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Memorandum

TO: BATA Oversight Committee

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FR: Executive Director

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RE: Dumbarton Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project (BATA Resolution No. 94, Revised)

Dumbarton Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project Allocation

On June 15, 2010, the Department opened seven bids for the Dumbarton Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project. The project was bid as an A + B contract, a bidding method that rewards a contractor for completing a project as quickly as possible. By providing a cost for each working day, the contract combines the cost to perform the work (A component) with the cost of the duration of the work (B component) to determine the lowest cost to the public. While the contractor is still paid only the A component of the bid, the low bid is determined by a combination of the A component with the B component.

The Dumbarton Retrofit Project had an engineer's estimate of \$73 million, which included supplemental work and contract contingencies, and with a maximum construction duration of 810 working days at \$10,500 per day. The five lowest bids came in at significantly less cost and time ranging from \$46.6 to \$63.3 million and 328 to 533 working days. The low bids are likely the result of the continued favorable bidding climate. The Department is still in the process of reviewing the bids.

In anticipation of Caltrans' determination, staff is recommending a capital allocation of \$75 million for the contract.

Recommendations

Staff recommends that the BATA Oversight Committee refer BATA Resolution No. 94, Revised to the Authority to allocate \$75 million for the capital construction of the Dumbarton Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project.

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