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Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: September 5, 2007

FR: Executive Director

W.I.: 1121

RE: Contract Amendment: Regional Rail Plan – Earth Tech, Inc.

Over the past two years, MTC, BART, Caltrain, and the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) have been working together to prepare a comprehensive rail plan for the Bay Area as required under Regional Measure 2 (Streets and Highways Code Section 30914c(33)). The Regional Rail Plan looks at ways to improve, integrate and, where appropriate, expand our passenger rail system over the next 50 years. The plan will produce four separate plan outcomes: (1) regional rail absent high-speed rail, (2) regional rail integrated with high-speed rail via Pacheco Pass, (2) regional rail integrated with high-speed rail via Altamont Pass, and (4) regional rail integrated with high-speed rail via Pacheco and Altamont Passes. Per Regional Measure 2, the study is to be adopted by the Commission in September 2007.

In July 2005, following a competitive procurement process, this Committee authorized award of a contract in the amount of \$2,487,534 to Earth Tech, Inc. to prepare the Regional Rail Plan. This contract was subsequently amended in September 2006 to increase the contract amount by \$23,000 to cover additional analytical work, resulting in a contract total of \$2,510,534.

Staff seeks this Committee's authorization to amend the contract to add \$265,000 to complete the planning analysis of the regional rail and high-speed rail alternatives for inclusion in the final report. The Earth Tech team has conducted numerous engineering feasibility analyses, cost estimation, planning analyses, and agency/stakeholder consultations to date, but additional funds are necessary to complete the planning effort, particularly regarding the high-speed rail options, for inclusion in the final report to be presented to the Commission.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that this Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Earth Tech, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$265,000 to complete planning analysis for the Regional Rail Plan.

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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Consultant Contract Amendment

Work Item No.: 1121

Consultant: Earth Tech, Inc.
Oakland, California

Work Project Title: Bay Area Regional Rail Plan

Purpose of Project: To provide technical engineering and planning services for the development of the Bay Area Regional Rail Plan

Brief Scope of Work: This contract amendment allows for additional planning analysis, particularly regarding the high-speed rail options, for inclusion in the final Regional Rail Plan to be presented to the Commission.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$265,000 – this amendment (previous contract = \$2,510,534)

Funding Source: Regional Measure 2

Fiscal Impact: Available from FY 2007-08 Agency Budget

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Earth Tech, Inc. for the Bay Area Regional Rail Plan and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds up to \$265,000 for such contract amendment.

Administration Committee:

Bob Blanchard, Chair

Approved: Date: September 12, 2007