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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery
Tom Schamber, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Contract No. C3167-26 - SCORE Marengo and Rancho Siding
Extension Projects Construction - Recommendation to Award
- Granite Construction Company

Issue

Approval is required to award Contract C3167-26 to Granite Construction for the construction of the SCORE Marengo and Rancho Siding Extension projects.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award Contract No. C3167-26 for the construction of the SCORE Marengo & Rancho Siding Extension Projects to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Granite Construction Company, for \$51,502,175 plus 5% contract contingency of \$2,575,108.75 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$54,077,283.75. The recommendation is subject to the resolution of any timely filed protest.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment of:

- **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. Construction of the SCORE Marengo and Rancho Siding Extension Projects is critical to capacity expansion on the San Gabriel Subdivision, providing opportunities for more frequent and flexible future service.

Background

The Marengo Siding Extension Project & Rancho Siding Extension Project are two projects within SCRRA's Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) program, which aims to improve the railroad network infrastructure and systems so as to increase service throughout the territory, meet the ridership demands of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics and Paralympics, provide connectivity to other public transit systems and allow Metrolink to become a truly regional railroad for the future.

The Authority, utilizing Transit and Intercity Rail Program (TIRCP) funding managed by the State (Caltrans), proposes to extend the existing Marengo Siding track by approximately 3500 feet eastwards, between Mile Posts 2.1 and 3.1 and the existing Rancho Siding track by approximately 4500 feet westwards, between Mile Posts 39.3 and 40.2, on the Authority's San Bernardino Line.

The projects will improve efficiency, journey time and capacity on the San Bernardino Line, which serves Metrolink passenger trains (operated by SCRRA) daily between Los Angeles Union Station and San Bernardino.

The two projects have been combined together for construction under one contract to create cost and time efficiencies through reduced staff, contractor and consultant management requirements, more efficient use of subcontractors and equipment, reduced site mobilization costs and potential economies in pricing through larger material purchases.

Discussion

On February 6, 2026, Authority Procurement staff released exclusively to the pre-approved list of eleven General Engineering (Class A) contractors (approved by the Board of Directors on March 29, 2024 following the Request for Qualifications solicitation for Capital construction projects), an Invitation for Bid (IFB) C3167-26 for the construction of the SCORE Marengo Siding & Rancho Siding Extension Projects, for a contract term of nineteen months. A pre-bid meeting was held on February 18, 2026, which included a virtual job walk video, with an in-person job walk held on February 28, 2026. Four bids were received on the closing date of May 8, 2026.

Granite Construction Company was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid amount of \$51,502,175, being 39% above the Authority's Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) of \$37,129,617. Upon receiving the bid results, Authority and consultant staff analyzed the original cost estimate against the construction rates for the proposals received, additionally comparing these with recent bid prices for other similar scope projects in Southern California to determine if the bid offered reasonable value.

Staff concluded that several factors contributed to the bids exceeding the ICE. The escalation factors utilized by design consultant for the ICE were found to be too low, not accounting for current market instability and general risk uncertainty. Material cost escalations have been

particularly volatile with some track and signal components almost doubling in recent years. Also, due to the number of construction projects occurring in the Southern California region, contractors are concerned about potential labor shortages that may lead to premium pay in order to obtain qualified workers. Based upon this analysis the low bid is considered fair and reasonable for the work to be performed.

Bidder	Total Amount
Granite Construction Company	\$51,502,175
Balfour Beatty Infrastructure	\$56,336,586
Stacy and Witbeck, Inc.	\$63,679,015
Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.	\$71,079,167

Budget Impact

The amount for which the contract authority is requested is \$54,077,283.75 (including a 5% contingency) which is included in the Adopted SCORE Program Capital Budget FY 2026-2027 and funded with TIRCP funds granted by CalSTA through SCORE.

Next Steps

Upon approval by the Board and expiration of the protest period, Staff will issue the Notice of Award, the Chief Executive Officer will execute Contract No. C3167-26 for construction of the SCORE Marengo Siding & Rancho Siding Extension Projects with Granite Construction Company, in an amount not-to-exceed \$51,502,175 and Staff will issue a Limited Notice to Proceed to the Contractor.

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Attachment(s)

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