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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

SUBJECT: Contract C3169-26 - Train Wash Upgrade Project - Recommendation to Award - N/S Corporation

Issue

The Authority requires repairs and upgrades to the Train Wash equipment at the Metrolink Central Maintenance Facility (CMF). The existing Train Wash system is not functioning properly and is currently not recycling water. As a result, it must be replaced to ensure safety, operational reliability, and sustainability.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award Contract No. C3169-26 for Train Wash Upgrade Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, N/S Corporation, in the amount of \$769,117.59 plus 10% contingency of \$76,911.76 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$846,029.35.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitments of:

- **Modernizing Business Practices:** We will improve our operational efficiency through transparency, objective metrics and streamlined governance, reducing over-reliance on subsidy while bringing our system into a state of good repair and investing in the development of our employees. This project advances state of good repair goals by replacing nonfunctional and obsolete infrastructure with modern and maintainable equipment which will increase operational efficiency and reduce resource waste.

- **Advancing Key Regional Goals:** We will grow the role of regional rail in addressing climate change, air quality, and other pressing issues by advancing toward zero emissions, making rail a compelling alternative to single-occupant automobiles and advancing equity-focused opportunities for all communities throughout Southern California. This project advances environmental and operational standards and supports sustainable operations, reduces water waste, and reinforces the Authority's commitment to responsible resource management, sustainability, and environmental responsibility.

Background

The Train Wash Facility at the Central Maintenance Facility (CMF) is a critical asset used for routine cleaning and maintenance of rolling stock. Due to its age, environmental exposure, and continuous operation, the system has experienced deterioration and reduced performance.

Currently, the train wash system is not recycling water, and the wastewater discharge does not meet current environmental standard. These deficiencies require corrective upgrades to bring the system to state of good repairs.

The updated project scope includes installation of a new water reclamation system and pH neutralization system, along with associated structural, mechanical, and electrical improvements.

These upgrades will:

- Restore full functionality of the train wash system
- Reduce water consumption by up to 90% through water recycling
- Ensure wastewater discharge meets current environmental standards
- Improve long-term system reliability and maintainability.

Discussion

On January 31, 2026, CPMM staff issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the Train Wash Upgrade Project for a contract term of 270 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed (NTP) date. The solicitation was posted on the Authority's solicitation portal and advertised in publications in the five-member counties. Notices were sent directly to 1,058 vendors registered in the Authority's database. Fifty-one firms downloaded the solicitation. Representatives from two firms attended the in-person pre-bid job walk held on February 11, 2026.

Two bids were received on the due date of April 10, 2026, as follows:

1. N/S Corporation – \$769,117.59
2. Air and Lube Systems, Inc. – \$3,038,664.00

The difference between the two bids is 119.57%. The Project Manager performed a price analysis and determined that N/S Corporation's submitted bid to be fair and reasonable.

Budget Impact

The amounts for which contract authority is requesting are included in the adopted Capital Budget for FY2021 (\$846,029.35), consisting of the bid amount of \$769,117.59 plus 10% contingency of \$76,911.76.

Next Steps

Upon Board approval, Staff will execute the Contract and issue a Notice to Proceed. The project is expected to be completed within 270 calendar days from NTP.

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Attachment(s)

[Presentation - Contract C3169-26 Train Wash Upgrade Project](#)