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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Contract Amendment With BKF Engineers, Not to Exceed an Additional \$500,000, to Prepare Design Plans for the Highway 101 Marin Sonoma Narrows B1-Phase 2 and A4 Projects. (Action), Agenda Item No. 6h

RECOMMENDATION:

Move to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a Contract Amendment with BKF Engineers, not to exceed an additional \$500,000, to prepare design plans for the Highway 101 Marin Sonoma Narrows B1-Phase 2 and A4 Projects and appurtenant work.

BACKGROUND AND PAST ACTIONS:

The Marin-Sonoma Narrows Project (MSN) is widening approximately 17 miles of US 101 from four to six lanes by adding carpool lanes (HOV) in each direction, bike/pedestrian pathways, creating a controlled access freeway and upgrading the highway to current freeway standards from Route 37 in Novato (Marin County) to Old Redwood Highway in Petaluma (Sonoma County). It is part of the overall regional plan to provide continuous carpool lanes through Marin and Sonoma Counties, and provides multi-modal options to travelers. In addition to the carpool lanes, new interchanges and frontage roads are being built to remove unsafe access from private properties and local roads.

With Sonoma County Transportation Authority's (SCTA) two remaining MSN projects ready for construction and the State's Senate Bill (SB) 1 providing upcoming transportation funding for the Sonoma projects, it has been Staff's goal to get the Marin segments ready. The final design, permits and necessary right-of-way for the last two major segments (B1-Phase 2 and A4) in Marin County should be completed as soon as possible to position Marin with key construction funding (SB1 and/or RM3) and complete the entire MSN corridor. TAM and its design consultant have started this design work for the completion of both the northbound and southbound HOV lanes through Marin County. The Board authorized the initial design work and awarded a \$700,000 contract to BKF Engineers in August 2017.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

As mentioned above, the Board previously budgeted \$700,000 to fund the preliminary engineering for the project which would be completed by August 2018. It is estimated that it would cost a total of approximately

\$8 million to complete the entire design, which includes design support during a three-year construction period, of this \$80 million construction project (not including the ROW work).

TAM will be receiving \$500,000 in state local partnership program funds (LPP) in early summer, which the Board approved at its November 2017 meeting the allocation of these funds to further develop the design and stretch our work efforts out until early Fall 2018. With an aggressive schedule to complete the design and be ready for construction advertisement in December 2019, there is no room to take a pause from the design effort. As such, it is crucial that we continue to explore all available funding options to keep work going. The Board just last month sent a letter requesting an advance of design funds from MTC that are now available under the newly approved Regional Measure 3 toll increase.

At this juncture, staff is just requesting the Board approve a contract amendment to BKF's contract to perform additional design work as provided for with the \$500,000 LPP funds. Staff will come back a later date to receive Board authorization to further amend the contract and budget when RM3 and/or other funds become available for Highway 101 MSN design work.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION:

The current Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget was approved by the Board, and sufficient funds were programmed to accommodate this amendment.

NEXT STEPS:

If authorized, the Executive Director will negotiate and execute a contract amendment with BKF Engineers.