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**Board Report** 

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# CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

# SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRUCTION WASTE HANDLING SERVICES

# ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

#### RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to:

- A. Increase the total authorized funding for Contract No. PS20655 with TRC Solutions Inc. for Environmental Construction and Waste Handling Services in the amount of \$8,000,000, increasing the Total Contract Funding limit from \$66,800,000 to \$74,800,000, and
- B. Execute all individual Task Orders and changes within the new Board approved contract funding amount.

## <u>ISSUE</u>

Staff requests the Board for an \$8,000,000 increase in contract funding in order to support soil remediation efforts specifically for Project 405509 Rail to Rail Active Transportation Corridor. The increase in contract value and corresponding use of the grant funds is necessary to support the current schedule of the Rail to Rail ATC project.

#### DISCUSSION

The Rail to Rail ATC Project is an active transportation capital improvement that spans approximately 10 miles in the heart of south Los Angeles. Upon completion, the project will link Disadvantaged Communities, neighborhoods, schools, and key destinations such as the A Line, Silver Bus, and Crenshaw/LAX with a multi-purpose pedestrian and bicycle corridor. The project will be further enhanced through a partnership with Council District 9 to construct Slauson Connect, a cultural resource center that is located on the project right of way.

This project is a true collaboration of funding support, with five unique grant partners. One of the grants that Metro staff has obtained is a California State Funds (Site Soil Remediation) grant that provides \$8,000,000 that is earmarked for soil remediation within the project right of way. These

funds will be utilized to remove abandoned freight rail infrastructure and remediate contaminated ballast and soils along the right of way. Performing the essential soil remediation work ahead of the construction work will maintain the project schedule and will provide for a more accurate scope of services and pricing during construction procurement. This action has the added benefit of supporting the Slauson Connect cultural resource center schedule.

# DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

This Board action will reduce the volume of soil contamination at the project site and along Metro Right of Way.

# FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contract No. PS20655 is an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract. All task orders are individually negotiated, and level of effort fully defined prior to the authorization of any project specific funds. The Chief Program Management Officer, Chief Sustainability Officer, and Project Managers are responsible for providing appropriate budgets and following task order award process protocols during the execution of each task order.

# IMPACT TO BUDGET

There will be no net impact to the Capital Projects budget. The source of funds for this action are California State Funds which has been included in the Project budget under Project number 405509 Rail to Rail Active Transportation Corridor.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This consultant contract supports Strategic Goal 2 by optimizing the delivery and performance of Metro's transportation system by incorporating environmental compliance through environmental services activities to reduce impacts to the environment and increase system efficiency.

## ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Metro Board of Directors could choose not to increase the funding for this Contract and could direct staff to solicit and award an individual contract for this work. Staff does not recommend this alternative, as a new procurement for these services would jeopardize the project schedule and put the funding source at risk of expiration.

## NEXT STEPS

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Upon Board approval, staff will proceed with a Task Order under Contract No. PS20655 to support the Rail to Rail Active Transportation Project.

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