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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

SUBJECT: Contract No. EP247-26 - Oxnard Accident Car and Out-Of-Service Car Rehabilitation - Recommendation to Award - SYSTRA Canada

Issue

The Authority intends to rehabilitate 19 coach and cab railcars that are currently out-of-service. Four of the cars were heavily damaged in February 2015 in a collision with a truck that resulted in the cars derailing. The other 15 cars are out-of-service due to multiple components that are obsolete, damages due to accidents, or vandalism. The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the cars and return them to revenue service as soon as possible.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Board of Director authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to award Contract No. EP247-26 for Oxnard Accident Car and Out-Of-Service Car Rehabilitation, to SYSTRA Canada in the not-to-exceed amount of \$21,021,924.16. This amount is to rehabilitate up to 19 railcars that are currently long-term out-of-service due to sever accidents, obsolete parts, and/or degraded conditions from long out-of-service dwell times. The 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. This project will rehabilitate out-of-service cars, returning them to a condition safe for revenue service.

- **Customers Are Our Business:** We respect and value our customers, putting them at the heart of all we do, and work hard to attract and retain new customers by understanding their needs and finding new and innovative ways to bring them on board. This project will provide more available equipment to support revenue service capacity.

Background

The Authority owns a total of 258 cab and coach railcars. Of this total, 27 are currently out-of-service (OOS). This project will rehabilitate 19 cars. The base order contains 14 cars, which are out-of-service due obsolete parts, accidents, and vandalism. The project also includes options to rehabilitate five additional cars, four of which were involved in the Oxnard accident of 2015. The remaining eight OOS cars are currently being rehabilitated by separate contract EP244-25.

Discussion

On August 21, 2025, the Authority issued Request for Proposal (RFP) No. EP247-25 for the Oxnard Accident Car and Out-Of-Service Car Rehabilitation. The RFP was posted on the Authority's online procurement portal and notifications were sent to 1,690 registered firms. The Authority also advertised the RFP in publications in the five member counties and in diversity newspapers. 34 prospective proposers viewed the RFP on the procurement portal. Of those, only 13 are classified as primes, the other 21 are classified as subcontractors or suppliers. Four prospective proposers attended the virtual Pre-Proposal Conference held on August 28, 2025. There were several job walks held. The first job walk was conducted September 8th - 19th. At the request of multiple prospective proposers, a second walk was conducted November 3rd and 7th.

This capital project is funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), resulting in additional procurement requirements, including that the selected contractor be listed as an approved Transit Vehicle Manufacturer (TVM) published by FTA.

The Authority received a single proposal from SYSTRA Canada (SYSTRA) by the submission date of January 21, 2026, which was found to be responsive and responsible. Staff completed post-solicitation research among the prospective proposers and found that five of the prospective prime proposers were FTA approved TVMs. Two declined to offer a proposal, one based on its own assessment that not all the railcars are repairable and wanted to offer an alternative approach along with equipment leasing. Two firms do not specialize in rail vehicles and thus did not propose as the scope of this RFP is beyond their area of expertise. One firm did not respond to the market research request.

Negotiations with SYSTRA began on March 26, 2026 and were primarily focused on how to address the likelihood of additional efforts required to repair unforeseen structural deficiencies of the cars due to accident damage or obsolete parts that have not yet been identified as part of the pre-bid site inspections. SYSTRA's original bid proposal totaled \$16,170,710.89 for inspection/engineering costs and repair of 19 cars. To address the potential for additional repairs required due to unknown deficiencies, Staff determined that including additional contingency in the contract authorization was justified. Due the high likelihood unforeseen

items needing to be addressed, a contingency of 30%, equaling \$4,851,213.27 was included in the contract, resulting in a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$21,021,924.16. In addition to including a contingency, Staff structured the contract to complete a base order of 14 cars first, with option orders available to address the remaining five, most damaged cars if budget allows.

	Independent Cost Estimate	SYSTRA Canada
Inspection/Engineering Cost	\$4,794,095.57	\$3,568,538.72
Repair Costs	\$12,646,979.38	\$12,602,172.17
Contingency	\$6,045,516.24	\$4,851,213.27
Total	\$23,486,591.18	\$21,021,924.16
Over/Under	-	-10.49%

The proposal from SYSTRA, including the 30% contingency amount added by Staff, is 10.49% below the Independent Cost Estimate and found to be fair and reasonable.

Budget Impact

The contract amount of \$21,021,924.16 for this project is included in the FY23 and FY25 Capital Budgets adopted by the SCRRA Board of Directors as well as reprogrammable capital budget for this specific project.

Next Steps

Upon approval by the Board, Staff will execute the contract with SYSTRA and issue a Notice to Proceed for the base order of 14 cars.

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Attachment(s)

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