



BOARD MEETING DATE: June 4, 2021

AGENDA NO. 15

PROPOSAL: Approve Award as Approved by MSRC

SYNOPSIS: As part of their FYs 2018-21 Work Program, the MSRC approved an award to provide special transit service to the 2022 Orange County Fair. The MSRC seeks approval of this award.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review, May 20, 2021; Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Approve contract award to Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) in an amount not to exceed \$289,054 to co-fund implementation of special transit service to the 2022 Orange County Fair, as part of approval of the FYs 2018-21 Work Program, as described in this letter;
2. Authorize MSRC to adjust contract awards up to five percent, as necessary and previously granted in prior work programs; and
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the new contract under the FYs 2018-21 Work Program, as described above and in this letter.

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Chair, MSRC

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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 Major Event Center Program Announcement 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 Program Announcement 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 Program Announcement 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 Program Announcement 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.

### **Proposal**

At its May 20, 2021 meeting, the MSRC considered recommendations from its MSRC Technical Advisory Committee (MSRC-TAC) and approved the following:

#### **FYs 2018-21 Major Event Center Transportation Program**

As part of its FYs 2018-21 Work Program, the MSRC allocated \$6.5 million for event center transportation programs and released Program Announcement #PA2019-03. Subsequently, due to the unforeseen effects of COVID-19, the MSRC approved extending the Program Announcement's deadline for events by one year to December 31, 2022. To date, the MSRC has awarded a total of \$3,820,682 under this solicitation. The MSRC considered recommendations concerning an additional application submitted by OCTA. OCTA requested the MSRC consider an award of \$289,054 to provide express bus services between existing transit facilities and the 2022 Orange County Fair in Costa Mesa. The service would be provided on nine routes, on Saturday and Sunday for all five weekends of the 2022 Fair season. The service will utilize "near-zero" CNG buses and eight hydrogen fuel cell buses. OCTA and its partners are committed to provide at least \$433,581 in co-funding contributions to the operation and marketing of the program. The MSRC approved a contract award to OCTA in an amount not to exceed \$289,054 for the 2022 Orange County Fair Express bus service.

At this time, the MSRC requests the South Coast AQMD Board approve the contract award as part of approval of the FYs 2018-21 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Program as outlined above. The MSRC also requests the Board authorize the South Coast AQMD Board Chair 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 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.