



BOARD MEETING DATE: March 2, 2018

AGENDA NO. 11

PROPOSAL: Approve Contract Awards Approved by MSRC

SYNOPSIS: As part of their FYs 2016-18 Work Program, the MSRC approved new contracts under the Major Event Center Transportation, Natural Gas Infrastructure, and Local Government Partnership Programs. The MSRC also approved a replacement contract under their FYs 2014-16 Work Program. At this time the MSRC seeks Board approval of the contract awards.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review, February 15, 2018; Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Approve contract award to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) in an amount not to exceed \$1,324,560 to provide special bus and train service to Dodger Stadium for 2018 under the Major Event Center Transportation Program, as part of approval of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as described in this letter;
2. Approve contract awards totaling \$448,000 under the Natural Gas Infrastructure Program, as part of approval of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as described in this letter and as follows:
  - a. A contract with Omnitrans in an amount not to exceed \$83,000 to modify their vehicles maintenance facility and train technicians; and
  - b. A contract with the City of Gardena in an amount not to exceed \$365,000 to install a new limited access CNG station supplied with renewable natural gas, modify their maintenance facility and train technicians;
3. Approve contract award to the City of Artesia in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure under the Local Government Partnership Program, as part of approval of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as described in this letter;
4. Approve a new/replacement contract with the City of Wildomar, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for the installation of bicycle lane improvements along approximately 5.2 miles of roadway under the Local Government Match Program, as part of approval of the FYs 2014-16 Work Program, as described in this letter;

5. Authorize MSRC the authority to adjust contract awards up to five percent, as necessary and previously granted in prior work programs; and
6. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute contracts under FYs 2014-16 and 2016-18 Work Programs, as described above and in this letter.

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Vice Chair, MSRC

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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.

At its February 15, 2018 meeting, the MSRC considered recommended awards under the Natural Gas Infrastructure, Major Event Center Transportation, and Local Government Partnership Programs. The MSRC also considered a replacement 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 solicitations 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 February 15, 2018 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 \$2,335,573. The MSRC considered recommendations concerning an additional application submitted by Metro. Metro requested the MSRC to consider an award of \$1,324,560 to provide special express bus service, as well as special Metrolink service for select games, for 2018. Service would be provided by CNG buses between Union Station and Dodger Stadium for all Dodger home games as well as up to two special events, providing service from at least 90 minutes prior to each event until at least 45 minutes after the game ends or 20 minutes following a special event, whichever is later. In addition, special Metrolink trains would be added in support of “cross-town rivalry” games versus the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. For these games, trains would depart from Oceanside and arrive at Union Station, enabling patrons to utilize the bus service to access Dodger Stadium. Service would promote the use of public transit, including bus and rail, in lieu of personal automobile. Elimination of traffic congestion, especially reductions in automobile stop and go driving and queuing, has a direct link to reduced vehicle exhaust emissions. Metro and the Los Angeles Dodgers would contribute at least \$1,687,875 in co-funding. In accordance with the Program terms, Metro would only seek reimbursement for rail trips performed using Tier 4 locomotives. The MSRC approved a contract award to Metro in an amount not to exceed \$1,324,560 as part of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program to implement the 2018 Dodger Stadium Express service.

### **FYs 2016-18 Natural Gas Infrastructure Program**

The MSRC approved 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, 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 approved awards totaling \$418,500 in response to this solicitation. The MSRC approved

two additional contract awards totaling \$448,000 as part of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as follows:

- a. A contract with Omnitrans in an amount not to exceed \$83,000 to modify their vehicles maintenance facility and train technicians; and
- b. A contract with the City of Gardena in an amount not to exceed \$365,000 to install a new limited access CNG station supplied with renewable natural gas, modify their maintenance facility and train technicians.

#### FYs 2016-18 Local Government Partnership Program

The MSRC approved the release of Local Government Partnership PON2018-01 under the FYs 2016-18 Work Program. The Invitation to Negotiate (ITN), with a targeted funding level of \$21,180,650, focuses on providing funds for projects to support SCAQMD's 2016 AQMP. Cities and counties which have opted into the AB 2766 motor vehicle registration surcharge fee program are eligible to participate. The majority of participants would be allocated maximum funding equivalent to their annual AB 2766 Subvention Fund allocation; however, those whose annual Subvention Fund allocation is less than \$50,000 would be eligible to receive a maximum of \$50,000, and the maximum allocation for any single city or county would be \$3,000,000. MSRC funding could be used for light-duty zero emission vehicle purchases and leases; medium- and heavy-duty zero emission vehicle purchases, near-zero emission heavy-duty alternative fuel vehicle purchases and repower, electric vehicle charging station installation, and construction or expansion of alternative fuel refueling infrastructure, subject to match funding requirements as outlined in the ITN. Additionally, those jurisdictions eligible for a maximum contribution of \$50,000 would have the option to pursue traffic signal synchronization, bicycle active transportation, and first mile/last mile strategies. The ITN includes an open application period commencing with its release on September 1, 2017, and closing March 2, 2018. The MSRC previously approved awards totaling \$217,541 in response to this solicitation. The MSRC approved an award to the City of Artesia, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure as part of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program.

#### FYs 2014-16 Local Government Match Program

As part of the FYs 2014-16 Work Program, the MSRC awarded the City of Wildomar \$500,000 towards the installation of bicycle lane improvements along approximately 5.2 miles of roadway. The contract to effectuate the project lapsed on November 1, 2017. In January 2018, the City submitted a request to complete the project. They indicated that the process of obtaining necessary approvals from Caltrans for the project's co-funding took longer than anticipated, and resulted in award of construction on November 8, 2017. They are confident that the bicycle lanes can be completed in June 2018. The MSRC considered and approved a 12-month replacement contract in the amount of \$500,000 as part of the FYs 2014-16 Work Program.

At this time, the MSRC requests the SCAQMD Board to approve the contract awards as part of approval of the FYs 2014-16 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, as well as any contracts awarded in response to the solicitation, will be drawn from this fund.