



BOARD MEETING DATE: June 2, 2023

AGENDA NO. 13

PROPOSAL: Approve Contract Awards and Modifications as Approved by MSRC

SYNOPSIS: As part of their FYs 2021-24 Work Program, the MSRC approved multiple awards under their RFP for Microtransit Service. Additionally, MSRC approved two contract modifications as part of their FYs 2016-18 and 2018-21 Work Programs. At this time, the MSRC seeks Board approval of the contract awards and modifications, as part of the FYs 2016-28, 2018-21, and 2021-24 Work Programs.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, May 18, 2023; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Approve six contract awards totaling \$1,965,401 under the Microtransit Service RFP for zero emission shared mobility service, as part of approval of the FYs 2021-24 Work Program, as described in this letter and as follows:
 - a. A contract with Omnitrans in an amount not to exceed \$315,278 to implement the Bloomington Microtransit Service Expansion project;
 - b. A contract with the City of Seal Beach in an amount not to exceed \$162,891 to implement the Circuit Transit Shared Mobility project;
 - c. A contract with the City of Huntington Beach in an amount not to exceed \$279,186 to implement the Circuit Transit Rideshare Program;
 - d. A contract with Anaheim Transportation Network in an amount not to exceed \$322,000 to implement the Old Towne Orange Microtransit Service;
 - e. A contract with the City of Gardena in an amount not to exceed \$475,312 to implement the GTrans Microtransit Service; and
 - f. A contract with the City of Long Beach in an amount not to exceed \$410,734 to implement the Circuit Transit Mobility Expansion Program;
2. Approve modified contract with the City of Rolling Hills Estates, substituting the installation of five dual-outlet and two single-outlet publicly accessible Level II charging stations instead of two limited access Level II charging stations as previously approved, as part of approval of the FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as described in this letter;
3. Approve reallocation of \$70,000 to augment funding for the Sysco Corporation project, as well as modification of scope of the WattEV project to allow substitution

of some electric Nikola trucks instead of Volvo trucks, under contract #MS21005 with SCAG, under the Last Mile component of the MSRC's Regional Goods Movement Program, as part of approval of the FYs 2018-21 Work Program, as described in this letter;

4. Authorize MSRC to adjust contract awards up to five percent, as necessary and previously granted in prior Work Programs; and
5. Authorize the Chair of the Board (or by the Board Chair's designation, the Executive Officer) to execute the contracts under the FYs 2016-18, 2018-21 and 2021-24 Work Programs, as described above and in this letter.

Brian Berkson
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 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.

Proposals

At its May 18, 2023 meeting, the MSRC considered recommendations from its MSRC Technical Advisory Committee (MSRC-TAC) and approved the following:

FYs 2021-24 Microtransit Service Program

In December 2022, the MSRC approved an RFP for microtransit service operations. The RFP, with an initial targeted funding amount of \$2,500,000, solicited proposals from qualifying transportation and mobility providers to provide technology-enabled, shared transportation that fills the void between traditional "fixed route" transit and "ride hailing" technology. The MSRC sought to invest in microtransit service which is either new within a specified area, or the expansion of an existing service. All microtransit vehicles were required to be zero emission, and a minimum of 50 percent co-funding was required. Six proposals were received prior to the submission deadline and were found to meet the program requirements. The MSRC approved six awards totaling \$1,965,401, as part of approval of the FYs 2021-24 Work Program, as follows:

- a. A contract with Omnitrans in an amount not to exceed \$315,278 to implement the Bloomington Microtransit Service Expansion project;

- b. A contract with the City of Seal Beach in an amount not to exceed \$162,891 to implement the Circuit Transit Shared Mobility project;
- c. A contract with the City of Huntington Beach in an amount not to exceed \$279,186 to implement the Circuit Transit Rideshare Program;
- d. A contract with Anaheim Transportation Network in an amount not to exceed \$322,000 to implement the Old Towne Orange Microtransit Service;
- e. A contract with the City of Gardena in an amount not to exceed \$475,312 to implement the GTrans Microtransit Service; and
- f. A contract with the City of Long Beach in an amount not to exceed \$410,734 to implement the Circuit Transit Mobility Expansion Program.

FYs 2016-18 Local Government Partnership Program

As part of the FYs 2016-18 Local Government Partnership Program, the MSRC originally approved an award of \$40,000 to the City of Rolling Hills Estates to procure one light-duty ZEV and to install two limited access Level II charging stations. Subsequently, the City was able to obtain additional funding through Southern California Edison's Charge Ready Program. The City requested to increase the scope of their project to the installation of a total of five dual-outlet and two single-outlet Level II charging stations, all of which would be publicly accessible, instead of the two limited access Level II stations originally approved, at no additional cost to the MSRC. The MSRC considered and approved the City's requested contract modifications.

FYs 2018-21 Last Mile Freight Program

The Last Mile component of the MSRC's Regional Goods Movement Program focuses on reducing emissions from transportation of goods following departure from distribution centers. In August 2020, the MSRC approved a sole-source contract award to SCAG in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to implement the Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) on behalf of the MSRC. Contract #MS21005 was executed to effectuate the award, and in November 2021, the MSRC approved SCAG's proposed project list awarding the original \$10,000,000 to 26 projects across the region. Subsequently, the MSRC approved the allocation of additional funding, the addition of six more projects from SCAG's contingency list, and the reallocation of funding from withdrawn projects to increase the scope of existing projects on the list.

Recently SCAG indicated that one additional approved project, which had an incentive funding allocation of \$70,000, had withdrawn. SCAG requested the MSRC to reallocate the \$70,000 to augment the Sysco Corporation project, with a corresponding increase in the scope of the infrastructure portion of the project from 17 to 18 chargers. Additionally, SCAG requested a modified scope for the WattEV project. WattEV had been awarded funding towards the procurement of 20 Volvo electric trucks. The delivery schedule for the Volvo trucks has been delayed. WattEV would like to substitute Nikola electric trucks for some of the Volvo trucks. The MSRC considered and approved SCAG's requested contract modifications.

Outreach

In accordance with South Coast AQMD's Procurement Policy and Procedure, public notices advertising the Microtransit Operations RFP was 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 RFP was emailed to the diverse spectrum of Legislative Caucuses and chambers of commerce and business associations and placed on South Coast AQMD's website (<http://www.agmd.gov>), where it could be viewed by making the selection "Grants and Bids." 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.

At this time, the MSRC requests the South Coast AQMD Board approve the contract awards and modifications as part of approval of the FYs 2016-18, 2018-21 and 2021-24 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Programs as outlined above. 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

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.