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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Design Funding Amendment for Highway 101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) B1-Phase 2 and A4 Contracts (Action), Agenda Item No. 6c

RECOMMENDATION

Move to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate an amendment to the BKF design contract for the completion of the Highway 101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) B1-Phase 2 and A4 design work, up to a total contract amount of \$8 million, authorize work utilizing currently available funding (\$2 million in STP granted by MTC) and increase the TAM fiscal year budget by \$1.5 million to account for the work in this fiscal year 2018-19.

Note that future Measure AA will be needed to complete the \$8 million funding plan, and will be part of the Measure AA Strategic Plan, draft released in April 2019.

BACKGROUND

The Marin-Sonoma Narrows Project is widening approximately 17 miles of US 101 from four to six lanes by adding carpool lanes in each direction, 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.

In addition to the carpool lanes, new interchanges and frontage roads are being built to remove unsafe access from private properties and local roads. The project also includes continuous Class I and Class II bikeways between Novato and Petaluma.

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 projects like the Narrows, it is imperative that TAM completes design of the last two major segments (B1 Phase 2 and A4) in Marin to position itself for key construction funding, to complete the entire corridor. The design work is for the final completion of both the northbound and southbound HOV Lanes and multi-use path segments through Marin County. For this reason, the Board authorized initial design work and awarded a \$700,000 contract to BKF Engineers in August 2017 with funding from OBAG 2 funds, TAM local funds and STIP PPM (swapped with Board approval for Cities/Towns and County Contribution in April 2018).

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Continuing work is needed to provide 100 percent complete design plans to Caltrans this December 2019, and more funds are now available to support this work. While there was a preliminary estimate from the consultant of \$8 million to prepare the design package for Caltrans' approval, there is a good chance that that total amount will not be needed. Staff has been able to craft the following fund package for this design effort:

1. \$500,000 – TAM local funds via OBAG 2 funding allocation exercise
2. \$200,000 – STIP Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM), later swapped for Cities/Towns and County Contribution
3. \$500,000 – State Local Partnership Program (SLPP)
4. \$2,000,000 – Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP)
5. \$4,800,000 – TAM Measure AA and/or Regional Measure 3
\$8,000,000 – TOTAL

Above fund items 1 through 4 have been previously approved and available, totaling \$3.2 million.

Item 5, along with all other Measure AA transportation sales tax funding, will be the subject of a detailed Strategic Plan as required under the voter-approved Measure AA Expenditure Plan. The Draft Strategic Plan will be released in April 2019.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION

The current FY 2018-19 budget allocates \$800,000 to this Highway 101 MSN design effort. Staff is recommending that the TAM annual budget be increased by an additional \$1.5 million to accommodate the pace of work within this second half fiscal year. Funds are available as described above, specifically the STP funds provided by MTC, for this requested action.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue working with the design consultant to deliver the complete design package of the Highway 101 MSN B1-Phase 2 and A4 Contracts.