

Subject	Authorization to Issue Notice to Proceed and Negotiate a Contract with the Selected CTP EIR Consultant
Summary of Issues	On December 6, 2007, the Authority released Request for Proposal (RFP) 07-5 to retain a qualified consultant to prepare environmental analysis for the 2008 Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The RFP assumed that this work would involve the preparation of a full, program-level EIR that covers the adoption of the CTP, including the adoption of updates to the Action Plans. The Authority received two proposals by the due date. The selection panel, made up of three local agency staff and one Authority staff member, reviewed and rated the proposals and has recommended the selection of Dyett & Bhatia to do this work.
Recommendations	Authorize staff to begin contract negotiations with the selected consultant to prepare the environmental review document for the 2008 Countywide Transportation Plan and authorize a Notice to Proceed in the amount of \$15,000.
Financial Implications	The Regional Transportation Planning and Growth Management fund (Org. 9591) includes \$125,000 for this fiscal year for this work. Additional funds may need to be budgeted for FY 2008–9 depending on the results of contract negotiations.
Options	
Attachments	N/A
Changes from Committee	<i>The Planning Committee approved the selection panel’s recommendation of contracting with Dyett & Bhatia to provide consultant support for required CEQA analysis for the 2008 Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan</i>

Background

On December 6, 2007, the Authority released Request for Proposal (RFP) 07-5 to retain a qualified consultant to prepare environmental analysis for the 2008 Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). Authority staff expects that this work will include the preparation of a full, program-level EIR. This document would assess the impacts of the adoption of the 2008 CTP including updates to the Action Plans for Routes of Regional Significance.

The Authority received proposals from two firms, PMC and Dyett & Bhatia, by the January 10, 2008 due date. PMC included a subconsultant on their proposed team for the analysis of potential impacts on air quality and noise (Ambient Air Quality and Noise) while Dyett & Bhatia included DKS Associates for the analysis of transportation impacts.

PMC is based in Rancho Cordova but with offices in Oakland, Chico, Davis, Tempe, Spokane and other locations. The firm's services include long-range planning, agency staffing, urban design, and municipal finance as well as environmental analysis. It has worked or is working on EIRs for transportation plans or circulation elements for the City of Alameda, Plumas County and SCAG. Dyett & Bhatia, based in San Francisco, provides a similar set of services though they emphasize zoning and regional planning to a greater extent and do not generally provide agency staffing. They have been involved in supporting Authority planning and growth management work since the beginning of Measure C and prepared the environmental documents for the 1995 CTP as well as the 2000 and 2004 updates.

Authority convened a selection panel made up of Casey McCann (City of Brentwood), Pat Roche (Contra Costa County), and John Rudolph (WCCTAC). The Authority's Senior Transportation Planner also reviewed and rated the proposals. The four reviewers, using the criteria described in the RFP, unanimously rated the Dyett & Bhatia proposal the highest by a clear margin. In particular, the reviewers found that their experience with similar projects and with the Authority's planning procedures.

Based on the recommendation of the selection panel, Authority staff is recommending that the Authority approve the selection of the Dyett & Bhatia team for the environmental analysis for the 2008 CTP and issue a Notice to Proceed in the amount of \$15,000.