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Planning & Programming Committee

VERMONT TRANSIT CORRIDOR

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September 20, 2023



Metro

Recommendation

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to:

- A. AWARD AND EXECUTE up to a 60-month, firm fixed price Contract No. AE97976000 to Vermont Corridor Partners Joint Venture, a joint venture between AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Terry A. Hayes Associates, Inc., and RAW International, Inc., in the amount of \$55,668,537, to prepare the Planning and Environmental Study for the Vermont Transit Corridor, subject to resolution of any properly submitted protest(s), if any, and;
- B. AUTHORIZE the CEO to execute individual Contract Modifications within the Board-approved Contract Modification Authority.



Background

- > Measure M Project - \$425M for transit improvements
- > Metro has completed two technical studies evaluating BRT and rail options along the corridor
- > June 2022: Completed community engagement and Community Based Partnership Program (CPP)
- > September 2022: Board direction to advance the Vermont Transit Corridor with a three-pronged strategy:
 - Near-term: improved bus service and bus-only lanes on select segments
 - Medium-term: a full BRT corridor project
 - Long-term: a rail project to be delivered as funding becomes available



Environmental Contract Award

> Part 1: BRT Alternatives

- Base Contract: Alternatives Analysis, Advanced Conceptual Engineering (ACE), and CEQA Exemption per SB 922
- Optional Tasks: NEPA environmental analysis and preliminary engineering

> Part 2: Rail Alternatives

- Base Contract: CEQA EIR/ACE
- Optional Task: NEPA EIS
- Will commence upon completion of environmental clearance of BRT

> 41.16% Commitment for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), goal set at 27%



Alternatives Under Consideration

> Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Alternatives

- End-to-end side-running concept
- End-to-end center-running concept
- Combo side & center-running concept

> Rail Alternatives

- Light Rail Transit with grade separations
- Two Heavy Rail Transit options: one connected to Metro B (Red) Line and stand-alone option from Wilshire/Vermont south



Next Steps

October 2023 – Execute contract and initiate work on the planning, environmental, and design work needed for the Vermont Transit Corridor Project

