


Date: August 7, 2006Committee Meeting Date: August 17, 2006Board Meeting Date: August 31, 2006**BOARD MEMORANDUM**ACTION X DISCUSSION INFO

TO: Administration and Finance Committee
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns
General Manager

FROM: Jack J. Collins 
Chief Construction Officer

SUBJECT: 1996 Measure B Transportation Improvement Program – Route 85/101 North Interchange Highway Planting Construction Contract Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$1,859,967 with Watkin & Bortolussi, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, for construction of the Route 85/101 North Interchange Highway Planting project, a 1996 Measure B Transportation Improvement Program (MBTIP) project.

BACKGROUND:

The 1996 MBTIP includes the Route 85/101 North Interchange Project in the City of Mountain View. Construction has been completed providing freeway operational improvements in the vicinity of the freeway interchanges at Old Middlefield Way, North Shoreline Boulevard, and Moffett Boulevard, in addition to constructing a new High Occupancy Vehicle direct connector between Route 85 and Route 101. The remaining project work is highway planting to restore and augment landscaping impacted by highway construction. The contract consists of clearing and preparing planting areas, providing and installing planting materials, installation of automatic irrigation systems, and maintaining plants to ensure establishment over a three-year period.

Construction of this project is scheduled to begin in September 2006, subject to Board approval to execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder at the August 31, 2006 VTA Board of Directors' meeting. Construction is anticipated to be completed by August 2007, followed by a three-year plant establishment period.

DISCUSSION:

The Route 85/101 North Interchange Highway Planting contract was advertised for construction bids on June 1, 2006 and complied with VTA's contractor pre-qualification requirements. One bid was submitted on August 4, 2006.

Watkin & Bortolussi, Inc.	\$1,859,967
Engineer's Estimate	\$2,308,947
Project Budget	\$2,500,000

Watkin & Bortolussi, Inc., is the lowest responsible bidder. The base bid is 19.4%, or \$448,980, below the Engineer's Estimate. Award of the construction contract to Watkin & Bortolussi, Inc. is recommended.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no practical alternatives to the recommended action if the required improvements are to be constructed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The project cost is funded from the 1996 MBTIP, of which sufficient funds are available to perform this work.

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PARTICIPATION:

Based on identifiable subcontracting opportunities, nature of work and availability of SBE's, including location of SBE firms, a SBE goal of 15% has been established for this contract. Contractor complied with the goal and has committed to 91.4% SBE participation on this contract.