



DATE: June 2, 2009  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Janet Adams, Deputy Executive Director/Director of Projects  
RE: Award of Construction Contract for the North Connector –  
Phase 2 Project

**Background:**

Consistent with STA Board direction, staff has been proceeding with the implementation for the North Connector Project. In May 2008, the STA Board authorized the Executive Director to advertise one or more construction contracts for the North Connector Project for a total amount not to exceed \$23.3 million, including construction management services. The East Segment of the North Connector Project is currently funded with a combination of funding from Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) funds and Solano County funds. Specific funding for the West End of the North Connector Project will be determined at a future date, consistent with the funding agreement between the City of Fairfield, the County of Solano and STA.

**Discussion:**

As mentioned above, the North Connector Project will be implemented with one or more construction contracts. The first construction contract was the North Connector Phase 1 (Abernathy/I-80) signalization and roadway improvements and the second construction contract was for the demolition of buildings within the Project area. The third portion of the North Connector Project is the North Connector Phase 2, which will include construction of the new Suisun Parkway between Suisun Creek and Abernathy Road, signal installation and ramp improvements for the Chandbourn/12 intersection, and improvements to Suisun Valley Road. The North Connector plans were prepared by BKF Engineers, STA's design engineering consultant. In accordance with legal requirements, the project was advertised in the Contra Costa Times and Daily Republic.

Bids are scheduled to be received and opened on June 16, 2009 at STA offices at the One Harbor Center, Suite 130, Suisun City, CA. The bid date was delayed for one week to provide bidders enough opportunity to fully assess any potential impacts from Addendum No. 5 that was issued late last week. This bid extension was requested by 2 potential bidders. At the July STA Board Meeting, an update will be provided regarding bid opening. Should the Board choose to wait until the July Board meeting to approve the Resolution for this Project, then the start of construction of this Project would be delayed by three weeks.

The Engineer's Estimate for the North Connector – Phase 2 project is \$20,840,000. The project budget will include a contingency of 15% of the bid amount to cover required contract change orders.

Once staff has verified that all the contract-related documents, such as bonds and insurance certificates, are in order as required by the contract, the Executive Director will award the North Connector – Phase 2 project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The project budget will include a contingency of 15% of the bid amount to cover required contract change orders.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The costs for the construction contract and construction administration for the North Connector –Phase 2 will be funded with Regional Measure 2 (RM2) funds.

**Recommendation:**

Approve the following:

1. The North Connector –North Connector Phase 2 Contract, Notice to Contractors and Special Provisions, including issued Addenda Nos. 1 through 6;
2. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to sign the contract on behalf of the STA Board subject to:
  - a. The contract amount being within the Engineer's estimate of costs for the project, to wit: an amount not to exceed \$20,840,000.00, and
  - b. The Executive Director or his designee having reviewed and found sufficient all required documents, including the contract signed by the contractor with all required surety bonds and certificates of insurance, and such other documents required under the contract.
3. Resolution No. 2009-13 for the North Connector –Phase 2 Contract

Attachment:

- A. Resolution No. 2009-13 for the North Connector –Phase 2 Contract