

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



ABAG

To: Administrative Committee
Fr: Kenneth Moy 
Dt: March 30, 2011
Re: EIR for RTP/SCS – Selection of Consultant

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Summary: ABAG and MTC staff received and reviewed a proposal from the firm of Dyett & Bhatia to prepare the environmental impact report (EIR) for the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The firm is qualified, the proposal is responsive and the cost is within budget. MTC will bear the entire cost for the preparation of the EIR.

Requested Action: Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee to execute a contract with Dyett & Bhatia for the preparation of the EIR for the RTP/SCS, and any other actions reasonably necessary to do so.

Background: ABAG and MTC are jointly responsible for the preparation of the SCS, a component of the RTP. The RTP/SCS is a 'project' under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). ABAG and MTC are jointly responsible as co-lead agencies for the preparation of an EIR examining the RTP/SCS as required under CEQA. MTC has agreed to bear the entire cost of the EIR.

On February 11, 2011, ABAG and MTC jointly issued a request for proposals for a consultant to assist the agencies in the preparation of the EIR. We received only one proposal which was submitted by the firm of Dyett & Bhatia headquartered in San Francisco. The firm has prepared nearly all of the EIRs for the Bay Area's RTP since 1994 as well as EIRs for the general plans of several Bay Area cities. The firm also provides land use, transportations and resource management consulting services to public entities.

The proposal was reviewed by a panel consisting of the one staff person from each of the two agencies, a staff representative from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), and one staff representative from each of the following groups: congestion management agencies and local jurisdictions. The review panel concluded that Dyett & Bhatia is well qualified to perform the work and that the proposal was responsive. The proposed cost is Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) which is within the preliminary budget prepared by MTC.

Upon authorization from the Administrative Committee and MTC's Administrative Committee, ABAG and MTC will jointly enter into a contract with Dyett and Bhatia to perform the work.

