



SACOG Board of Directors

February 9, 2006

Approval for Consultant Contract for Universal Transit Fare Card Feasibility Study

Issue: Award of contract for consulting services for the Universal Transit Fare Card Feasibility Study.

Recommendation: The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with LTK Engineering Services to conduct the Universal Transit Fare Card Feasibility Study.

Committee Action/Discussion: The SACOG Board of Directors authorized the release of a Universal Transit Fare Card Feasibility Study, Sacramento Metropolitan Region, Request for Proposals (RFP) with their approval of the FY 2005/2006 OWP (OWP #06-005-10). SACOG released this RFP on December 6, 2005, and received four proposals by the January 9, 2006, closing date from the following consultants: 1) Acumen Building Enterprises, Inc., 2) Booz Allen Hamilton in association with Koegel & Associates, 3) LTK Engineering Services in association with TranSystems Corporation and The Hoyt Co., and 4) Three Point Consulting, Inc.

The four consultant teams were interviewed on January 31 by a panel comprised of three members of SACOG's Transit Coordinating Committee, one member of the TDM Task Force, and three staff of SACOG's transit team. Panel members ranked the consultants on their proposals and oral interviews. The LTK team received the highest overall score and is the team to which the selection committee recommends to award the contract. SACOG staff presented this recommendation to the Transportation Committee on February 6 and to the Transit Coordinating Committee on February 8 and will ask the Board to award the contract for this study to LTK Engineering Services at the February 16 board meeting. If approved, a Notice to Proceed will be released on February 17 and a contract will be prepared and executed by February 28.

This study will examine the technologies available for a universal transit fare card system, assess how the technology could be adapted to the fourteen operators' current fare systems, and seek to define the costs and benefits for riders and operators. The study intends to identify a path to bring technological advancements in electronic fare collections such as proximity (smart) cards into use here to create a seamless, integrated regional transit network to better facilitate multi-jurisdictional transit trips.

The budget for consultant services is not to exceed \$280,000. The total project budget is \$300,000 of which 75 percent or \$225,000 is funded through a Caltrans Statewide Transit Planning Studies grant program. This study will be completed by December 31, 2006.

Approved by:

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