



BOARD MEETING DATE: February 3, 2017

AGENDA NO. 9

PROPOSAL: Approve Contract Modification Approved by MSRC

SYNOPSIS: The MSRC approved a modified award to the Southern California Regional Rail Authority under the Major Event Center Transportation Program, approving the use of Tier 2 locomotives instead of Tier 4 locomotives to provide special Metrolink service for the final day of the 2017 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, as part of approval of the FYs 2016-18 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Program.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review, January 25, 2017, Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Approve modified award to Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) under the Major Event Center Transportation Program, approving the use of Tier 2 locomotives instead of Tier 4 locomotives to provide special rail service for the final day of the 2017 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, as part of FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as described in this letter; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the modification under FYs 2016-18 Work Program, as described above and in this letter.

Greg Pettis,  
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 subvented 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.

### **Proposals**

At its January 25, 2017 special meeting, the MSRC considered a requested contract modification and approved the following:

#### **FYs 16-18 Major Event Center Transportation Program**

SCRRA, in partnership with the Auto Club Speedway, was awarded \$80,455 in MSRC Clean Transportation Funding™ to implement dedicated Metrolink rail service during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series weekend. The program application approved by the MSRC, and subsequently by the SCAQMD Governing Board, specified that each of the special Metrolink trains would utilize a Tier 4 locomotive. SCRRA has notified MSRC staff that due to delays in receiving locomotive test plan approvals from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the Tier 4 locomotives will most likely not be available to support the race scheduled for March 26, 2017. Currently, there remains uncertainty as to when the Tier 4 locomotives will be approved by FRA for use in revenue service. SCRRA requested the MSRC to modify the award to allow the use of Tier 2 locomotives, to the extent necessary, to perform the special rail service. The MSRC approved the proposed modification of locomotive specification as part of the FYs 16-18 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Program.

### **Resource Impacts**

The SCAQMD acts as fiscal administrator for the AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Program (Health & Safety Code Section 44243). This action requires no additional funding.