



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:	October 13, 2015
SUBJECT:	Authorize Technical Services Agreement with Consultant for Shasta Intercity Transportation to Sacramento and Bay Area
AGENDA ITEM:	5-9
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SUMMARY:

SRTA was awarded a grant for a consultant to study the possible expansion of intercity transportation options to airports and passenger rail facilities in Sacramento and the Bay Area. One proposal was received in response to the agency's request for proposals, and staff recommends entering into an agreement with the respondent.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors authorize the executive director to enter into a technical services agreement with The University of the Pacific Center for Business and Policy Research to prepare the *Shasta Intercity Transportation to Sacramento and the Bay Area* study, for a term ending June 30, 2016, not to exceed \$26,700.

DISCUSSION:

SRTA and city of Redding staff have discussed possible expansion of intercity transportation options to airports and passenger rail facilities in Sacramento and the Bay Area. In addition to improving mobility for the general public, reliable connections to state, national, and international markets help grow the local economy. The 2015 RTP identifies expansion of interregional public transportation options as one of the most cost-effective means of reducing vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions.

In April, 2015, the board authorized staff to submit a 2015 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f) grant application for intercity public transit. SRTA received notification of the grant award in July for the *Shasta Intercity Transportation to Sacramento and the Bay Area* study. A request for proposal (RFP) was released in August.

One proposal was received for the intercity transportation study and was determined to be responsive. It is recommended that The University of the Pacific Center for Business and Policy Research, with a cost of \$26,700, prepare the *Shasta Intercity Transportation to Sacramento and Bay Area* study based on reasonableness of cost and an understanding of SRTA's needs and expectations.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may reject the proposal and direct staff to issue a new RFP.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

First Class Shuttle and city of Redding were consulted during development of the grant application and have been advised of the grant award and RFP. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) concurs with the staff recommendation.

FINANCING:

The study is funded entirely by a \$30,000 FTA Section 5311(f) grant. The total consultant contract is not to exceed \$26,700. The balance (\$3,300) is reserved for SRTA staff time for grant administration and project management. The grant award is recommended for amendment into the FY 2015/16 OWP under Work Element 706.02 (see Item 5-8 of this agenda).

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Attachment: Draft Technical Services Agreement with The University of the Pacific Center for Business and Policy Research for *Shasta Intercity Transportation Feasibility Study and Action Plan*
– *Not available for TAC meeting*