



STAFF REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Regular Meeting of February 13, 2018

TO: Members of the City Council

SUBMITTED BY: Michael Roberts, Public Works Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT: Contract Amendment with Gray Bowen Scott for a Not to Exceed Amount of \$60,500 towards Completion of Efforts to Secure the Commitment from Capitol Corridor for the Hercules Train Stop and On-Call Grant Administration Support Services for the Regional Intermodal Transit Center

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Contract Amendment No.7 with Gray Bowen Scott for a not to exceed amount of \$60,500 (total contract amount \$821,500) to work on securing completion of the required commitments to serve the Hercules Train Stop and provide on-call grant administration support services for the Regional Intermodal Transit Center.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

This contract amendment is fully funded with gas tax monies included in the adopted FY 2017-18 Budget.

DISCUSSION:

In July 2016 Gray Bowen Scott (GBS) was awarded Contract Amendment No.6 in the amount of \$475,000 to secure the required commitments for the Hercules Train Stop and provide on-call grant administration support services for the Regional Intermodal Transit Center. This amendment was funded primarily with a \$400K Measure J Projects grant awarded by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

Since that time, the GBS team including subconsultant Eric Zell and Associates has:

- *Assisted the City in securing \$700,000 for the RITC.* GBS notified the City that the State reinstated funding for the State's Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP). Their facilitation work with Caltrans, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and CCTA resulted in \$700,000 in state funds being allocated for construction of the "Path to Transit".

- *Raised the regional visibility of the RITC:*
 - *Formed an I-80 Congestion Relief Coalition.* This coalition, comprised of both public and private sectors, established an environment in which interested parties can be quickly mobilized to collaborate with the City to champion solutions to address the I-80 traffic congestion problem, while contemporaneously accomplishing the goals of the City's RITC project.
 - *Demonstrated to stakeholders and decisions makers that there is a large constituency that wants Hercules to be served by rail.* Through the theme of "Let's Get I-80 Moving – Add a Train Stop in Hercules", GBS helped educate the public that the Hercules RITC project is the clearest, most efficient relatively near term solution to help address severe Interstate 80 congestion. The "Let Get I-80 Moving, Get a Train Stop in Hercules" initiative included a Telephone Town Hall, Website and Facebook page. The panel for the telephone town hall included two members of Congress, County Supervisor and the mayors of Hercules and Richmond. The telephone town hall drew a total of 1,271 attendees. Over 330 people have signed up to get involved through the HerculesTrainStop.com website. Facebook posts have generated over 1,100 reactions from users who have liked, shared, or commented on the content.
- *Raised the visibility of the RITC with CCJPA Board:* Utilizing their Bay Area and Northern California relationships, numerous members of the CCJPA Board, including the Chair and Vice-Chair and representatives from Solano, San Francisco, Sacramento and Yolo Counties have toured the project. In addition, BART representatives who sit on the CCJPA also toured the site. As a result, they have an appreciation of the RITC and its relationship to CCJPA's short and long term goals. At a Board member's request, the City has made two presentations to the CCJPA Board. When the City launched GBS's work plan, GBS learned CCJPA, in developing their Vision Plan, is considering updating their Train Station Policy they adopted in 2006. CCJPA's update of their Train Station Policy could be advantageous to the City. CCJPA's process to update their Train Station Policy is underway.
- *Raised the visibility of the RITC at the State level:* Caltrans Draft 2018 State Rail Plan did not acknowledge a station stop in Hercules. The State's plan is intended to establish principles for prioritizing state investments in rail. GBS developed the City's comments on the Draft 2018 State Rail Plan. Through GBS's efforts, CCTA and the East Bay Leadership Council, an east bay business organization, submitted comments to Caltrans that complement the City's efforts.
- *Quantified and documented the regional benefits of the RITC:* The GBS team created communication materials and a Project Fact Sheet which can be used in presentations, left with policy officials/ key stakeholders and used in grant applications.
- *Optimized the City's Project Funding Plan to maximize the use of grant funds to take advantage of the infusion of TCRP funds.*

Based upon the progress made to date, over the next few months the GBS team and City staff anticipate meeting with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) staff and participating in Board discussions on their Train Station Policy update in order to secure a commitment for the stop in Hercules. A total of \$50K of this contract amendment is to support this effort.

Regarding on-call grant support services, with assistance from GBS the City has successfully secured \$20.5M in regional, state, and federal grants to date for the RITC and been reimbursed for \$20.0M. The remaining \$500K has been invoiced and the City is awaiting reimbursement. A total of \$51M is needed to complete the infrastructure required for the train to stop. With the \$ 60,500 in this contract amendment, GBS will assist the City in applying for and administering future grants to close this funding gap. This contract amendment will provide the needed on-call grant support services through June 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Amendment No. 7
3. Scope of Work for Amendment No. 7
4. Public Outreach Materials

Financial Impact

Description:

Expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$60,500 to be fully funded with Gas Tax funds.

Funding Source: Gas Tax Funds 262-5432-642-05-20

Budget Recap:

Total Estimated cost:	\$ 60,500	New Revenue:	\$
Amount Budgeted:	\$60,500	Lost Revenue:	\$
New funding required:	\$	New Personnel:	\$
Council Policy Change:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		