



Transportation Committee

Item #17-5-5
Action

April 20, 2017

Consultant Request for Proposals for Sacramento-Davis Rail Study

Issue: Should the Board approve the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant assistance with a feasibility study of expanding rail service between Sacramento and Davis?

Recommendation: That the Transportation Committee recommend that the Board: 1) approve the release of a consultant RFP for assistance with a feasibility study for expanding Sacramento-Davis rail service; and 2) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected consultant.

Discussion: In FY 2016/17, SACOG received a Caltrans Strategic Partnership grant award for \$200,000 to conduct a feasibility analysis of short-haul rail service between Sacramento and Davis. The full scope of work includes:

- ridership demand projections;
- analysis of current and future land uses, park-and-ride lots, connectivity options, and station locations to support expanded service;
- technical analysis of existing rail track capacity, rail car, layover, storage, maintenance and station needs;
- estimation of capital, operations and maintenance costs;
- potential funding and institutional/governance models; and
- public outreach.

Besides managing the consultant contract, staff anticipates undertaking some of the elements of the scope of work. However, a consultant with rail-related expertise is needed for more technical operational, infrastructure, capital, maintenance and cost analysis of the feasibility analysis.

The RFP will be released following Board approval. A staff committee will review the submitted proposals, conduct interviews if needed, and make a consultant recommendation. SACOG will then negotiate the final contract with the selected consultant. Costs are fully covered through the Caltrans grant and local match, with the feasibility study anticipated to last six months to a year.

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