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BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING
(BAIFA)

July 24, 2013
MINUTES

Attendance

Authority Chair Worth called the meeting to order at approximately 11:45 a.m. Authority members present were: Vice Chair Dodd and Commissioners Glover, Haggerty, Sartipi and Spering. Other MTC Commissioners present were: Commissioners Aguirre, Cortese, Kinsey, and Liccardo.

Item 2: Consent Calendar:

Upon the motion of Commissioner Dodd and second by Commissioner Spering, the following items on the Consent Calendar were approved unanimously:

- **Item 2a: Minutes**
The Authority received and approved as written the meeting minutes of May 22, 2013.
- **Item 2b: Minutes**
The Authority received and approved as written the revised meeting minutes of April 24, 2013.

Item 3: Contract Approval – On-Call Design Services: Regional Express Lane Network Phase I: Plans, Specifications & Estimate and Design Support Services: URS Corporation (\$2,950,000)

Chris Lillie, MTC Operations, advised this item is to seek authorization for the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and execute a contract with URS Corporation for the completion of Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) for Phase 1 Express Lanes on I-680.

Mr. Lillie advised that the Request for Qualifications was sent to four firms from the BATA on-call design services list and that BAIFA received statements of qualifications from three of those firms. URS Corporation was selected based on its experience preparing PS&E documents for express lane projects.

This contract will also provide an option for design services during bid advertisement and construction. Commissioner Haggerty noted that the limits from Alcosta Boulevard to Livorna Road would leave a hole in the network from Alcosta Boulevard to Highway 84. He suggested that this corridor should be studied so that the Bay Area can have a network that runs from Walnut Creek to Santa Clara County.

Andrew Fremier, MTC Deputy Executive Director, Operations, advised that the overall Express Lane Network Plan when completed does allow for the network connectivity when the segment in question is included. Steve Heminger, MTC Executive Director, added that it is a challenge to complete near term improvements while still completing network connectivity and that staff would need to work with our CMA partners to see how resources can be pooled to move forward to address some of the long term connectivity issues.

Authority Chair Rein Worth expressed her appreciation to staff regarding staff's continued efforts in working with the CMA's.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Spring and second by Commissioner Dodd, the Authority unanimously authorized the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a contract with the URS Corporation to provide design services, including assistance in completing PS&E for the Regional Express Lane Network Phase 1: I-680 Project and the Chief Financial Officer was directed to set aside funds for such contract in the amount of \$2,950,000.

Item 4: Bay Area Express Lanes Public Involvement and Communications Approach

Barbara Laurenson, MTC Operations, presented information on staff's approach to public involvement and communications for the BAIFA Express Lanes. She advised that public open houses may occur as early as Fall 2013 as part of the environmental approval process.

She explained that staff will conduct a program to educate the general public about express lanes in the region; create consistent messaging and communication across partner agencies; and proactively respond to community concerns and interests. Additionally, staff has organized its outreach along four tracks: General Awareness; Partner and Stakeholder Outreach; Environmental Process Public Outreach and Customer Education and Marketing.

Regarding messaging development, Commissioner Spring explained that each corridor has unique characteristics that need to be capitalized upon to gain public support. Ms. Laurenson mentioned that CMAs have been very helpful in creating and developing these messages and common themes can be used on a broader level and adjusted to address specific corridor needs. Executive Director Heminger commented that the Authority would have an opportunity to review the public information approach as it is refined and any subsequent communications plans.

Commissioner Haggerty commented that as the outreach is conducted, staff needs to be prepared to explain how collected monies, will be spent. Mr. Heminger advised that this is one of the subjects under the purview of the Authority.

Item 5: Public Comment/Other Business/Adjournment/Next Meeting.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:03 p.m. The next Authority meeting date will be on September 25, 2013 at 9:40 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA.