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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

SUBJECT: Increase Contract Contingency - Contract No. C3153 with Flatiron West, Inc.

Issue

The San Juan Creek Bridge replacement project has been under construction since March 2024 and has seasonal environmental requirements that limit construction activities within the creek to occur between April-September each year. When staff went to obtain the final permit, Orange County Public Works (OCPW) requested changes to the sheet pile wall alignment and has also requested that the Authority's contractor, Flatiron West, Inc. (FWI), procure and install additional sheet pile walls in OCPW right-of-way. The Authority does not have sufficient contract authorization to accommodate OCPW's request and therefore is requesting additional contract contingency to be able to negotiate and issue a change order for this work.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to increase the contract contingency on Contract C3153-24 with Flatiron West, Inc. by 10%, which would increase the contract authority by \$4,198,049 for a new total not-to-exceed contract authority of \$50,376,588.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business commitments of:

- **Safety is Foundational:** SCRRRA will ensure a safe operating environment by replacing the existing San Juan Creek Bridge, which was built in 1917, with a new bridge that will continue serving the LOSSAN Corridor.

- **Advancing Key Regional Goals:** Construction of a new San Juan Creek Bridge is a critical State of Good Repair project that will serve the Orange County and the LOSSAN Corridor for the next 100 years. Also, partnership with OCPW will help the region lower costs by performing improvements under the existing Contract.

Background

The Authority has had an on-going project since 2024 to construct a new bridge over San Juan Creek, move service onto the new bridge, and then demolish the old bridge and build a new substructure for a future bridge. The project was awarded in December 2023 to Flatiron West, Inc. (FWI) for \$41,980,490 with a 10% contingency for a total contract funding authorization of \$46,178,539.

Discussion

During the final permitting process with Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD), which is a department of Orange County Public Works (OCPW), OCPW required the original planned sheet pile wall alignment to be realigned within OCTA's right-of-way. OCPW has also requested that the Authority perform additional improvements, which are funded by OCPW under a cooperative agreement approved by the Board in March 2025. The Authority is currently working on Phase 3 of the project which would demolish the existing bridge, build a substructure for a second future bridge, and finish installing sheet piles within OCTA right-of-way. The request from OCPW would be an extension of the existing sheet pile installation and the Authority can accommodate most of the installation without significantly extending FWI's contract. However, due to the environmental permitting requirements on this project, quick action is required.

The original contract contingency for this project has covered change orders associated with the sheet pile realignment within OCTA's Right-Of-Way. Since the Authority does not have available contingency to accommodate OCPW's request, staff is requesting to increase the Contract contingency, so that staff has appropriate Contract authority to negotiate and issue change orders to FWI for ordering and installing sheet piles for OCPW. This project is advantageous for the Authority, OCTA, and OCPW because the Authority already has the environmental permit for this work and would reduce the costs for all agencies as OCPW works towards their ultimate build-out of San Juan Creek.

Budget Impact

All work associated with change orders for completing work in OCPW right-of-way will be funded through a cooperative agreement with OCPW. OCPW will issue deposits prior to each phase of the wall construction and has agreed to funding these in advance of any change orders being executed with FWI. This third-party funding insures no effect on the Metrolink budget.

Next Steps

Following approval of the additional contingency, the Authority will request a deposit from OCPW for the material purchase of sheet pile walls and once the deposit is received a change order will be negotiated with FWI.

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Attachment(s)

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