

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Reject All Bids Received for LAVTA Bus Shelter Demolition and Movement Project #2017-16

FROM: Jennifer Yeamans, Senior Grants, Project Management & Contract Specialist

DATE: September 11, 2017

Action Requested

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors reject all bids received for the LAVTA Bus Shelter Demolition and Movement Project IFB #2017-16 and direct staff to re-scope the project and issue new a Notice Inviting Sealed Bids as LAVTA Bus Shelter Demolition and Movement Project IFB #2017-17.

Background

The implementation of LAVTA's Comprehensive Operational Analysis in August 2016 realigned the original Rapid route into two new Rapid service alignments, the 10R and the 30R. As a result, some bus stops previously served by the Rapid were either deactivated or now served only by Wheels service, while other locations that had previously had Wheels service now have new Rapid service. In November 2016, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) notified LAVTA staff that the grant to construct the original Rapid facilities was in Inactive status and would be closed out at the end of the current Federal Fiscal Year and the funds deobligated back to FTA unless LAVTA began making significant drawdowns prior to September 30, 2017, of the remaining \$514,619 in FTA grant funds available for expenditure at that time.

According to FTA staff, eligible drawdowns for the remaining grant funds had to be applicable to the Rapid service improvements funded by the original grant. After consultation with FTA, LAVTA staff proposed to draw down the remaining grant balance by relocating four Rapid shelters no longer served by Rapid service to four locations identified on North Canyons Parkway in Livermore that had new Rapid service but did not have Rapid shelters or amenities, and FTA agreed to the proposed scope of work. In April 2017, LAVTA staff engaged the Authority's On-Call Engineering Services consultant to develop plans and specifications for the LAVTA Bus Shelter Demolition and Movement Project and develop an engineer's estimate, thereby beginning to incur eligible expenses on and draw down the grant.

This project encompasses removing Rapid shelters and amenities at the following locations:

- Stoneridge Drive & Foothill Rd. in Pleasanton (stop deactivated)
- Springdale Ave. & Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton (stop no longer served by Rapid)
- West Jack London Blvd. @ Livermore Outlets WB (stop no longer served by Rapid)
- West Jack London Blvd. @ Livermore Outlets EB (stop no longer served by Rapid)

In addition, the project will remove and dispose of old, damaged plexiglass shelters and install the four relocated Rapid-style shelters and amenities at the following locations:

- North Canyons Parkway & Constitution Drive WB (new 30R service post-COA)
- North Canyons Parkway & Constitution Drive EB (new 30R service post-COA)
- North Canyons Parkway & Independence Drive WB (new 30R service post-COA)
- North Canyons Parkway & Independence Drive EB (new 30R service post-COA)

The map in Attachment 1 shows the locations of the work to be performed as described above. LAVTA staff intends to coordinate replacement of non-Rapid shelters/amenities at the three still-active Wheels stops under a separate contract to be procured this fall. Staff’s intent is to coordinate that procurement closely with this project with the goal of providing for the best possible customer experience throughout all phases of the work at all affected locations.

LAVTA’s Procurement Policy mandates the Authority follow a competitive procurement process for award of major contracts. On July 25, 2017, LAVTA released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the LAVTA Bus Shelter Demolition and Movement Project #2017-16, for qualified contractors to bid on the project plans and specifications developed by LAVTA’s project engineer. An optional pre-bid conference was held at the Authority’s Administrative Offices on August 7, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Written Questions or Requests were due on August 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m, and one Addendum was issued with answers to questions received on August 15, 2017. The responses to the IFB were due on August 18, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

Discussion

Three bids were received in accordance with the requirements established in the IFB. The responding firms were:

Company Name	Location	Grand Total Amount
Sposeto Engineering	Livermore, CA	\$790,397.00
FBD Vanguard Construction Inc.	Livermore, CA	\$546,802.50
Cazadoro Construction Inc.	San Francisco, CA	\$576,605.00

LAVTA’s Procurement Policy provides for the right of the Board of Directors to reject all bids received when the bids received are too high and the funds available in the budget are insufficient to cover the amount of the contract if it were awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

In analyzing the bids received and differences from the Engineer’s Estimate, LAVTA staff and the project engineer reviewed the original specifications for the project and identified cost savings that could bring the project within the budget available if re-scoped to reduce the quantities of certain materials and labor line items. As a result, staff is recommending the project be re-bid as IFB #2017-17 in order to identify responsible and responsive bidder(s) who can deliver a re-scoped project within the available budget.

Fiscal Impact

The source of funding for this project includes the current balance of FTA funding awarded to LAVTA for the original Bus Rapid Transit grant. By making eligible drawdowns for related equipment purchases and project engineering activities associated with this project in the current Federal Fiscal Year, LAVTA has reinstated the Active status of the grant with FTA in accordance with their requirements. If LAVTA re-bids the project as IFB #2017-17 and identifies a responsive and responsible low bidder who can deliver the Bus Shelter Demolition and Movement Project within the remaining budget available on the FTA grant, LAVTA will be responsible for providing 20% of the total project costs in Local Matching funds, which are currently budgeted from the agency's Transportation Development Act funds.

Next Steps

If Resolution 31-2017 is approved by the Board of Directors, staff will notify interested parties of the result and will anticipate releasing IFB #2017-17 for LAVTA's Bus Shelter Demolition and Movement Project on September 12, 2017.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board: (1) approve Resolution 31-2017 to reject all bids for the LAVTA Bus Shelter Demolition and Movement Project #2017-16; and (2) direct staff to issue a Notice Inviting Sealed Bids IFB #2017-17 with a revised project scope to solicit responsive and responsible bidders who can deliver an eligible project within the budget available to LAVTA from previously committed FTA and Local Match sources.

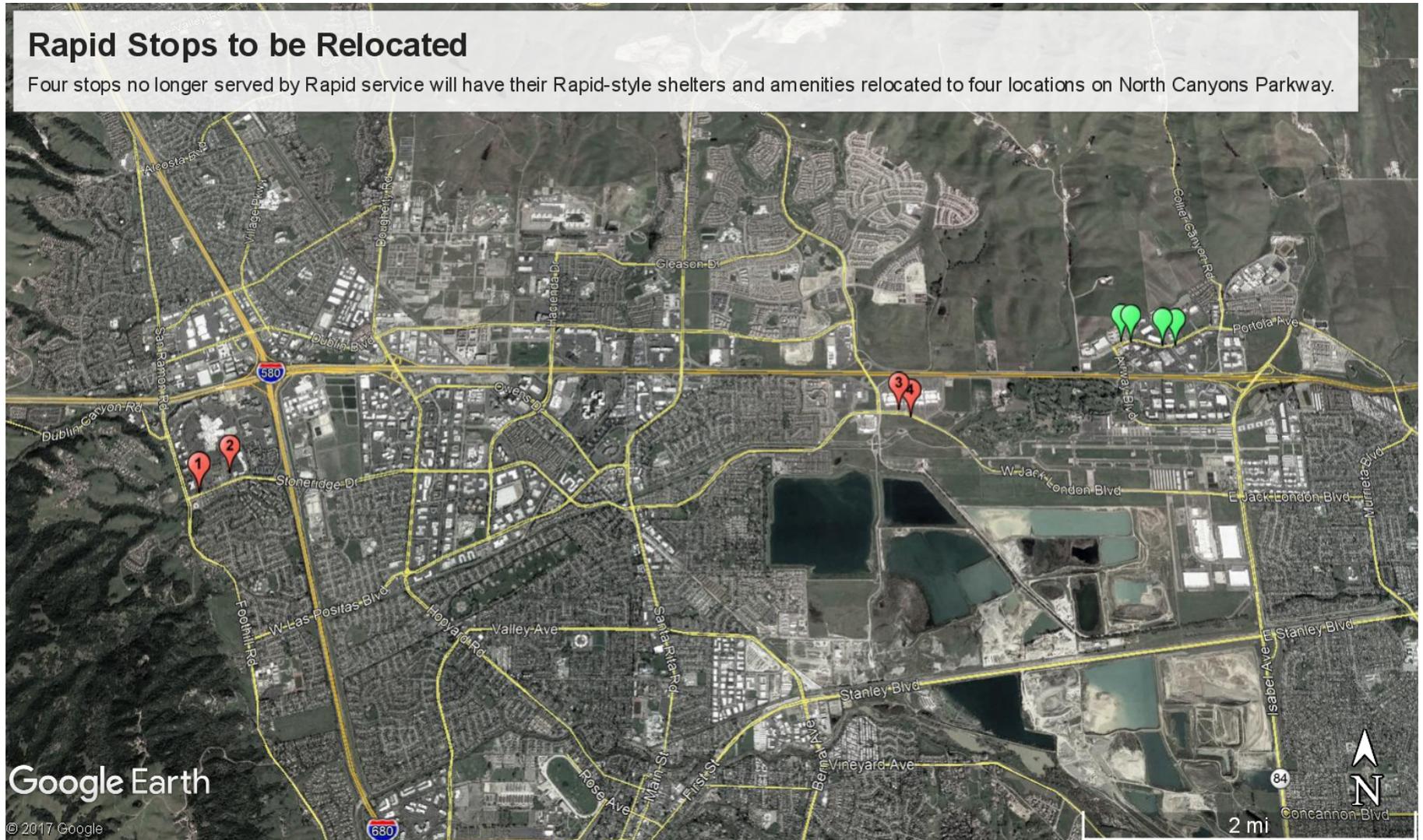
Attachment:

1. Map of bus stop locations
2. Resolution 31-2017

Approved: _____

Rapid Stops to be Relocated

Four stops no longer served by Rapid service will have their Rapid-style shelters and amenities relocated to four locations on North Canyons Parkway.



RESOLUTION NO. 31-2017

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE NORTH CANYONS BUS SHELTER
DEMOLITION AND MOVEMENT PROJECT #2017-16.**

WHEREAS, the Livermore/Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) requires the services of a third party contractor to perform the demolition and movement of bus shelters as described in LAVTA Invitation for Bids (IFB) #2017-16; and

WHEREAS, staff released IFB #2017-16 to solicit bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, three bids were received, all of which were substantially greater than LAVTA's available funds budgeted for the project; and

WHEREAS, LAVTA's Procurement Policy adopted by the Board of Directors as Resolution 19-2006 and as further detailed in LAVTA's Procurement Manual updated July 2015 provides for the right of the Board of Directors to reject all bids in such instances where the bids received were too high and the funds available in the budget are insufficient to cover the amount of the contract if it were awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, staff has analyzed the project scope and bid lists received and identified potential cost savings were the project to be re-scoped; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Board of Directors reject all bids received for IFB #2017-16 and direct staff to re-scope the project and issue a revised Notice Inviting Sealed Bids for the project with the aim of reducing the total cost so that the project may be completed within the budget available to LAVTA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby rejects all bids for the LAVTA Bus Shelter Demolition and Movement Project #2017-16.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of September 2017.

Karla Brown, Chair

ATTEST:

Michael Tree, Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Conneran, Legal Counsel