



## Transportation Committee

Item #15-9-5  
Action

August 27, 2015

### **Capitol Valley Regional Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (CVR-SAFE) Call Box Modernization Contract Award**

**Issue:** Should the Transportation Committee recommend that the Capitol Valley Regional Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (CVR-SAFE) Board to authorize the CEO to negotiate and award a contract for the Call Box Modernization Project?

**Recommendation:** That the Transportation Committee recommend that the CVR-SAFE Board authorize the CEO to negotiate and award a contract for the Call Box Modernization Project with CASE Systems, Inc.

**Discussion:** The Capitol Valley Regional Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (CVR-SAFE) is tasked with operating and maintaining a motorist aid system of call boxes on freeways and state highways in the counties of El Dorado, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba, and by contract, manages and operates the call box system in Glenn County.

SACOG staff received approval from the CVR-SAFE Board in November 2014 to begin the process of an initial call box removal and modernization project. The Board in April 2015 authorized SACOG to develop and release an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for implementing the modernization of the call box system. This project will reduce the number of call boxes from 1,232 to 590 to better align the system with current usage. All call boxes remaining at the completion of the project will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All remaining call boxes will also have batteries replaced, cabinets painted, and the internal electronics upgraded for operation on the cellular network of Verizon Wireless, approved by the Board as the system-wide network in April 2015.

To develop the IFB, staff worked extensively with legal counsel from Miller & Owen on developing an open set of specifications to assure that this was a non-proprietary bid. TeleTran Tek, as our callbox support vendor, also reviewed the bid document and determined that the CVR-SAFE had gone to extensive lengths to make this project open and biddable for any vendor. The IFB was released on July 10, 2015, with bids due by August 12, 2015.

Thirty-one different companies downloaded the IFB; however, CVR-SAFE only received one bid, from CASE Systems, Inc. Presently in the state of California there are only two large companies providing maintenance services for call boxes. Siemens ITS is the other major call box maintenance vendor. Siemens ITS was directly notified and downloaded a copy of the IFB, but elected not to provide a bid.

The \$1,551,000 bid received from Case Systems is well below the \$1,900,000 authorized for this

project in the April Board action. As described in the CVR-SAFE Strategic Plan, this project will be funded in Fiscal Years 2015/16 and 2016/17 from CVR-SAFE reserves accrued for this purpose. The budget for this fiscal year's portion of the contract was included in the CVR-SAFE 2015/16 budget that was approved by the Board in June 2015.

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