

Date: July 10, 2007

Committee Meeting Date: July 19, 2007

Board Meeting Date: August 2, 2007

**BOARD MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Committee of the Whole  
Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

**THROUGH:** Michael T. Burns  
General Manager

**FROM:** Jack J. Collins  
Chief Engineering & Construction Officer

**SUBJECT:** Contract Award for Construction of San Martin Parking and  
Roadway Expansion Project

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**Policy-Related Action : No**

**Government Code Section 84308 Applies : No**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Granite Rock Company DBA, Pavex Construction Division, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$957,613 for the construction of the San Martin Parking and Roadway Expansion Project improvements.

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the 1996 Measure B Transportation Improvement Program (MBTIP), this project will increase parking capacity for the San Martin Caltrain Station and improve pedestrian and vehicle access to the Caltrain Station by easing congestion along San Martin Avenue. VTA parking improvements, combined with Santa Clara County Roads and Airports roadway expansion, are being made to accommodate the needs of commuters traveling to and from South Santa Clara County. The improvements will include the following:

- Provide 161 new parking spaces in VTA owned property east of the UPRR tracks;
- Widen San Martin Avenue, between Monterey Road and Depot Road (including dedicated left and right turn lanes from San Martin Avenue to Monterey Road);
- Provide improved pedestrian access between the Caltrain Station and the new parking across the Union Pacific Railway tracks;
- Improve the grade differential between Monterey Road and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks;

- Provide an acceleration and deceleration lane along Monterey Road;
- Improve drainage in the general area between Monterey Road and Depot Road along San Martin Avenue.

Construction under this contract is scheduled to begin in August 2007 with completion scheduled for February 2008.

**DISCUSSION:**

The San Martin Parking and Roadway Expansion Project was issued for bid on April 16, 2007 to begin the contractor pre-qualification and bidding phase. Bids were opened on June 26, 2007, with the following results:

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Granite Rock/Pavex	\$ 957,613
Golden Bay Construction	\$1,264,378
McGuire & Hester	\$1,294,317
Granite Construction	\$1,392,392
Engineer's Estimate	\$1,222,898
Budget	\$1,559,000

The established SBE goal for the contract was 15% SBE participation. Granite Rock/Pavex Construction, the apparent low bidder, has committed to meet this goal.

VTA staff recommends award of this contract to the low bidder, Granite Rock/Pavex. The \$957,613 bid price represents a fair competitive value and is 22% below the Engineer's estimate. Granite Rock/Pavex is able to reduce mobilization and equipment costs since it has existing operations in the vicinity of the San Martin project.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

There are no practical alternatives to the recommended action.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Sufficient funds are available in the Caltrain San Martin Project budget to perform this work. The parking expansion work is funded entirely by the 1996 Measure B Transportation Improvement Program (MBTIP). The roadway expansion work is being partially funded by a contribution from County Roads and Airports (\$0.4 million), with the balance being funded by MBTIP monies.

*Operating Budget Impact:* Caltrain will be responsible for the maintenance of the expanded Caltrain park and ride site. This cost will be minimal. County Roads and Airports is responsible for maintaining San Martin and Monterey roadway improvements.

**SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) PARTICIPATION:**

Based on identifiable subcontracting opportunities, a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goal of 15% was established for this contract. Contractor complied with the goal and has committed to 26.7 % SBE participation on this contract.

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