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## *Memorandum*

TO: BATA Oversight Committee

DATE: April 6, 2011

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1253

RE: Contract – Multi-Axle Toll Increase Sign Overlays: McGuire-Pacific Constructors

Pursuant to the Toll Schedule (BATA Resolution No. 90) for the state-owned bridges, adopted in January 2010, toll rates for multi-axle vehicles increase effective July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012 (see toll rate discussion below). To accommodate the new multi-axle toll rates, sign overlays will need to be fabricated and installed over portions of existing signs that contain the toll fee schedule, located on all toll booths. To minimize project costs, the sign overlays for both phases of the toll increase will be ordered and fabricated at the same time. Installation of the overlays for the first phase (effective date July 1, 2011) will be completed at the end of June 2011, and installation of the overlays for the second phase (effective date July 1, 2012) will be performed in June 2012.

### **Invitation for Bid**

On March 4, 2011, BATA issued an Invitation for Bid (IFB) to seek a contractor to conduct this work. The IFB stated that the contract would be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid. Bids were due on March 28, 2011, and the following bids were submitted:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Chrisp Company	Fremont, CA	\$80,800
McGuire-Pacific Constructors	Auburn, CA	\$121,680

After evaluation of the bids received, staff has determined that the apparent low bidder, Chrisp Company, submitted a non-responsive bid and, therefore, its bid was rejected. Its bid was deemed non-responsive due to Chrisp's failure to submit a complete bid package, which is a statutory requirement. After reviewing the other bid, staff has determined that McGuire-Pacific Constructors is a responsible bidder and has submitted a responsive bid in the amount of \$121,680. The project budget includes a 5% contingency totaling \$6,000 to cover any unknown project costs not included in the scope of work. The contingency amount is separate from the contract amount with McGuire-Pacific Constructors, and is to be used at BATA's sole discretion for changes in the work.

### **Multi-axle Toll Rates**

In January 2010, the Authority approved a toll increase on the seven state-owned toll bridges to pay for the completion of the Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program, including the seismic retrofit of the Antioch and Dumbarton Bridges and to offset reduced revenues due to declining traffic volumes. The approval called for an increase in the toll rate for 2-axle vehicles, effective July 1,

2010, with no increase to the current toll rate for multi-axle vehicles (with 3 or more axles) until one year later. Pursuant to the adopted Toll Schedule, the toll increase for multi-axle vehicles would be implemented in two phases, as shown below:

Axles	Current	Effective: July 1, 2011	Effective: July 1, 2012
	Toll	Toll	Toll*
3	\$6.00	\$10.50	\$15.00
4	\$8.25	\$14.00	\$20.00
5	\$11.25	\$18.00	\$25.00
6	\$12.00	\$21.00	\$30.00
7+	\$13.50	\$24.25	\$35.00

\*Multi-Axle Toll = \$5 x # of axles

Phasing the increase in the toll rates for multi-axle vehicles was implemented to delay the full increase on the commercial trucking industry while the economy improved. Weekday peak period truck volume represents about 3 percent of the total vehicles on all bridges. Prior to the implementation of the new toll rates in July 2011 and July 2012, staff will implement a plan to reach out to the trucking industry (e.g., California Trucking Association), to remind them of the new toll rates.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that this Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to award the contract to fabricate and install sign overlays on all toll booths to McGuire-Pacific Constructors in an amount not to exceed \$121,680, and give the Executive Director, or his designee, authority to use contingency funds in the amount of \$6,000.

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**REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

Summary of Proposed Contract

Work Item No.: 1253

Contractor: McGuire-Pacific Constructors (Auburn, CA).

Work Project Title: Toll Plaza Sign Overlays & Installation Project

Purpose of Project: Furnish and install new sign overlay for multi-axle toll increase, effective July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012

Brief Scope of Work: Furnish and install new sign overlays for multi-axle (vehicles with 3 or more axles) toll increase. Project has two phases: Phase 1 for toll increase effective July 1, 2011, and Phase 2 for toll increase effective July 1, 2012.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$121,680, plus \$6,000 for contingency

Funding Source: Toll Bridge Rehabilitation Program Funds

Fiscal Impact: Project costs will be consistent with funds programmed and budgeted.

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to award the contract to furnish and install new sign overlays at the toll plaza approaches to McGuire-Pacific Constructors in an amount not to exceed \$121,680, and give the Executive Director, or his designee, authority to use contingency funds in the amount of \$6,000 for any unknown project costs, and that the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds for such contract and for the contingency.

BATA Oversight Chair

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Bill Dodd, Chair

Approved: Date: April 13, 2011