



BOARD MEETING DATE: January 8, 2021

AGENDA NO. 10

**PROPOSAL:** Approve Contract Awards and Allocation of Funds as Approved by MSRC

**SYNOPSIS:** The Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) approved two replacement contracts as part of their FYs 2016-18 Work Program. As part of the MSRC's FYs 2018-21 Work Program, the MSRC approved an award to Geographics for hosting and maintenance of the MSRC's existing website as well as a funding allocation to partner with South Coast AQMD and other regional partners in a proposal seeking funding under the joint CARB/CEC "Zero-Emission Drayage Truck and Infrastructure Pilot Project" solicitation. At this time the MSRC seeks Board approval of the contract awards and allocation as part of the FYs 2016-18 and 2018-21 Work Programs.

**COMMITTEE:** Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review,  
December 17, 2020; Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Approve a replacement contract with the City of Rancho Mirage, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, to complete a traffic signal synchronization project under the Local Government Partnership Program, as part of approval of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as described in this letter;
2. Approve a replacement contract with Omnitrans, in an amount not to exceed \$83,000, to complete modifications to their vehicle maintenance facility and technician training under the Natural Gas Infrastructure Program, as part of approval of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as described in this letter;
3. Approve an award to Geographics in an amount not to exceed \$12,952 for hosting and maintenance of the existing MSRC website, as part of approval of the FYs 2018-21 Work Program, as described in this letter;
4. Approve MSRC allocation in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 for partnership with South Coast AQMD and other regional partners on behalf of the Regional Zero & Near Zero Emission Truck Collaborative in a proposal seeking funding under the joint CARB/CEC "Zero-Emission Drayage Truck and Infrastructure Pilot Project"

solicitation, as part of approval of the FYs 2018-21 Work Program, as described in this letter;

5. Authorize MSRC 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 the contracts under the FYs 2016-18 and 2018-21 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 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 subvented to the South Coast AQMD be placed into an account to be allocated pursuant to a work program developed and adopted by the MSRC and approved by the Board.

### **Outreach**

In accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, public notices advertising the MSRC Website Hosting and Maintenance RFP were published in the Los Angeles Times, the Orange County Register, the San Bernardino Sun, and Riverside County's Press Enterprise to leverage the most cost-effective method of outreach to the South Coast Basin. In addition, the RFP was advertised in the Desert Sun newspaper for expanded outreach in the Coachella Valley.

Additionally, potential bidders may have been notified utilizing South Coast AQMD's own electronic listing of certified minority vendors. Notice of the RFPs was e-mailed to the Black and Latino Legislative Caucuses and various minority chambers of commerce and business associations, and placed on South Coast AQMD's website (<http://www.aqmd.gov>). Further, the RFP was 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 December 17, 2020 meeting, the MSRC considered recommendations from the MSRC Technical Advisory Committee (MSRC-TAC) and approved the following:

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

As part of the FYs 2016-18 Local Government Partnership Program, the MSRC approved an award of \$50,000 to the City of Rancho Mirage to improve the flow of traffic along major arterials within the Cities of Rancho Mirage and Palm Desert through work including signal coordination/timing improvements and controller cabinet upgrades. Impacts associated with COVID-19 temporarily shut down some manufacturing plants and delayed their response times, which delayed completion of this project. The city requested an extension, but the work was not able to be completed prior to the contract termination date. The MSRC considered and approved a six-month replacement contract in the amount of \$50,000 as part of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program.

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

As part of the FYs 2016-18 Natural Gas Infrastructure Program, the MSRC approved an award of \$83,000 to Omnitrans to modify their maintenance facility to accommodate the maintenance of gaseous-fueled vehicles and train employees related to natural gas-fueled engines. Given the absence due to illness of key Omnitrans staff, the contract lapsed. Omnitrans requested, and the MSRC considered and approved, a twelve-month replacement contract in the amount of \$83,000 as part of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program.

#### FYs 2018-21 Hosting and Maintenance of the MSRC Website

The MSRC released an RFP on September 4, 2020 to solicit proposals for hosting and maintenance of the existing MSRC website. When the RFP closed on October 9, 2020, three proposals had been received. The proposals were scored and ranked as follows:

<b>Proposer Name</b>	<b>Final Score</b>	<b>Final Rank</b>
Geographics	99.25	1
Planeteria	84.5	2
CyFuture	62.75	3

The MSRC awarded a contract in an amount not to exceed \$12,952 to Geographics for website hosting and maintenance services for a two-year period, as part of the FYs 2018-21 Work Program. Of this amount, \$8,952 would cover hosting and basic maintenance; and \$4,000 would cover domain registrations, email forwarding service, and minor modifications, via an on-call reserve to be utilized only with prior written approval from the MSRC Contracts Administrator. The contract will also include provisions for an additional two-year option for continued hosting and maintenance. Funding to exercise the option will be considered by the MSRC and South Coast AQMD Board separately at the appropriate time.

#### FYs 2018-21 Zero-Emission Drayage Truck and Infrastructure Pilot Project

CARB and CEC have jointly released an RFP seeking qualified bidders to submit projects that demonstrate large-scale deployments of zero-emission drayage trucks and associated infrastructure. The South Coast AQMD and its project partners, which include the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and Southern California Edison, as well as the two participating fleets, on behalf of the Regional Zero & Near Zero Emission Truck Collaborative, are preparing a proposal to deploy 100 trucks and supporting infrastructure in response to this RFP. The project would not only demonstrate large-scale deployment but also promote workforce training and development, engage communities through substantial outreach, and include data collection and analysis. The MSRC considered this partnership opportunity and approved an allocation of up to \$8,000,000 to augment the partners' contributions as an element of the FYs 2018-21 Work Program. In the event the team's proposal effort did not result in a funding award from CARB/CEC, the allocation would revert to the unallocated AB 2766 Discretionary Fund balance.

At this time, the MSRC requests the Board approve the contract awards and funding allocation as part of approval of the FYs 2016-18 and 2018-21 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Programs as outlined above. The MSRC also requests the Board authorize the Board Chairman to execute all agreements described in this letter. The MSRC further requests authority to adjust the funds allocated to each award 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 South Coast AQMD 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.