

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Regional Network Management Committee

May 10, 2024

Agenda Item 3c

**Contract - Program Planning and Implementation: Traffic Incident Management Support
with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA)(\$2,000,000)**

Subject:

Request for authorization to negotiate and enter into a contract with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA) in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for a period of two years to implement the Bay Area Five-Year Strategic Plan for Effective Traffic Incident Management.

Background:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) partners with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to lead the Bay Area Incident Management Task Force (IMTF), which was formed in 2002. Today, the IMTF is an active multi-agency partnership that includes MTC, Caltrans, the CHP, the Federal Highway Administration, local law enforcement and fire departments, emergency medical services, county coroners, tow truck companies, and others who are focused on the safe and quick clearance of freeway traffic incidents. The IMTF complements the efforts of many programs, including the Bay Area Freeway Service Patrol and the MTC Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE), to reduce congestion, improve public safety, and enhance air quality. The program supports Plan Bay Area 2050 transportation strategies to maintain and optimize the existing transportation system, create healthy and safe streets, and build a next-generation transit network by preventing and quickly clearing incidents on bus routes. There are also strong ties to Vision Zero program goals, prioritizing the reduction of severe and fatal highway crashes for the most vulnerable road users.

In the fall of 2023, the Incident Management team completed the Bay Area Five-Year Strategic Plan for Effective Traffic Incident Management that defined objectives and agency roles and responsibilities, identified challenges and opportunities, and aligned future work with MTC's regional goals and objectives. MTC issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) in January 2024 for a consultant to support Incident Management Program planning and implementing strategies identified in the strategic plan. This contract will enable the creation and support of IMTF

subgroups that support and implement strategic plan goals and the creation of a grant program to aid subgroups in financing small infrastructure and programmatic enhancements in their respective sub-areas. The contract is being funded with federal funds and has a 22% disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goal. On February 1, 2024, MTC received proposals from Parsons Transportation Group Inc. (Parsons) and KHA. A panel of MTC and Caltrans staff evaluated the two proposals and invited both firms to submit Best and Final Offers (BAFOs). Based on its evaluation of the proposals and BAFOs, the panel ranked Kimley Horn the highest. The panel determined KHA's proposal to be most advantageous to MTC due to its team's extensive experience with the Bay Area transportation environment and its ability to translate that into a forward-thinking implementation approach. The KHA team has completed similar Traffic Incident Management (TIM) support contracts in twelve other states. It has experience with numerous programs related to TIM, including the Caltrans Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), Transportation Systems Management and Operations Strategies (TSMO) planning, operation manuals for TIM best practices, development and implementation of TIM training, integrated corridor management work in the region, and more. KHA's proposed approach emphasizes local knowledge and relationships as a cornerstone to effectively implementing the strategic plan's recommendations.

KHA's proposal exceeds the DBE goal of 22%, with a commitment to having two DBE firms participate in 30% of the project. KHA and its subcontractors' DBE status are shown in Attachment A.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Regional Network Management Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a contract with KHA in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to provide planning and implementation support for the Bay Area Five-Year Strategic Plan for Effective Traffic Incident Management.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status
- Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment



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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status

| | Firm Name | Role on Project | DBE* Yes / No | If DBE Yes, List # | SBE** Yes / No | If SBE Yes, List # |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Prime Contractor | Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc | Planning and Implementation | No | | No | |
| Subcontractor | Circlepoint | Outreach | Yes | 50993 | No | |
| Subcontractor | TransSight | Data Analysis | Yes | 42484 | No | |

*Denotes certification by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP).

**Denotes certification by the State of California.

Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Consultant Contract

Work Item No.: 1235

Agency: Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc
Oakland, CA

Work Project Title: Program Planning and Implementation for Traffic Incident Management Support

Purpose of Project: Implement the Bay Area Five- Year Strategic Plan for Effective Traffic Incident Management

Brief Scope of Work: Support implementation of strategic plan recommendations to enhance safety and reduce congestion associated with traffic incidents

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$2,000,000

Funding Source: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program

Fiscal Impact: Funding is included in the MTC FY 2024-25 budget.

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc to provide the services described above and in the Regional Network Committee Summary Sheet dated May 10, 2024, and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside funds in the amount of \$2,000,000 for such contract.

Regional Network
Management Committee:

David Rabbitt, Chair

Approved: May 10, 2024