

# STAFF REPORT

## City of Lancaster

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Date: May 13, 2014

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Professional Services Agreement – Preparation of Scoping and Project Report for SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue K Interchange**

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### **Recommendation:**

Approve a professional services agreement with TRC Solutions, Inc. of Irvine, California in the amount of \$273,885.71, with a 5% contingency, to develop the project initiation documents (PID) and produce the Project Study Report (PSR) for the PWCP 13-018, SR-138 (SR-14) and Avenue K Interchange project. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents. The consultant selection process was made in accordance with Government Codes 4526 and 53060.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

\$287,580.00 (including 5% contingency); sufficient funds are available in Capital Improvements Budget Account No. 210-15BR004-924.

### **Background:**

The March 2012 California Transportation Commission's (CTC) adoption of the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) provided an additional \$82.2 million to fund the SR-138 widening from Pearblossom Avenue to SR-18. As a result, Measure R funds can fund additional projects that can enhance capacity in other locations along the SR-138 corridor.

Metro staff has been working with the North County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) consisting of the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, the County of Los Angeles, and the City of Santa Clarita to evaluate and develop a priority list of projects on the SR-138 corridor following the Board's eligibility requirements for highway operational improvements.

At its June 28, 2012 meeting, Metro Board approved a motion to include the SR-138 Capacity Enhancements as a subregional "equity" fund. At its September 19, 2012 meeting, Metro Board approved additional SR-138 project list and funding allocations for the Measure R SR-138 Capacity Enhancements. Eleven projects were identified for a cumulative total of \$200 million. *This amount is expected to fully fund the projects.*

Four of the eleven bridges to receive Measure R funding are in the City of Lancaster and include the interchanges at Avenue G, Avenue J, Avenue K, and Avenue L. In addition, the list includes the Avenue M interchange that falls within the City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, and County of Los Angeles.

On March 8, 2013, Metro executed Funding Agreement #MOU.MR330.02, for the SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue K Interchange, granting \$15 million dollars *to fund all phases of the project* from project initiation documents through construction of interchange improvements, as well as, local street improvements on Avenue K from 10<sup>th</sup> Street West to 20<sup>th</sup> Street West and on 15<sup>th</sup> Street West between Avenue K and Avenue J-8.

The Finance Department, Purchasing Division, solicited qualifications through a Request for Proposals (RFP) from professional consulting firms. RFP 577-14 for Preparation of Scoping and Project Report, Environmental Document, Plans Specifications and Estimate for SR-138 (SR-14) Avenue K Interchange was posted on the publicpurchase.com website (<http://publicpurchase.com/gems/cityoflancaster.ca/buyer/public/home>) on August 6, 2013. Cathy DeFalco, Operations Manager, Procurement and Contracts, managed the procurement process.

The RFP included a description of services requested, Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) submittal requirements, local preference criteria, consultant selection process, and other additional information. Thirty-six companies accessed the RFP and SOQs were received from the following:

1. AECOM of Palmdale, CA
2. CH2M Hill of Santa Ana, CA
3. KOA Corporation of Monterey Park, CA
4. Psomas of Santa Clarita, CA
5. TRC Solutions, Inc. of Irvine, CA

As stated in the RFP, the City used a qualifications based selection process. SOQs were evaluated and scored as follows:

1. Proposal and specific experience of Program/Project Manager (35 points)
2. Project understanding and approach (25 points)
3. Consultant experience with similar types of projects (15 points)
4. Satisfaction of previous clients (15 points)
5. Compliance with City's local preference (10 points)

SOQs were submitted on September 4, 2014, without fee schedules. SOQs were evaluated by a committee based on qualifications and scored as described in the RFP. The committee of five consisted of four City Staff and the Measure R Program/Project Management Consultant. Following proposal evaluation, four (4) firms were interviewed by the same committee. The interview included a short presentation by each firm, four predetermined questions, and specific proposal/presentation questions. Firms were scored on their presentation, responses to questions and conduct, a total of 100 points possible. Final Consultant ranking was calculated by averaging the SOQ evaluation score and the interview score.

TRC Solutions, Inc. (TRC) ranked No. 1 at the end of the selection process. The firm's experience in processing interchange projects through all Caltrans phases, strong leadership, District 7 relationships, understanding of project complexity and importance of interchange, as well as, local improvements at this heavily used corridor, and understanding of the City's direction towards complete streets and the desire for context sensitive solutions supports the recommendation to retain the services of the selected firm.

This professional services agreement is for the Planning Phase (PSR-PDS). Professional services for the remaining Environmental Phase (PA&ED) and Design Phase (PS&E) are to be awarded separately.

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**Attachment:**  
Agreement