

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
EXPRESSWAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

ITEM: Item 6c

SUBJECT:

The NCC Board entered into an Agreement for Professional Services with Jacobs Engineering on July 21, 2008. A Task Order #1 was defined in the Agreement as:

(a) Task Order #1: In this Task Order the Consultant's work will provide the basis to formulate strategies and lay the ground work to start the Project off right and will help expedite the Project. The first Task Order will include the following:

- Reach consensus with Caltrans on the appropriate Caltrans Authorizing Document
- Refine the Route Adoption Strategy presented by the Consultant
- Assist in developing the cooperative agreement with Caltrans
- Assist in drafting the Charter with Caltrans.
- Refine the Environmental strategy and coordination with Caltrans
- Determine appropriate Traffic Analysis model
- Coordinate with local planning documents
- Detailed Public Outreach Communications Plan.
- Refine the scope, cost and schedule for Task Order 2

(b) Subsequent Task Orders: The general scope of Future Task Orders includes the following three components:

- A Programmatic California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for the entire route,
- A Programmatic National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document for the entire route, and
- A project level CEQA/NEPA document for a buildable section of the route.

It was agreed that most of this work would be completed in 90 days; however, it also included some long-range tasks that needed to begin immediately and would extend beyond the 90 days (i.e. traffic forecasting and operations, preliminary engineering, aerial mapping and topographic surveys). The estimate for Task Order #1 was \$580,194.34.

Jacobs Engineering, along with NCC staff, has worked diligently to move the project forward and a status of each bullet is below:

- A consensus was reached with Caltrans during earlier discussions that the Project Report will serve as an authorizing document.
- A route adoption strategy was developed and discussed with the project team. Based on these discussions a white paper outlining two final strategies was presented to the NCC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Caltrans. The TAC has unanimously adopted the recommendations. TAC's recommendation is being presented to the JPA Board under Item 6b.
- A draft cooperative agreement has been prepared and is pending JPA approval of the route adoption strategy
- A Charter based on a state route adoption strategy was approved by the JPA Board at its January 2009 meeting and is with Caltrans for signature
- A white paper was prepared outlining the possible environmental approaches. Consensus has been reached with Caltrans on the environmental strategy to be followed. Significant technical studies are also underway.
- Several key approvals have been obtained in the area of traffic analysis. Caltrans and the TAC has approved the traffic network and forecast model assumptions. The TAC and Caltrans have approved design year assumptions based on the full facility completion.
- The Planning Directors of the jurisdictions within Stanislaus County approved the land use assumption for the traffic model.
- A Draft Communications Plan was submitted to Caltrans, and is pending approval. A tri-fold brochure was distributed to all public works counters within the County. A project website was established, and two well-attended public scoping meetings were conducted. Significant public comments were obtained and documented for environmental use.
- A number of meetings were conducted between the JPA Members, Caltrans management and the Project Development Team to fully vet the various options available to build the NCC. A final recommendation was presented to the NCC TAC on February 3rd, and the TAC unanimously approved the recommendation. The Consultant is in the process of preparing a scope and fee for Task Order #2 pending JPA Board's approval of the strategy.

As of today, the budget for Task Order #1 has been expended. The approximate split of the expenditures is as follows: Project Management, Planning Coordination Meetings, etc (19%), Public Outreach (6%), Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Study (19%), Traffic Analysis (21%), Surveys (33%) and other direct expenses (2%) Jacobs Engineering has continued work in the anticipation of completing the delivery strategy for the project and proceeding to Task Order #2. An estimated total amendment of \$1,180,194.34 (an increase of \$600,000 over the originally approved amount) will carry the contract through March 2009 depending on the outcome of Agenda Item 6c.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

By motion, approve the Authority Manager to execute Amendment #1 to the Agreement for Professional Design Services with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for the North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Project not to exceed \$1,180,194.34 and to extend the completion time for Task Order #1 to March 31, 2009. This amount shall include, without limitation, the cost of any subcontractors, consultants, experts or investigators retained pursuant to Professional Design Service Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in the overall contract amount of \$5,800,000.

**Amendment No. 1. to the
Agreement for Professional Design Services with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
for the
North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Project**

This Amendment is made and entered into on February 11, 2009, in the City of Modesto, State of California, by and between the North County Corridor Transportation Authority (NCCTEA) and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., ("CONSULTANT"), for and in consideration of the promises, and the mutual promises, covenants, terms, and conditions, hereinafter contained.

1. Task Order 1 of the Agreement is amended to increase the compensation for Task Order # 1 from \$580,194.34 as described in paragraph 2.1 of the Agreement to \$1,180,194.34 (an increase of \$600,000). The overall contract amount of \$5,800,000 will not be increased and there is no additional time extension of the contract.
2. The purpose of amending the Task Order 1 funding level is to allow for continuation of work on critical path items and expedite delivery of the ultimate project. The items include, but are not limited to Traffic Operations, Traffic Forecasting, Environmental and, preliminary engineering tasks. Task Order 2 is dependent upon Caltrans' direction.
3. The amended funding level will allow work on task Order # 1 to continue through March 2009.

COMPENSATION

The parties hereto acknowledge the maximum amount to be paid by the County for services provided in Task Order 1 shall not exceed the amount of \$1,180,194.34 including, without limitation, the cost of any subcontractors, consultants, experts or investigators retained pursuant to Professional Design Services Agreement.

All other terms and conditions of said Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this Amendment effective on the date written above.

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY
AUTHORITY**

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