



BOARD MEETING DATE: June 6, 2014

AGENDA NO. 9

PROPOSAL: Approve Contract Awards and Modification Approved by MSRC

SYNOPSIS: The MSRC approved one new contract under the Signal Synchronization Partnership Program, as well as a contract value increase under the Alternative Fuel School Bus Incentives Program, as part of their FYs 2012-14 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Program. At this time the MSRC seeks Board approval of the contract award and modification under the FYs 2012-14 Work Program.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review, May 15, 2014, Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Approve a funding augmentation to existing contract #MS14009 with A-Z Bus Sales in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 under the Alternative Fuel School Bus Incentives Program as part of approval of the FYs 2012-14 Work Program, as described in this letter;
2. Approve the award of a sole source contract to San Bernardino Associated Governments, in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000, to implement signal coordination and related projects within San Bernardino County under the Signal Synchronization Partnership Program, as part of approval of the FYs 2012-14 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Program, as described in this letter;
3. Authorize MSRC the authority to adjust contract awards up to five percent, as necessary and previously granted in prior work programs; and

4. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute new and modified contracts under FYs 2012-14 Work Program, as described above and in this letter.

Larry McCallon,
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.

The MSRC completed selecting categories and targeted funding amounts for the FYs 2012-14 Work Program in May 2013. Five solicitation documents have already been developed and released. At its May 15, 2014 meeting, the MSRC considered a recommended award under the Signal Synchronization Partnership Program, as well as a recommended contract modification. Details are provided below in the Proposals section.

Proposals

At its May 15, 2014 meeting, the MSRC considered recommendations from its MSRC-TAC and approved the following:

Alternative Fuel School Bus Incentives Program

As part of the FYs 2012-14 Work Program, the MSRC allocated \$2.0 million for the implementation of an Alternative Fuel School Bus Incentives Program. The MSRC previously deemed A-Z Bus Sales qualified for Program participation and authorized them to offer buy-down incentives to qualifying school districts or private providers of pupil transportation. In November 2013, the MSRC approved an initial award to A-Z Bus Sales, and in subsequent actions the MSRC approved contract value increases to incentivize additional buses ordered. In May, the MSRC approved a new request from A-Z Bus Sales for an additional \$90,000 to incentivize ten conventional body liquefied petroleum gas buses ordered by Tumbleweed Transportation as part of the FYs 2012-14 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Program.

Signal Synchronization Partnership Program

As an element of the FYs 2012-14 Work Program, the MSRC allocated \$5.0 million for a program to partner with cities, County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) and others to implement signal synchronization projects. The program is intended to provide a portion of the funding for projects, which when combined with other funding sources would accelerate the projects' implementation. Because CTCs typically solicit and co-fund the majority of signal synchronization projects within their respective jurisdictions, the MSRC determined that the CTCs would have the best overall perspective regarding the state of traffic signal coordination within their respective regions as well as knowledge of where funding could most effectively be applied. Therefore, the MSRC asked CTCs to bring forward work plans proposing projects for funding. Other interested entities would then participate in the projects via separate agreements with the CTCs. To date, the MSRC had awarded a total of \$3,439,625 for three work plans under this Program.

A new work plan has been received from San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG). The MSRC-TAC unanimously recommended, and the MSRC unanimously approved, the award of a contract to SANBAG, in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000, to implement signal coordination and related projects on regionally significant corridors within San Bernardino County under the Signal Synchronization Partnership Program, as part of approval of the FYs 2012-14 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Program. Specific projects include: fiber optic interconnect in Yucaipa; Baseline/5th Street/Greenspot Road signal coordination and technology upgrades in Highland; a five-corridor multi-jurisdictional project centered in Highland; Mt. Vernon/Washington signal coordination in Colton; expansion of the traffic management center in Ontario; updating the central traffic control system in Chino; and coordinating adjacent intersections with Caltrans signals in Rancho Cucamonga.

At this time the MSRC requests the SCAQMD Board to approve the contract awards as part of approval of the FYs 2012-14 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Program 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.

Sole-Source Justification

As an element of its FYs 2012-14 Work Program, the MSRC allocated \$5 million for a program to partner on traffic signal synchronization and related projects. As discussed in Proposals above, this program will be implemented by initiating sole-source contracts with CTCs. While the MSRC and SCAQMD strive to retain technical services on a competitive basis, the SCAQMD Procurement Policy and Procedure recognizes that, at times, the required services are available from only one source, making the pursuit of a competitive procurement futile. SANBAG solicits and co-funds traffic signal coordination projects within its sub-region of the SCAQMD jurisdiction. Thus,

SANBAG has a unique perspective regarding the state of traffic signal coordination within its region, as well as knowledge of where funding can most effectively be applied.

This request for a sole source award to SANBAG is made under provision VIII.B.2.c.(1): The desired services are available from only the sole source due to the unique experience and capabilities of the proposed contractor or contractor team.

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.