



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 24, 2000

**SUBJECT: SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TRANSIT CORRIDOR
PROCUREMENT**

**ACTION: AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO
NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER TO
CONTRACT PS-4320-0580 WITH GRUEN ASSOCIATES TO
COMPLETE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT/SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT**

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Transportation
Authority

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RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a change order with Gruen Associates to initiate and complete Phases II and III For the San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Study, which is the Environmental Impact Statement/Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIS/SEIR) for an amount not to exceed \$1,245,490 for a revised contract amount of \$1,807,440.

RATIONALE

In June 1999, the Board awarded a contract to Gruen Associates for the San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor: Phase I Major Investment Study (MIS). The Board also approved in concept staff's recommendation to procure professional services to conduct Phases II and III of the San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Study.

The San Fernando Valley Corridor MIS is now complete. Amendment of the Gruen Associates contract will allow the Valley work to proceed at a pace with the Eastside and Mid-City/Westside Transit Corridors in the most expeditious manner.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for the San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Study is included in the FY 2000 budget: Cost Center 4350, Project 405511/01.04. This study is locally funded.

The currently budgeted funds cover the total cost of the Phase I MIS (\$561,950), and a portion of the EIS/SEIR. The Phase I MIS will be completed within the current fiscal year, and the work on the EIS/SEIR is anticipated to begin in March 2000 and continue through FY 2001. The total FY 2000 expenditures for the Phase I MIS and a portion of the EIS/SEIR will be within the currently budgeted amount. Since the Gruen contract, as amended, will extend beyond the end of FY 2000, the cost center manager and Executive Officer will be accountable for budgeting the balance of the

EIS/SEIR costs in the FY 2001 budget. The local financial impact of the eventual project depends on the alternative selected and the refined alignment costs developed during the environmental clearance phase of the study.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

1. The Board could choose to defer the decision to approve the change order. The deferral of the decision would impact the project schedule and would most likely cause the San Fernando Valley EIS/SEIR completion date to be later than the completion date for Eastside and Mid-City Transit Corridors EIS/SEIR.
2. The Board could direct staff to procure the consultant services required to complete the EIS/SEIR under a new solicitation. The re-procurement, including the pre-award phase, commercial and technical proposal evaluation, followed by MTA Board approval, would require an estimated six months to complete which would result in additional administrative cost to the MTA due to concentration of effort by procurement, technical and support staff.

BACKGROUND

In 1995, the Board authorized preparation of a MIS/EIS/SEIR for the San Fernando Valley East West Corridor. The Administrative Draft MIS/DEIS/SEIR document was completed in March 1997 and forwarded to the Federal Transit Administration for review. The FTA declined to review the document pending approval of an MTA Recovery Plan and resolution of outstanding issues involving other Metro Red Line subway extension projects. In January 1998, the MTA Board suspended all rail construction projects except for the North Hollywood Extension, including work on the San Fernando Valley East-West Transit Corridor.

Following approval of the MTA Recovery Plan and completion of the Regional Transit Alternatives Analysis (RTAA) Study in 1998, the Board authorized staff in June 1999 to commence simultaneous studies of the Mid-City/Westside, Eastside and San Fernando Valley Corridors.

Phase 1 of the San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Study, MIS has been completed and was presented to the Board at a workshop on February 4, 2000. Under a separate item, the Board will be acting to accept the MIS and authorize staff to initiate the EIS/SEIR.

PROCUREMENT SUMMARY

The Board at its June 1999 Board meeting approved a non-competitive professional services contract with Gruen in an amount not to exceed \$611,175 for Phase I, the MIS. Subsequent negotiations for the Phase I work resulted in a Firm Fixed Price of \$561,950. The MTA staff is recommending that the work for Phases II and III (EIS/SEIR) be awarded on a non-competitive basis to Gruen through a change order to the existing contract. This recommendation differs from the procurement plan that was previously presented to the Board in June 1999 which stated that the new work would be competitively procured. The plan was based on the determination

that a non-competitive procurement could not be justified since there were no apparent benefits to the MTA. However, because of the existing team's expertise and particular knowledge of the crucial elements of the study, staff has revised its recommendation. Furthermore, competing the contract at this time would adversely impact completion of the study resulting in loss of efficiency and continuity. The recommendation to continue with Gruen is also consistent with the approach taken for the other corridor studies where the same consultant team was contracted to complete all three phases of the study.

COST/PRICE ANALYSIS

PROPOSED PRICE	RECOMMENDED NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT	HISTORICAL PRICE
\$1,245,489	\$1,245,489	N/A
	PRICE VARIANCE	N/A

The final negotiated amount has not been determined but will comply with all requirements of MTA Procurement, including cost analysis, legal and audit before the Change Order is executed. Staff has not disclosed MTA's Fair Cost Estimate position since it will jeopardize staff's ability to negotiate a price that is most advantageous to the MTA.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

The Contract has a SBE participation goal of 19.85%. The Contract, inclusive of the Limited Notice To Proceed (LNTP), was awarded on August 20, 1999 and is 44% complete. Current SBE attainment¹ based on the current contract amount² is 5.35%. Current SBE participation³ based on total actual amount paid-to-date to Contractor and total actual amount paid-to-date to SBE firms is 20.08%. Each of the listed SBE subcontractors are performing on the Contract as listed.

Original Award Amount	\$561,950
Relevant Contract Value²	\$561,950
Total Actual Amount Paid to Date to Prime	\$149,723

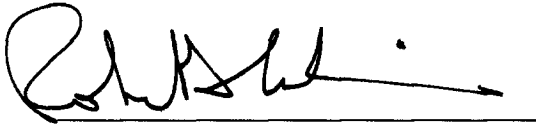
Subcontractor's Name	Commitment	Current Attainment ¹	Current Participation ³	Current Status
Manuel Padron & Associates	17.34%	5.03%	18.89%	Performing
Terry A. Hayes	2.51%	0.32%	1.19%	Performing
Total	19.85%	5.35%	20.08%	Expected to Meet

¹Current Attainment = Total Actual Amount Paid-to-Date to Subs ÷ Total Current Contract Amount

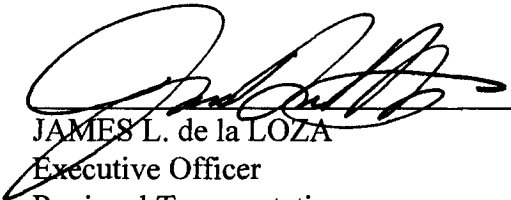
²Current Contract Amount = Original Contract Value + Contract Cost Modifications

³Current Participation = Total Actual Amount Paid-to-Date to Subs ÷ Total Actual Amount Paid-to-Date to Prime

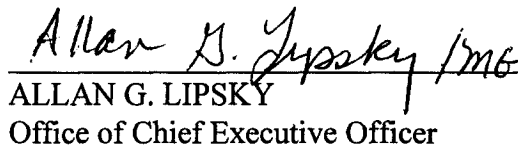
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