

**Board Report**

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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

**SUBJECT: METRO GOLD LINE EASTSIDE ACCESS- 1st AND CENTRAL STATION
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDER:

- A. **AUTHORIZING** the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to award an eighteen-month firm fixed price contract, Contract No. AE439330011938 (RFP No. AE11938), to **Ted Tokio Tanaka Architects in the amount of \$1,793,023 to perform design services and construction support for the 1st and Central Station Improvement Project**; and
- B. **APPROVING** Contract Modification Authority specific to Contract No. AE439330011938 in the amount of \$268,954.

ISSUE

The Eastside Access Project is a Measure R funded project with a voter approved \$30 million allocation. The funding is intended to improve multi-modal linkages and enhancements from the Gold Line Eastside stations to the surrounding neighborhoods. A portion will be dedicated to the improvements within a one-mile radius of the 1st and Central Station of the Regional Connector Rail Line.

During the development of the project, the series of public improvements (including pedestrian, bicycle and streetscape) per Attachment B to improve access within a one-mile radius of the 1st and Central Station were identified and included in the Connect US Action Plan. The series of improvements within public Right-of-Way (ROW) were then submitted for consideration and awarded TIGER VI funding of \$11,800,000 by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in September 2015 to construct the first and last mile improvements. The project total is \$16,800,000, inclusive of the \$5,000,000 local match.

To proceed with the 1st and Central Station Improvement Project, staff requires design services (preliminary and final design) and construction support to provide assistance to the City of Los Angeles who will construct the improvements within their publicly owned ROW.

DISCUSSION

The Eastside Access Project will use a myriad of urban design techniques to enhance pedestrian connections and bicycle infrastructure along all the stations of the Metro Gold Line, including the 1st and Central Station which will replace the existing Little Tokyo/Arts District Station due to the opening of the Regional Connector Light Rail Line. These access improvements will enhance the livability of the existing Little Tokyo and Arts District neighborhoods and facilitate linkages to nearby Union Station with the integration of bicycle and pedestrian access to Metro rail and bus systems.

The project schedule has preliminary and final design being completed by the beginning of 2017 with construction starting shortly thereafter. Staff will continue to work closely with the City of Los Angeles, the Regional Connector Project Team, and other stakeholders during the design process and construction phase to coordinate construction activities within the Regional Connector adjacent project area.

Phase I of the Eastside Access Project in the City of Los Angeles is currently under construction. Phase II of the Eastside Access Project in unincorporated East Los Angeles is in final design and scheduled to initiate construction in Spring 2016. The subject project is a third phase of the Eastside Access Project.

Contract Modification Authority is requested to address the anticipated activities in direct relation to various entities involved in reviewing/approving, current construction and complexity in the development of this project. The Eastside Access 1st/Central Station Improvement Project includes a series of public improvements in close proximity to the current construction activities of the Regional Connector. The project is complex and will require extensive coordination between various local community organizations, City of Los Angeles Departments and the FTA.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

The 1st and Central Station Improvement Project will improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. The project will be designed in accordance with the policies and requirements of Metro and the City of Los Angeles.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding of \$908,000 for this service is included in the FY16 budget in cost center 4320, Active Transportation Team under project number 460300, Eastside Light Rail Access. Funds for design services are coming from Measure R 35% Transit Capital funds. Construction funds for the improvements will be coming from the FTA TIGER VI grant. Since this is a multi-year project, the cost center manager and the Chief Planning Officer of Countywide Planning & Development will be

accountable for budgeting the cost in future years.

Impact to Budget

The funding for this service will come from Measure R 35% Transit Capital funds. These funds are not available for operations and were identified for this project; therefore, no other sources were considered.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could consider not authorizing the contract award. This action is not recommended as \$5 million in Measure R 35% Transit Capital funds are specifically allocated for this project and the FTA will be participating in the construction costs for the 1st and Central improvements. Such action would delay the project's implementation and jeopardize the loss of \$11,800,000 FTA TIGER VI grant funding.

NEXT STEPS

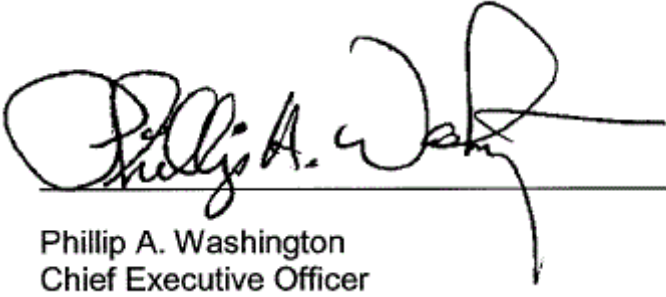
Upon Board approval, staff will execute Contract No. AE439330011938 with Ted Tokio Tanaka Architects. Staff will coordinate with the community and the City of Los Angeles to complete the design and the implementation program.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Procurement Summary
Attachment B - Project Area Map
Attachment C - DEOD Summary

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