



Agenda Item No. (3)

To: Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of July 25, 2024

From: Roger Elauria, Bridge Captain
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Subject: **APPROVE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 2024-B-057, SECURITY AND TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES, TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**

Recommendation

The Building and Operating Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following actions relative to award of Contract No. 2024-B-057, *Security and Traffic Control Services*, to State of California, Department of California Highway Patrol, as follows:

1. Approve award of Contract No. 2024-B-057, with State of California, Department of California Highway Patrol, to provide Security and Traffic Control Services, including physical law enforcement support and visible presence in and around the Golden Gate Bridge parking lots for a one-year term with two one-year option terms, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$450,000; and,
2. Authorize the General Manager, or their designee, to approve amendments to the Contract to allow for future year renewal after the one-year base term and two one-year option terms, provided that funding has been allocated in the annual budget and such renewals are in the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's best interest.

This matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its July 26, 2024, meeting for appropriate action.

Summary

California Streets and Highways Code Section 27179 authorizes the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) to contract with the State for highway patrol officers to provide patrol duty for the District. On January 4, 2023, the District entered into Contract No. 2022-B-118, *Security and Traffic Control Services* with State of California, Department of California Highway Patrol (CHP). This contract allowed the District to enter into a reimbursable services agreement for Police Services with the CHP. Contract No. 2022-B-118, *Security and Traffic Control Services* was budgeted for a not-to-exceed amount of \$240,000 with the General

Manager's approval. Given that the funds for this contract are almost depleted, a new contract is being proposed.

CHP officers would be in marked patrol units and/or a combination of marked/unmarked units to provide assistance through detection and apprehension of individuals committing automobile burglaries in the surrounding parking lots at the Golden Gate Bridge. In the event marked CHP units observe any suspicious activities or crimes in progress, they will notify Golden Gate Division Communication Center of the information, including number of suspects, suspect and vehicle descriptions, license plate numbers, activity observed, and direction of travel. This patrol would occur during peak times/hours of visitors/tourists at the Golden Gate Bridge. CHP will serve as the case investigators and will handle all reports generated.

Over the last several years, the number of burglaries (California Penal Code Section 459) has dramatically increased in Bay Area cities. Penal Code Section 459 also includes auto burglaries. The Golden Gate Bridge surrounding parking lots have also seen an increase in auto burglaries. From 2018 to 2023, the District has generated the following incident reports for auto burglaries:

- 2018: 38 incident reports
- 2019: 111 incident reports
- 2020: 63 incident reports
- 2021: 91 incident reports
- 2022: 43 incident reports
- 2023: 43 incident reports

While criminal acts continue to occur in the Bay Area, including the Golden Gate Bridge, we are seeing a decreased number of incident reports of auto burglaries. CHP's visible and physical presence at the Golden Gate Bridge coupled with our Bridge patrols and increased signage in surrounding parking lots likely deters auto burglaries and can provide an environment in which the public can feel safer.

Fiscal Impact

This is a reimbursable contract based on usage. Over the past two years, it is estimated \$180,000 was used for this service. Depending on the need and usage of this contract, the fiscal impact is estimated not-to-exceed \$450,000 over three years. This will be funded in FY 24/25 Bridge Division Operating Budget and budgeted accordingly in future year's budget.