

# **Board Report**

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SUBJECT: BRIGHTON TO ROXFORD DOUBLE TRACK PROJECT

ACTION: APPROVE CONTRACT FOR THE BRIGHTON TO ROXFORD DOUBLE TRACK

**PROJECT** 

#### RECOMMENDATION

WITHDRAWN: authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a cost-plus-fixed-fee Contract No. PS2415-3412 with STV, Inc. for the Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project in the amount of \$12,500,000 \$13,594,016, inclusive of all design phases. This contract is for three years.

## **ISSUE**

It is the intent of Metro Regional Rail to award a professional services contract to provide engineering services for completion of the environmental clearance documents, preliminary engineering documents, permitting, and final design engineering of the Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project. In addition the work includes the development of the necessary construction documents for the Project, as well as design support services during bid and construction.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Background**

Metro is developing the Brighton to Roxford Double Track project (Project) in Los Angeles, CA, between milepost (MP) 12.7 and MP 2 3.6 on the Valley Subdivision. At this time, Metro is proceeding with the environmental clearance and the development of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for construction of the Project.

The Project includes approximately 10.4 miles of new double track beginning at Control Point (CP) Brighton, at MP 12.7, and ending at CP Roxford, at MP 23.6 on the Valley Subdivision of the Antelope Valley Line. At the east end of the Project near CP Brighton, the scope of work includes connecting the new double track to the Brighton Siding extension that is being developed as part of the Empire Avenue and Buena Vista Grade Separation Project. The scope of work also includes connection to the 6,109 foot existing Sun Valley Siding between CP McGinley and CP Sheldon. In addition, this Project includes construction of a second side platform at the future Metrolink Hollywood Way Station, Sun Valley Station, and Sylmar/San Fernando Station. Modifications to 15

grade crossings are necessary along the Project corridor. This Project also includes construction of three new railroad bridges, as well as three pedestrian at-grade crossings at the Hollywood Way, Sun Valley, & Sylmar/San Fernando Stations as well as improvements to the existing Astoria Street at-grade crossing.

The Project is located mostly within the city of Los Angeles, and partially within the cities of Burbank and San Fernando, California on Metro owned right-of-way. This corridor is operated and maintained by the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) for the Metrolink Commuter Rail Service. In addition, the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) provides freight service along this corridor.

The Project is located in close proximity to the Bob Hope Airport /Hollywood Way Station Project between MP 13.5 and MP 13.8. This Project and the Bob Hope Airport Station/Hollywood Way Station Project, represent two related projects that, in combination, will provide for overall operational flexibility along the Valley Subdivision. Both projects are contractually separate. This project adds capacity to Antelope Valley line and improves operations and passenger service while reducing travel times.

### **Funding Commitment**

The Project is funded from Measure R 3% and state funds. This Project is the Number 2 ranked project on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) and several southern California agencies, including Metro. This MOU provides funding from Proposition 1A bonds and other sources for eligible projects.

FUNDING SOURCE	FINAL DESIGN
Proposition 1A	\$55 million
Measure R 3%	\$3 million
Other Sources	\$52 million
TOTAL	\$110 million

#### DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

The Project will upgrade 15 at-grade crossings to current SCRRA design standards. In addition, the Project will incorporate SCRRA's new Positive Train Control standards.

Site-specific safety features will be identified through the FHWA's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices grade crossing diagnostic process, whereby the LADOT, Metrolink, and the CPUC will review each crossing in accordance with Metrolink and CPUC best practices. The findings of the diagnostic review will be used to select safety improvement features such as pedestrian gates, emergency egress swing gates, and channelization handrails that will be included on the engineering drawings.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total funding from Measure R 3% is \$3 million, which is included in the FY16 budget in

department 2415, Regional Rail, Project No. 460074, Task 6.2.02.01. Since this is a multi-year contract, the cost center manager, and Executive Director, Engineering and Construction will be accountable and responsible for budgeting the cost of future fiscal year requirements.

## Impact to Budget

Source of Funds: \$3,000,000 million in Measure R 3% funds.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board could choose not to award the contract to STV and decide not to pursue the Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project. This alternative is not recommended due to the significant benefits that the Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project provides to commuter rail transportation and the SCRRA Antelope Valley subdivision. In addition, it should be noted that this project is currently on CHSRA/Metro MOU listed as second highest priority to receive funding and if not awarded Metro will lose that funding.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Upon approval by the Board, staff will execute the contract, and begin the services for the Brighton to Roxford Double Track Project.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Procurement Summary
- B. Brighton to Roxford Map

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