC's website at <http://www.cleantransportationfunding.org> and electronic notifications were sent to those subscribing to this website's notification service.

Proposals

At its September 21, 2017 meeting, the MSRC considered recommendations from its MSRC-TAC and approved the following:

FYs 2016-18 Major Event Center Transportation Program (PA2017-05)

As part of its FYs 2016-18 Work Program, the MSRC allocated \$5,000,000 for event center transportation programs and released Program Announcement #PA2017-05. The Program Announcement solicits applications from qualifying major event centers and/or transportation providers to provide transportation service for venues not currently served by sufficient transportation service. To date, the MSRC has awarded a total of \$1,437,494. The MSRC considered recommendations concerning two additional applications submitted by Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink).

Firstly, Metrolink requested the MSRC to consider an award of \$351,186 to provide special train service to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 professional football seasons. Service would be provided on those Sundays with home games: seven games for the 2017-18 season and up to eight games for the 2018-19 season. Service would be provided on the Orange County, San Bernardino, Antelope Valley and 91/Perris Valley Lines. Fans would utilize a combination of regular and special train service to travel to and from the games, with the additional trains offering a round trip at times coordinated with game start and end times, but not yet covered by regular service. In 2017, the service will utilize Tier 4 locomotives if available, but will utilize Tier 2 locomotives if the Tier 4 locomotives are not available. In 2018 and beyond, the service would be required to utilize Tier 4 locomotives. Metrolink and its participating member agencies would contribute at least \$385,000 in marketing and advertising co-funding. The MSRC approved a contract award to Metrolink in an amount not to exceed \$351,186 as part of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program for the “Football Trains” service.

Secondly, Metrolink requested the MSRC to consider an award of \$239,565 to provide special train service to the Festival of Lights in downtown Riverside. Service would be provided on the 91/Perris Valley (two routes) and Inland Empire/Orange County lines, Friday and Saturday nights from November 24 through December 16, 2017. The downtown Riverside Metrolink station is located approximately six to eight blocks from the Festival events; transfer service from the station to the Festival will be provided via Riverside Transit Agency buses. The service will utilize Tier 4 locomotives if available, but will utilize Tier 2 locomotives if the Tier 4 locomotives are not available. Metrolink and its partners are committed to provide at least \$360,435 in operations, marketing, advertising and station support co-funding. The MSRC approved a contract award to Metrolink in an amount not to exceed \$239,565 as part of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program for the Festival of Lights special train service.

FYs 2016-18 Natural Gas Infrastructure Program

The MSRC approved the release of Program Announcement #PA2017-07 under the FYs 2016-18 Work Program. The Program Announcement, with a targeted funding level of \$4.0 million, provides funds for new and expanded natural gas stations, as well as for the upgrade of existing vehicle maintenance facilities and technician training. Stations will be eligible for up to 50 percent of station capital equipment, site construction, signage, and reasonable project management costs, not to exceed the specified maximum award amounts. The maximum MSRC funding per project varies from \$100,000 to \$275,000 depending upon whether the applicant is a public or private entity, the accessibility level of the proposed project, and the number of fuels offered. Additionally, projects may be eligible for a \$100,000 bonus if they commit to use at least 50% renewable natural gas for a minimum of five years. The RFP includes an open application period commencing with its release on June 2, 2017, and closing June 30, 2018. To date, the MSRC has awarded a total of \$82,500. The MSRC considered recommendations concerning an additional application submitted by the City of Hermosa Beach. The MSRC approved a contract award to the City of Hermosa Beach in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 for installation of a new, limited-access slow-fill CNG station as part of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program.

FYs 2012-14 Local Government Match Program

In April 2014, the MSRC approved an award to the City of Duarte in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the purchase of two new CNG buses. The City has subsequently determined that they would prefer to purchase electric buses instead. The purchase of heavy-duty electric vehicles was an eligible project type under the FYs 2012-14 Local Government Match Program. There would be greater the emissions reductions associated with the project, for the same funding amount. The MSRC considered and approved the City's requested substitution of the purchase of two electric buses.

At this time, the MSRC requests the SCAQMD Board to approve the contract awards and modification as part of approval of the FYs 2012-14 and 2016-18 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Programs as outlined above. The MSRC also requests the Board to authorize the SCAQMD Chairman of the Board the authority to execute all agreements described in this letter. The MSRC further requests authority to adjust the funds allocated to each project specified in this Board letter by up to five percent of the project's recommended funding. The Board has granted this authority to the MSRC for all past Work Programs.

Resource Impacts

The SCAQMD acts as fiscal administrator for the AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Program (Health & Safety Code Section 44243). Money received for this program is recorded in a special revenue fund (Fund 23) and the contracts specified herein will be drawn from this fund.