



DATE: May 28, 2010  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Janet Adams, Deputy Executive Director/ Director of Projects  
RE: Public Private Partnership Feasibility Study

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**Background:**

In May 2010, the STA Board approved the STA's Overall Work Plan (OWP) which included a Feasibility Study for Public Private Partnership (P3). A P3 is partnership between a public agency and a private company for the mutual benefit of both parties. An example of a traditional P3 would be the Route 91 Toll Facility in Orange County. This facility was designed and constructed by a private company in partnership with Caltrans. The private company then charged tolls to vehicles for use of the facility as the means to recoup the upfront financial cost to construct the roadway. For Solano County, this focus will be on several transit facilities that are not currently fully funded. The intent is to explore traditional P3s, but also look at more global opportunities around the transit facilities to attract a private company to invest.

**Discussion:**

The first step in beginning the Feasibility Study is to hire a Project Manager (PM) with expertise in innovative financing opportunities and transit facilities. Nancy Whelan Consulting (NWC) does have these skills and has worked extensively with the STA for a number of years. She is currently working with the Solano County Transit (SolTrans) Management Committee and has been providing similar services to the Transbay Terminal Joint Powers Agency (JPA). STA staff is planning to contract with her for an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000 for the PM services for P3 Feasibility Study.

Once under contract, the PM will engage all the cities and the county to refine the scope of the Study and to determine the interest in participation. A consultant firm will be contracted with through the Request for Proposal forum. The consultant is expected to be on board in the fall 2010.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The total cost for the Feasibility Study is \$150,000 funded by State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF). The Project Manager cost is for an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000 with the remaining funds for the Study. Funds are available in the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 Budget.

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the Executive Director to:

1. Execute a Project Management contract with Nancy Whelan Consulting for an amount-not-to exceed \$20,000;
2. Release a Request for Proposals for the Public Private Partnership (P3) Feasibility Study; and
3. Enter into a contract for Public Private Partnership (P3) Feasibility Study for an amount not-to-exceed \$130,000.