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MEETING DATE: January 23, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

SUBJECT: Contract No. C3157R-26 - Fire Alarm and Switchgear Replacement Project - Recommendation to Award - Golden Phoenix Construction

Issue

The Authority requires the removal and replacement of the existing Fire Alarm System and electrical switchgear at the Central Maintenance Facility (CMF), located at 1555 N. San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, CA 90065. Both systems contain components that have reached the end of their service life, frequently require repairs, or have otherwise become obsolete, and must therefore be replaced to ensure safety, reliability, and compliance with current standards.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award Contract No. C3157R-26 Fire Alarm and Switchgear Replacement Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Golden Phoenix Construction in the amount of \$1,687,050, consisting of the bid amount of \$1,467,000 plus a 15% contingency of \$220,050.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan Commitments of:

- **Safety Is Foundational:** Replacing aging fire alarm and switchgear infrastructure enhances the safety and security of Metrolink employees and facilities by improving detection, notification, and electrical reliability.
- **Modernizing Business Practices:** This project advances state of good repair goals by

replacing obsolete systems with modern, maintainable, and code-compliant equipment, increasing operational efficiency and reducing unplanned outages.

Background

Contract No. C3157R-26 will replace the fire alarm and electrical switchgear at the CMF, two critical systems ensuring safe and reliable operation of the facility. The existing condition of each of these systems are explained in more detail below.

Fire Alarm Replacement

The existing fire alarm system at the CMF no longer meets current code and technology standards. This project will replace the existing system with a modern, addressable fire alarm and voice evacuation system in accordance with applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requirements. All construction activities will occur while the CMF remains fully operational. This necessitates a carefully managed execution plan with defined phases, precise scheduling, and close coordination with SCRRA Operations and Facilities staff.

Switchboard Replacement

The CMF is served by a primary electrical distribution system that provides power to critical facility operations. The existing electrical switchboards have reached the end of their expected service life and require replacement to support continued safe and reliable operation of the facility. The scope of work includes the replacement of the facility's primary electrical switchboards and associated electrical infrastructure necessary to support long-term operational needs.

Discussion

On August 22, 2025, Staff issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the Fire Alarm & Switchgear Replacement Project for a contract term of 540 calendar days after the Notice to Proceed (NTP) date. The solicitation was posted on the Authority's solicitation system and advertised in publications in the five-member counties. Notices were also sent directly to firms registered in the Authority's online vendor database. Fifty-three firms downloaded the solicitation. Representatives from two interested firms attended the pre-bid meeting and the job walk conducted on September 5, 2025. Four (4) bids were received on the due date of November 7, 2025. This procurement is a rebid of a February 2025 solicitation in which the apparent low bidder was found to be non-responsive due to non-compliance with FTA DBE requirements (49 CFR Part 26).

No.	Contractor	Bid Amount	
1	Golden Phoenix Construction	\$1,467,000	Lowest Responsive, Responsible Bidder
2	RMS Construction	\$1,593,500	
3	Minako America Corporation	\$2,890,000	
4	Waisman Construction	\$3,170,000	

Procurement staff reviewed all bids for responsiveness, responsibility, mathematical accuracy, and compliance with procurement and regulatory requirements. Golden Phoenix Construction met all criteria.

Budget Impact

The amounts for which contract authority is requested are included in the adopted Capital Budget for FY20, FY23, and FY24.

Next Steps

Upon Board approval, Staff will execute a contract and will issue a Notice to Proceed.

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Attachment(s)

[Presentation - Contract No. C3157R-26 Fire Alarm and Switchgear Replacement](#)