

The County Connection



TO: A&F Committee

DATE: July 27, 2011

FROM: Rick Ramacier
General Manager



SUBJECT: Pacheco Transit Hub Project:
Request From CCTA to
Complete Project Design Work

Background

As you know, management of the Pacheco Transit Hub Project will soon be turned over to either the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) or the City of Martinez. To that end, CCTA has requested that County Connection complete the design work for this project to facilitate an orderly and smooth transition of the project from County Connection to either CCTA or Martinez. A letter from the CCTA Executive Director is attached for your reference.

For years, County Connection has been working in partnership with, CCTA, other transit operators, the City of Martinez, and TRANSPAC to build the Pacheco Transit Hub. This project will serve as a key piece to future express bus service and regional carpooling. All of the stakeholders are very interested in this top priority project being completed.

The project has evolved into a complex one that requires an entity with proper experience, expertise, and time to manage it successfully. Thus, for various reasons, it makes good sense to turn over the project to CCTA or Martinez at the appropriate time. Given that the project is about 90% complete in terms of design, the opportune time to turn over the project is upon completion of the design work. This is stated as such in the letter from CCTA.

To date, \$253,239 dollars have been spent on the design, exhausting the General Manager's authority. County Connection's design consultant, Nolte believes it will take another \$59,000 to complete the design work. CCTA staff believes this a reasonable and justified request. The total grant funding available for the entire project started at \$2,821,585 dollars. Both CCTA and Martinez fully understand that the additional \$59,000 would come out the existing grant funds that County Connection will turn over to CCTA or Martinez with the transfer of the project. Both CCTA and Martinez would like County Connection to spend the \$59,000 to complete the design work.

Financial Impact

There is no direct impact to County Connection. Spending an additional \$59,000 to complete the design work will come out of the existing grant sources for the project. Thus, CCTA or Martinez will have \$59,000 less in grant funding to complete the project once it is taken over from County

Connection. The agreement that will be executed transferring the project from County Connection to CCTA or Martinez will state clearly that other than transfer of the existing grant funds to the new project manager, County Connection will be under no obligation to provide, seek, or otherwise help with any additional funding that may be needed to complete the project.

Staff Recommendation

The Pacheco Transit Hub remains a vital project that many key stakeholders want to see completed. The nature of the project has evolved into a complex construction project. Others like CCTA or the City of Martinez are better suited to completing such a project than County Connection is at this time. Thus, either CCTA or Martinez will take the project over. However, it makes the most sense to make the transfer upon completion of the project design work. Thus, staff recommends that County Connection complete the design work and that County Connection spend an additional \$59,000 in project grant funds to do so. Upon completion of the design work, staff recommends that County Connection transfer the project over to CCTA or the City of Martinez. At that time, staff will return to the Board to seek action turning over the project to either CCTA or Martinez.

Action Requested

Staff respectfully requests that the A&F Committee forward a resolution to the Board of Directors authorizing the General Manager to amend its agreement with Nolte to complete the design work for the Pacheco Transit Hub for an amount not to exceed \$65,000. The resolution shall reference that upon completion of the project design work, the project and its grant funds will be turned over to CCTA or the City of Martinez.



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Re: Pacheco Transit Hub – Measure C Project 2210


Dear Mr. ^{Rick}Ramacier:

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) recognizes that the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (County Connection) has been working for several years to develop a transit hub on Caltrans property near the park and ride lot located on Blum Road. This is an important project for the commuters of Contra Costa County and surrounding area. The City of Martinez, CCTA and County Connection staff recently met regarding the progress of the project and plan for completing construction. Caltrans has brought up some new minor comments on the 99% complete plans. County Connection will need to amend their current consultant design contract to address these comments and resubmit to Caltrans for final approval.

County Connection staff is requesting that either CCTA or the City take over the project to manage the construction phase. Their expertise is operating transit facilities, not construction management. The City is considering annexation of the area surrounding the project and would manage the construction phase if it is within City limits. CCTA staff is supportive of such an arrangement. However, if annexation does not occur in a timely fashion, CCTA will accept construction management responsibilities. The project appears to provide adequate funding for Construction, Construction Management and Project Management and includes an adequate contingency.

CCTA encourages the County Connection Board to approve the contract amendment with Nolte VerticalFIVE (NV5) so the project can proceed to the bidding phase.

Sincerely,


Randell H. Iwasaki
Executive Director

Cc: City of Martinez