

**To:** Planning, Marketing & Legislative Committee

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**From:** Ruby Horta, Asst. General Manager - Administration

**Reviewed by:** WC.

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**SUBJECT: East County Dynamic Personal Micro Transit (DPMT)**

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### **Background:**

Several new transportation service models have been presented to various jurisdictions around the Bay Area. From Lime bikes and scooters to autonomous vehicles, there is a large range of potential mobility solutions that can support and/or replace traditional transit. In the Spring of 2021, the cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, and Pittsburg completed the East County DPMT Feasibility Study (Study) to support a potential micro-transit deployment with autonomous vehicles in East Contra Costa County. The goals of the project are to provide increased transit accessibility, improve connections to the existing transit network, increase transit options for residents and workers, assure economic development, and attract employers.

Since 2021, Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) and East Contra Costa Transit Authority (TriDelta) developed a process to solicit a Developer Team that may be able to advance the East County DPMT project using public/private partnership (P3) model.

### **Current Project Status:**

The process elicited one Developer Team response from East County Connection Partners (ECCP) – a team comprised of:

- Plenary Americas USA Ltd. – Implementation Partner
- Glydways, Inc. – System Technology Provider
- Flatiron West, Inc. – Lead Construction Contractor
- Circlepoint, Inc. – Environmental Advisor
- InfraStrategies, LLC – Grant Development/Strategic Funding Advisor

Both the CCTA and TriDelta Boards authorized their agencies to enter into a System Pre-Development Agreement (SPDA) with ECCP. The SPDA allows the ECCP, CCTA, and TriDelta to advance the initial three phases of the East County DPMT project as follows:

- Phases 1 and 2 of the work will be performed at risk by the Developer Team with no entitlement to payment from the Authority and ECCTA.
- Phase 3 will be subject to secured funding to complete this phase of the work.

During Phase 1, the Developer Team will identify an initial viable segment for the DPMT project that can be sustainably funded or financed through a combination of likely grant funding sources and ongoing project revenue. Additional activities in Phase 1 include the following:

- Identification of a technology solution
- Development of a funding plan for each phase of the work
- Review and analysis of assumptions made in the Study
- Development of an approach and cost for completing the environmental review of both the initial viable segment and future phases of the project

During Phase 2, the Developer Team will commence environmental scoping and apply for and obtain grant funds necessary to complete Phase 3 and the implementation phase of the project.

During Phase 3, the Developer Team will advance the design of the initial viable segment to 30% and complete the following additional project development activities:

- Advancement of the technology solution
- Support the completion of environmental review
- Completion of an investment grade ridership and revenue analysis

### **Excluded Work**

The SPDA has been established to continue envisioning the project by identifying a viable initial segment, a technology solution and funding plan. Not included in the SPDA, as outlined in the agreement approved by both CCTA and Tridelta, is the “excluded work”. The excluded work includes performing any construction, demolition, installation, or relocation work related to the East County DPMT project. Additionally, any grant and/or funding application, unless otherwise approved by CCTA or TriDelta, is also excluded. Any work pursuant to NEPA or CEQA and submitted to the California Public Contract Code would also be excluded. However, self-funding (by ECCP) the work needed to advance the project would be possible.

### **Financial Implications:**

None, for information only.

### **Recommendation:**

None, for information only.

### **Action Requested:**

None, for information only.

### **Attachments:**

None