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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Donald Filippi, Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: Purchase Orders No. EP246A-26 and EP246B-26 - Specialized Maintenance of Way Equipment - Recommendation to Award - Plasser American Corporation and Knox Kershaw Inc.

Issue

The Authority requires the following Specialized Maintenance-of-Way equipment to support field work along the Authority's Right-of-Way:

- Railroad Production and Switch Tamper
- Dynamic Track Stabilizer
- Ballast Regulator

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award the following Purchase orders in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$4,869,502.75:

1. EP246A-26: Plasser American Corporation - \$4,248,150.02
2. EP246B-26 Knox Kershaw Inc. - \$621,352.73

These Purchase Orders are for the one-time purchase of the Maintenance-of-Way Equipment listed above. This award is subject to resolution of any timely filed protests.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment of:

- **Safety is Foundational:** We will stay on the leading edge by deploying new technologies and processes to enhance the safety and security of our riders, our fellow

employees, and the communities we serve. The Specialized Maintenance-of-Way Equipment will support maintenance work along the Authority's right-of-way and will help the Authority maintain its track infrastructure in a state of good repair.

Background

The Authority's Railroad Production/Switch Tamper, Dynamic Track Stabilizer, and Ballast Regulator equipment have reached the end of their useful service lives. Two of these units were manufactured in 2005 (21 years old), and the Dynamic Track Stabilizer was manufactured in 2009 (17 years old). These machines are equipped with Tier 2 and Tier 3 engines, respectively. Due to their age, declining reliability, and increasing frequency of breakdowns, replacement of this equipment is recommended.

The Railroad Production and Switch Tamper packs the ballast (rocks) tight under the track, aligning the rails back in the correct position. The Dynamic Track Stabilizer shakes everything so tracks settle, interlock and stay strong after repairs and the Ballast Regulator cleans and shapes the rocks neatly.

All three work together to keep train tracks smooth, safe, and ready for trains.

The proposed new maintenance-of-way equipment will be powered by Tier 4 final engines, fueled by renewable diesel and will be used for track maintenance throughout the Authority's system, including yards, tunnels, main tracks and station platforms and high degree super-elevated curves.

Discussion

On September 8, 2025, the Authority issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. EP246-26, seeking bids from qualified firms to provide the requested Specialized Maintenance-of-Way Equipment. The IFB was posted on the Authority's online solicitation portal and notifications were sent to 401 registered firms. The Authority also advertised the IFB in publications in the five-member counties and in diversity newspapers. There were 33 prospective bidders who downloaded the document package. The Authority received and answered 142 questions. Due to the diversity of the requested equipment, Bidders were allowed to submit bids per line item, instead of an all-or-nothing bid structure.

The Authority received three bids by the submission due date of February 19, 2026. Three bids were initially found to be responsive and responsible. The three bids were sent to the Project Manager for a technical review against the Scope of Work. Exceptions to the Scope of Work were required to be submitted and approved prior to the Bid due date. During the technical review, one bid was found non-responsive as the submission did not meet the requirements of the Scope of Work.

The responsive bids are listed on the table below along with the Independent Cost Estimate (ICE).

Description	ICE	Plasser American Corporation	Knox Kershaw Inc.
Railroad Production and Switch Tamper	\$1,939,662.48	\$2,182,618.11	-
Dynamic Track Stabilizer	\$2,091,840.25	\$2,065,531.91	-
Ballast Regulator	\$624,778.51	-	\$621,352.73
Over/Under	-	5.37%	-0.55%

Lowest bidder solicitations are not subject to negotiation. The amount requested for this award is 4.58% above the ICE and was found to be fair and reasonable. Based on the submitted bids it was determined to be in the best interest of the Authority to award a purchase order to each Plasser American Corporation and Knox Kershaw Inc., respectively, as listed above.

Budget Impact

The amounts for which contract authority is requested are included in the Adopted Capital Budgets for FY2024-25 (\$4,869,502.75).

Next Steps

Upon Board approval, Staff will execute the Purchase Orders with Plasser American Corporation and Knox Kershaw Inc.

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Attachment(s)

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