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MEETING DATE: November 14, 2025

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

SUBJECT: Contract No. C3160-26 - Orange Subdivision Track Rehabilitation Project - Recommendation to Award - Transdev Rail, Inc.

Issue

New installation and/or replacement of various track elements within the Orange Subdivision are required to maintain a state of good repair and maintain the safety and reliability of the existing rail system and supporting infrastructure. A new contract is required through which the various track improvements will be implemented.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award Contract No. C3160-26 - Orange Subdivision Track Rehabilitation Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Transdev Rail, Inc., for \$8,350,002.19 plus 10% contract contingency of \$835,000.22 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$9,185,002.41. This recommendation is subject to the resolution of any timely filed protest.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment of:

- **Safety is Foundational:** We will stay on the leading edge by performing improvements to our track system to enhance the safety of our riders, our fellow employees, and the communities we serve. This contract will reduce train delays and interruptions while increasing safety by maintaining our rail assets in a state of good repair.

Background

The Authority proposes to rehabilitate and replace sections of track infrastructure along various locations on the Orange Subdivision. The Orange Subdivision serves Metrolink's Orange County and Inland Empire - Orange County Lines, Amtrak intercity trains, and BNSF Railway freight trains and is identified as the second most heavily traveled intercity passenger rail corridor in the nation. Work under Contract No. C3160-26 will include track rehabilitation to various elements including track replacement, rail upgrades, tie upgrades, and turnout replacements throughout the Orange Subdivision. These improvements will enhance the safety and reliability of Metrolink's railway system and maintain our rail assets in a state of good repair.

Discussion

On August 19, 2025, the Authority staff issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the Orange Subdivision Track Rehabilitation Project for a contract term of eighteen (18) months. The IFB was posted on the Authority's solicitation portal and advertised in publications in the five-member counties. Notices were sent directly to 1,001 firms registered in the Authority's online vendor database. Forty-five (45) firms downloaded the solicitation. Representatives from eleven (11) firms attended the pre-bid meeting conducted on September 11, and eight (8) firms attended the job walk conducted on September 12. Four (4) bids were received on the October 27 due date. Transdev Rail, Inc. was found to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Its bid amount was 14.07% below the Authority's Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) and, pursuant to price analysis, was found to be fair and reasonable. Bids were evaluated based on the total base bid plus options.

The average of all four bids was \$9,582,895.42, placing our ICE within 1.7% of the average. Our ICE was developed using the average bid pricing from recently awarded IFBs for similar projects. The low bid is considered reasonable for the work to be performed and falls within an acceptable margin below the overall bid average.

Bidder	Amount
Transdev Rail, Inc.	\$8,350,002.19
Balfour Beatty Infrastructure	\$9,374,920.00
DRS Contracting	\$9,376,712.50
Railworks Track Systems, Inc.	\$11,229,947.00
<i>Independent Cost Estimate</i>	<i>\$9,747,405.50</i>

Budget Impact

The amounts for this project have been approved in FY23, FY24, and FY25 capital budgets.

Next Steps

Upon approval by the Board, Staff will execute Contract No. C3160-26 for Orange Subdivision Track Rehabilitation Project Services with Transdev Rail, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed

\$9,185,002.41, and will issue a Notice to Proceed.

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Attachment(s)

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