

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Contract Award for Livermore Transit Center Signs Project #2026-02

FROM: Salomon Abdel-Aziz, Manager of Administrative Services
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DATE: July 6, 2026

Action Requested

Staff recommend that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 35-2026 authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Solves All Engineering to perform the fabrication, installation, and related work necessary to complete the Livermore Transit Center Signs Project (IFB #2026-02) in the amount of \$134,948.00, with a 10% contingency (\$13,494.80) for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$148,442.80, and that the Board authorize the LAVTA Executive Director to finalize all details and execute said Agreement between LAVTA and Solves All Engineering.

Background

The Livermore Transit Center serves as a primary hub for transit operations and passenger activity. Clear, durable, and accessible signage is essential to ensure efficient navigation, improve customer satisfaction, and maintain compliance with applicable standards.

This project addresses identified signage improvements to modernize the facility and support ongoing transit service enhancements.

Discussion

LAVTA's Procurement Policy including applicable requirements for Federally funded projects, mandates the Authority follow a competitive procurement process for award of significant construction contracts, and award such contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

On May 4, 2026, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) issued Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 2026-02 for the Livermore Transit Center Signs Project. The solicitation invited qualified contractors to submit bids based on the project plans and specifications developed by LAVTA's project engineer, Kimley-Horn.

The IFB was publicly advertised in accordance with LAVTA's Procurement Policy and applicable provisions of the California Public Contract Code. The solicitation documents included detailed specifications for the fabrication, delivery, and installation of transit center signage, as well as bidder qualification requirements, bonding requirements, and standard contract terms and conditions. The project was posted on LAVTA's Bonfire online procurement portal and

advertised in Transit Talent to ensure broad vendor outreach. A highly recommended pre-bid meeting was held on May 18, 2026, to provide prospective bidders with an overview of the project scope and site conditions.

Bids were due on June 8, 2026, and a total of five (5) bids were received by the deadline. All bids were publicly opened and read aloud in accordance with LAVTA procedures.

Following the bid opening, staff conducted a comprehensive review of all submissions to determine responsiveness to IFB requirements. This review included verification of the completeness of bid forms, acknowledgment of addenda, contractor licensing, bonding, and conformance with the technical specifications outlined in the solicitation.

The responding firms were:

Company Name	Location	Grand Total Amount
Arrow Sign Company	Oakland, CA	\$265,258.00
Complete Signs	Dothan, AL	\$67,964.00
CWS Construction Group, Inc.	Novato, CA	\$440,953.00
Solves All Engineering	Oakdale, CA	\$134,948.00
Square Signs LLC dba Front Signs	Burbank, CA	\$138,000.00

The lowest apparent bidder, Complete Signs, submitted a bid in the amount of \$67,964.00. However, upon review, the bid was determined to be non-responsive due to failure to meet material requirements of the Invitation for Bids and was therefore deemed ineligible for award.

Following this determination, the next lowest bidder, Solves All Engineering, was reviewed and found to be responsive and responsible by LAVTA staff. The firm demonstrated the necessary qualifications, experience, and capacity to successfully perform the work in accordance with the project specifications. References for similar signage fabrication and installation projects were reviewed and found to be satisfactory.

Solves All Engineering has affirmed its ability to comply with all contract requirements, including applicable labor, licensing, and bonding requirements.

Fiscal Impact

Staff conducted a price analysis and determined that the bid submitted by Solves All Engineering is both fair and reasonable. The contract amount is \$134,948.00. Staff recommend a 10% contingency in the amount of \$13,494.80, for a total not-to-exceed project amount of \$148,442.80. Funding for this project, including FTA 5339 formula funding, is included in LAVTA's FY2026–2027 Capital Budget under the Livermore Transit Center rehabilitation and improvements program. The project cost is within the approved budget allocation.

Next Steps

Upon execution of the Agreement with Solves All Engineering, LAVTA will issue a Notice to Proceed (NTP). The project is anticipated to be completed within 180 days from the issuance of the NTP.

Recommendation

Staff recommend the Board approve Resolution 35-2026, authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Solves All Engineering for the Livermore Transit Center Signs Project in the amount of \$134,948.00, with an additional 10% project contingency in the amount of \$13,494.80 to be used at the discretion of the Executive Director, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$148,442.80.

Attachments:

- 1.Resolution 35-2026
- 2.Attachment 2 Design Rendering

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2026**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SOLVES ALL ENGINEERING FOR THE
LIVERMORE TRANSIT CENTER SIGNS PROJECT (#2026-02)**

WHEREAS, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) issued Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 2026-02 on May 4, 2026, for the Livermore Transit Center Signs Project; and

WHEREAS, the project includes the fabrication, delivery, and installation of signage improvements at the Livermore Transit Center to enhance passenger wayfinding, accessibility, and overall customer experience; and

WHEREAS, the IFB was publicly advertised in accordance with LAVTA's Procurement Policy and applicable provisions of the California Public Contract Code, and five (5) bids were received on June 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the lowest apparent bidder, Complete Signs, was determined to be non-responsive to the requirements of the solicitation and therefore deemed ineligible for award; and

WHEREAS, Solves All Engineering was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, meeting all material requirements of the solicitation and demonstrating the qualifications and experience necessary to successfully perform the work; and

WHEREAS, the total contract amount for the project is \$134,948.00, and staff recommends a 10% contingency in the amount of \$13,494.80, for a total not-to-exceed project amount of \$148,442.80; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding for this project is included in LAVTA's FY2026-2027 Capital Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority does hereby:

1. Award a contract to Solves All Engineering, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the Livermore Transit Center Signs Project (#2026-02) in the amount of \$134,948.00; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the Agreement with Solves All Engineering and to finalize all necessary documents related to the contract; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to issue a Notice to Proceed (NTP) upon execution of the Agreement; and

4. Approve a project contingency in the amount of \$13,494.80 (10%), to be used at the discretion of the Executive Director to address unforeseen conditions or necessary changes within the scope of the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of July 2026.

David Haubert, Chair

ATTEST:

Christy Wegener, Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Conneran, Legal Counsel

