

MINUTES

Professional Liaison Meeting

DATE: April 29th, 2010
TIME: 1:00-3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: District 4
111 Grand Avenue
Oakland, CA 94612

CALTRANS STAFF

Balsi, Mark (Analyst, Consultant Services Unit)
Faustino, Marian (Branch Chief, Consultant Services Unit)
Fung, Tom (Contract Manager, Consultant Services Unit)
Hasnat, Abul (Transportation Engineer)
Kang, Joon (Contract Manager, Consultant Services Unit)
McElhinney, Dan (Chief, Deputy District Director)
Nguyen, Trinity (Office Chief, Consultant Services Unit)
Siva, Prakash (Contract Manager, Consultant Services Unit)
Tsang, Kee (Contract Manager, Consultant Services Unit)
Tse, Yanling (Analyst, Consultant Services Unit)
Wilkinson, Paul (Contract Manager, Consultant Services Unit)
Zhang, Xi (Transportation Engineer)

Invited Speaker

Beck, Robert (Senior Program Manager, Transbay Joint Powers Authority)
Lee, Al (Project Manager, Program Project Management)
Neri, John (District 4 Coordinator) DPAC

CONSULTANTS

Abelli-Amen, Bruce (Baseline environmental Consulting)
Aikawa, Mark (CH2MHill)
Alman, Scott (MACTEC)
Barjoud, Sam (ABA Global)
Beattie, Michael (FEHR & PEERS)
Bingham, Jeffery (PARSONS)
Blomquist, Dan (Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.)
Boll, Stephen (Kleinfelder)
Broz, William (Arcadis)
Butcher, Raewyn (Ghirardelli Associates)
Carney, Craig (Harris & Associates)
Castaldo, Steve (Hill International)
Chiu, Julie (Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.)
Christman, Pat (Towill)
Clark, Diana (CIS Inspects)
Collins, John (Vali Cooper & Associates, Inc.)
Creech, Kitty (Davillier-Sloan)
Day, Richard (GEOCON)
Dickerman, Cal (Consolidated Engineering)
DiFrancia, Michele (HNTB)
Feldman, Mark (FEHR & PEERS)
Gaffar, Farida (CALTROP)
Glerum, Andrea (Jacobs)
Gritz, Garrett (RBF Consulting)
Hadaya, William (WMH)
Hammer, James (CALTROP)
Hopkins, Ted (Shannon & Wilson, Inc.)
Jhutti, Sunny (HNTB)
Kim, Jihyoung (Jacobs)
Klim, Terry (DKS Associates)
Kooner, Paul (AELOM)
Krumrei, Edward (Chaudhary & Associates, Inc.)
Lahamnd, Michael (Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.)
Lawrence Harry (RGA Environmental)
Le, Khoi Mai (CHS Consulting Group)
Lehane, Andrew (SHAW)
Leslie, Stephanie (Arcadis)
Liang, Han-Bin (Wreco)
Lindemann, Henry (Acumen Building Enterprise, Inc.)
Lindskog, Curtis (Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure Group)
Makdessi, Simon (RMA Group)
Mendenhall, Steve (PSOMAS)
McManus Terence (Kleinfelder)
Ming-Chen, Yu (AMC Consulting Engineers, Inc.)
Morgan, Kerry (CALTROP)
Morganson, Chuck (HNTB)
Murray, Benjamin (Acumen Building Enterprise)
Murthy, Raj (Hatch Mott MacDonald)
Nadell, Brady (Parsons Brinkerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc.)
Ouren, Heidi (HQE Incorporated)
Nguyen, Tuan (URS)
Park, Jaemin (Ghirardelli)
Patz, Kimberly (Adanta)
Pendergast, Paul (Pendergast & Associates)
Poling, Ellen (Fehr & Peers)
Pugeda, Ismael (Cooper Pugeda Management, Inc.)
Ross, Don (CH2MHILL)
Sarmiento, Grace (Summit Associates)
Sheldon, Tyler (Jacobs)
Shipen, Mark (HDR)
Scott, James (S & C Engineers, Inc.)
Smyth, Nicholas (URS)
Stitt, John (Chaudhary & Associates)
Tanaka, Richard (Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.)
Vincent, Carla (Parsons)
Valavanis, Dena (AMEC)
Vargas, Jesus (VSCE)
Wang, Terence (Ninyo & Moore)
Windle, Beverly (Mendoza)
Wong, Allen (Kal Krishnan)



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Introduction / Executive Staff Address

Trinity Nguyen, Office Chief, Consultant Services Unit (CSU), introduced the CSU Contract Managers, invited the attendees to introduce themselves and introduced Dan McElhinney, Chief Deputy District Director.

The following is a brief summary of the topics covered in Mr. McElhinney's address to the consultants:

- Mr. McElhinney thanked the group for attending and for accommodating the room change, due to the seismic retrofit of the building.
- 60 minutes featured the Bay Bridge retrofit on their 04/25/10 show. The program may be viewed at <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=6430951n>
- The Statewide and District 4 Small Business Council meetings have been rescheduled for every other month, as a matter of cost efficiency.
- The Contract Managers, from the CSU, are tracking the on-call, A&E contracts that currently have no small business utilization. The Contract Managers will personally contact the prime consultants on those contracts, so that opportunities to utilize small businesses are identified.
- Director Iwasaki has accepted a position with the CCTA. The search for his replacement is ongoing.
- D4 Spokesperson, Lauren Wonder left Caltrans for a position in the private sector.
- Michael Miles was named as the D7, District Director.
- Maureen Rehs was named as the new Chief, District 4 office of Budgets.
- The May revision of the 2010-2011 budget is anticipated in the near future.
- Caltrans will implement a new accounting system on July 1, 2010.
- Driver safety along the Bay Bridge S-Curve has increased, as a result of CHP enforcement efforts and the implementation of rumble strips.

Contracting Opportunities:

- Bids for Contract 4, of the Doyle Drive project, were received and the project is progressing.
- The 4th bore of the Caldecott Tunnel project is progressing.
- California Engineering Contractors (CEC) submitted the low bid (\$38 million) for the Antioch Bridge retrofit.
- The outreach for the Dumbarton Bridge retrofit is scheduled for 05/05/10. Participation in the outreach meeting is mandatory.
- During their May vote, the CTC will decide whether to approve the use of P3 on phase 2 of the Doyle Drive project.
- Secretary Bonner may make an appearance on the Oprah Winfrey show (04/30/10), to promote driver safety.
- Toll increases on the bay area bridges will go into effect on 07/01/10.
- The construction of the Bay Bridge Maintenance complex and Gateway Park should provide contracting opportunities.

Q&A:

What is the latest on the Devil's Slide project?

- The project is progressing well and the tunnels are approximately 75% complete.

Mr. McElhinney thanked the group for attending and for all of their hard work with this meeting and the Calmentor program.



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District 4 and Statewide Updates

Mrs. Nguyen introduced members of her staff and informed the group that they may direct any invoice related questions to Marian Faustino (510) 286-5713. Further topics of discussion were continued as follows:

- Enterprise Resources Planning Financial Infrastructure (EFIS), the new Caltrans accounting system, will go into effect on 07/01/10.
- Every vendor will need an account in the system, showing their Tax ID, legal business name, street address, mailing address, and contact information.
- Accounts may be created for the headquarters office and branch offices.
- An account is required in order to receive payments.
- Administration of the accounts will be through a secure internet log-on.
- Each account will have a user-selected user name, password, and challenge questions similar to what is used for online banking.
- Vendors will be able to update their information themselves, through their accounts.
- The meeting minutes from the January 28, 2010 Professional Liaison Meeting were approved.
- The HQ Deputy Director Administration position has been advertised (Susan Hogg is retiring).
- If approved during the 05/03/10 vote, SB-1215 will allow firms to pre-qualify, similar to the CMAS process. Caltrans will then use the list of pre-qualified firms to assign task sized work.

District 4 Contract Updates

Mrs. Nguyen introduced Joon Kang, Contract Manager, CSU, cover information on the Look Ahead Report. The following is a list of topics discussed in that presentation:

- 5 contracts (Surveying, Construction Engineering & Inspection, Hazardous Waste Services and Environmental Clean up) are tentatively scheduled for solicitation between 05/03/10 and 06/14/10.
- Federally funded contracts will contain UDBE requirements. State funded contracts will have DBE and SBE requirements.

Note: Mrs. Nguyen will look into whether it is possible to physically identify the UDBE, DVBE, DBE and SBE goals on the Look Ahead Report

Mrs. Nguyen introduced Al B. Lee, Project Manager, to cover new changes to the Design/Build process. The following is a brief summary of the topics discussed in that presentation:

- Caltrans is issuing a Design/Build contract for ramp metering, at 29 locations in San Mateo County.
- The contract is estimated to be valued at \$9.6 million.
- 16 locations will require new ramp metering equipment.
- 10 locations will utilize previously installed ramp metering equipment.
- 3 locations will require upgrades to the ramp metering signs.
- 2 ramp metering locations will be connected to HOV lanes.
- 13 locations will have newly constructed MPV pull outs.
- 4 locations will have CHP pullouts.
- Procurement will be determined based on best value. Specific information will be available at <http://www.bidsync.com/DPXBisCASB>
- The RFQ is scheduled for May 2010.

Q&A

Will there be any sound wall projects associated with the Design/Build contract?

- Sound wall work is not a part of this contract.



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DPAC Updates

Mrs. Nguyen introduced John Neri, DPAC Liaison (District 4). The following is a brief summary of the topics covered in his address:

- DPAC is in the process of updating and improving the Look Ahead Report.
- Mr. Neri previously served as the DPAC Liaison for District's 8 and 11.
- Mr. Neri may be reached at john_neri@dot.ca.gov
- Currently, there are 4 DPAC coordinators for the entire state. A supervising coordinator position is currently being created and will be filled in the near future.
- DPAC is looking into concerns over sub-consultant payments. DPAC is striving to achieve consistency across the state and transparency.
- There are no new updates related to the Cognizant Audit Program at this time.

Featured Speakers

Mrs. Nguyen introduced Mr. Robert Beck, Senior Program Manager, Transbay Joint Powers Authority. Mr. Beck presented a slide show, which detailed the plans for the new Transbay terminal in San Francisco. The following is a brief summary of the topics covered in that presentation:

- The Transbay Joint Powers Authority was created under State law in April 2001, to extend Caltrain to a new Transbay Transit Center.
- Board members of the TJPA include:
 - San Francisco Mayor's Office Representative
 - The Board of, Supervisors' Representative
 - Executive Director of MTA
 - Alameda-Contra Costa Transit Board Member
 - Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board Member
 - City & County of San Francisco
 - San Mateo County Transit/Caltrain
 - Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
 - Caltrans (non-voting member).
- The design development for the new transit center is complete and Webcor/Obayashi was selected as the Construction Manager / General Contractor.
- The contract for demolishing the existing terminal and ramps was awarded to Evans Brothers.
- The project is employing Adopted Integrated Project Delivery as the contracting approach.
- The new center will accommodate rail traffic and will include retail and a roof top park.
- Tunnel construction is scheduled to begin in 2012 and the transit center is scheduled to open for bus operations in 2017.
- Potentially 100% of the contractors used for utility relocation will be certified SBE's.
- Buttress, shoring, excavation and utility relocation are scheduled to begin in the 2nd quarter of 2010.
- Below grade structure construction and waterproofing will begin in the 1st quarter of 2011.
- DBE goals on the project are advisory. However, the TJPA must report on DBE participation to the Federal Transit Administration.
- SBE goals on the project are mandatory and good faith efforts will be required if the goal is not met.
- TJPA accepts SBE certifications from the CA Dept. of General Services, CA Unified Certification Program (DBE) and the SF Human Rights Commission.
- The TJPA's website is www.transbaycenter.org



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Q&A

How should small businesses integrate into their plans the potential contracting / redevelopment opportunities that will occur adjacent to, and apart from, those opportunities related to building terminal?

- Caltrans is turning over twelve acres of land that will be developed in parallel to the terminal. The TJPA is working in conjunction with the S.F. redevelopment agency on these projects. Contracting information and RFQ's will be available at www.sfra.org

What are the plans for the towers adjacent to the terminal?

- A draft plan for the main tower was been completed in November 2009. An environmental document is in process. Detailed information is available at www.sfra.org

Will development of the 12 acre parcel use federal funding?

- The redevelopment agency will issue the RFQ's, but the projects will not have to be federalized.

Will the MUNI central subway project be combined with the transit terminal project?

- A transfer will be established. However, the two systems will be at different grades.

General Q&A from the Attendees

Mrs. Nguyen informed the group that the July 29, 2010 meeting will include a presentation on the Devil's Slide project. Additionally, she encouraged the group to suggest topics for future meetings. The floor was then opened to general questions.

Q&A:

Will the next meeting be held in the auditorium or the Park View room?

- The next meeting will return to the Park View room. The location of this meeting was switched as a result of the ongoing seismic retrofit of the building.

Is there any information on the District 3 RFQ (Construction Engineering Inspection) that was pulled back?

- Joon Kang, Contract Manager, will look into the matter and get back to the consultant.

Will an announcement regarding Design/Build be sent out to the consultants?

- The Design Build information will be posted on the D4, Look Ahead Report and any new information will be shared with the consultants during future Professional Liaison meetings.

Mrs. Nguyen thanked the meeting attendees and the featured speakers for making the effort to attend the meeting and informed the attendees that they may e-mail any additional questions to her at trinity_nguyen@dot.ca.gov.

**Adjournment & Next Meetings*

NOTE: The next Professional Liaison meeting will be held on July 29, 2010.