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Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: May 6, 2009

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1311

RE: Contract: Transit Accessible Locations: Health Care/Social Service and Transit Coordination – Transit Resource Center

In December 2007, MTC adopted its SAFETEA (Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act) Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan), which identifies the transportation needs of the region's elderly, disabled, and low-income populations. All three groups expressed the need to access essential destinations, including health care and social service facilities. These services are not always served effectively by public transit, making it difficult for transit-dependent clients who need them. As a result, one of the regional strategies outlined in the Coordinated Plan proposed to enhance coordination between land use and transit planning.

To advance this strategy, MTC submitted an application through the Caltrans Transit Planning Grant Program in January 2008 for a project to assess how health care and social service locational decisions are made and to recommend strategies to improve coordination with transit when locations are sited. The geographic focus of the project is Alameda and Contra Costa counties, from which we intend to identify strategies that could apply throughout the Bay Area.

MTC was awarded the Caltrans grant in August 2008. In March 2009, MTC issued a request for proposal seeking consultant assistance to:

- Illustrate the current locations of health care and social service facilities in Alameda and Contra Costa counties that are transit accessible and those that are not (through GIS mapping);
- Document existing federal, state and local policies that guide decisions about the location of health care and social service facilities and propose new policies that would improve transit access;
- Identify factors that influence locational decisions based on input from Alameda and Contra Costa county health care and social service decision makers, as well as local planning directors and their staff; and
- Develop an initial strategy to encourage social service and health care agencies to coordinate with transit operators when making locational decisions. This strategy will be the subject of a regional summit of health care professionals, planning directors, city managers, lenders, elected officials, public transit agencies and others.

An email or postcard advertising the availability of the RFP on MTC's website was sent to over 230 individuals/firms. Eight firms were represented at the Proposers' Conference. Four proposals were received. The proposals were reviewed by an evaluation committee representing MTC staff, as well as staff from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), AC Transit,

and Contra Costa Health Services, and were evaluated on their approach to conducting and completing the project (understanding of project requirements/purpose, proposed work plan and schedule, strategy for managing resources, etc), project staff and firm expertise managing similar types of projects, cost effectiveness and the ability to write/present information in a clear manner.

Interviews were held with the following firms:

Firm	Location	Proposed Bid
Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates	San Francisco, CA	\$199,964
Public Research Institute	San Francisco, CA	\$174,182
Transit Resource Center	Grass Valley, CA	\$195,910

The evaluation committee unanimously recommended the Transit Resource Center team based on their overall conception, vision and approach to completing the project, as well as their understanding of the anticipated project outcomes. While Transit Resource Center did not have the lowest bid, the evaluation committee agreed that the quality of the proposed approach outweighed the cost differential.

Staff recommends that this Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$195,910 to deliver the Transit Accessible Locations: Health Care/Social Service and Transit Coordination project.

Steve Heminger

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL
Summary of Consultant Contract

Work Item No.: 1611

Consultant: Transit Resource Center (Grass Valley, CA) in association with Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG) (Berkeley, CA)

Work Project Title: Transit Accessible Locations: Health Care/Social Service and Transit Coordination

Purpose of Project: To assess how decisions about the location of health care and social service are made and to recommend strategies to improve coordination with transit when locations are sited

Brief Scope of Work:

- Illustrate the current locations of health care and social service facilities in Alameda and Contra Costa counties that are transit accessible and those that are not (through GIS mapping);
- Document existing federal, state and local policies that guide decisions about the location of health care and social service facilities and propose new policies that would improve transit access;
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Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$195,910 (FY 2008-09)

Funding Source: FHWA Planning Funds

Fiscal Impact: Funds are included in the FY 2008/09 Agency Budget

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Transit Resource Center to deliver the Transit Accessible Locations: Health Care/Social Service and Transit Coordination project, and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds up to \$195,910 for such a contract.

Admin. Committee: _____

Tom Bates, Chair

Approved: Date: May 13, 2009