



DORAN STREET & BROADWAY/BRAZIL GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT

2026-0300, Construction Committee

July 15, 2026

Recommendation

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to award a cost-plus fixed fee Contract No. AE137794MC086 for Construction Management Support Services (CMSS) to Zephyr UAS, Inc., dba Zephyr Rail, for a base term of four years in an amount Not-To-Exceed (NTE) \$5,994,149, plus a one-year option in an amount NTE \$280,178, for a total of \$6,274,327; subject to the resolution of any properly submitted protest(s).

Proposal Evaluation

AWARDEE: Zephyr UAS, Inc., dba Zephyr Rail

EVALUATION CRITERIA	MAXIMUM	ZEPHYR RAIL	PACIFIC PROS	VSCE	RVI CM	HOUT ENG.
Experience & Qualifications	30.00	27.93	26.2	26.65	25.98	26.02
Key Personnel	40.00	36.27	35.69	35.43	35.01	34.75
Project Understanding & Approach	30.00	27.73	27.4	26.8	26.37	26.17
Total Score	100.00	91.93	89.29	88.88	87.36	86.94



- **11 proposals received.** Table displays the top five ranked firms. Remaining scores ranged from 80.15 to 83.50.
- **Zephyr Rail ranked #1**

Issue

- **Project status:** Final design is complete and Segment 1 (City of Glendale) is in procurement for construction.
- **Phased delivery:** A phased and segmented procurement strategy is being implemented: Segment 1, City of Glendale and Segment 2, City of Los Angeles
- **Construction support:** The CMSS contract will support and oversee both project segments, including third-party and soft costs.
- **Timely action:** Award of the CMSS contract is critical to support project delivery and satisfy State Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) expenditure requirements by June 30, 2027.

Discussion

- **Project benefits:** Eliminates the at-grade crossing to improve safety, mobility, and rail operations.
- **Phased delivery:** Construction will be implemented in two segments to address differences in jurisdictional readiness.
- **CMSS services:** Provides construction management, inspection, contract administration, scheduling, document control, and stakeholder coordination.

NEXT STEPS

Upon Board approval:

- Staff will complete the award and execution of the CMSS contract and initiate project support services necessary to complete the Doran Grade Separation Project
- Return to the Board and establish the Life of Project (LOP) budget.
- Complete the procurement process for the construction contract for Segment 1, City of Glendale, and issue the Invitation for Bid (IFB) for Segment 2, City of Los Angeles