

**GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-074**

**APPROVE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO THE FINAL DESIGN OF THE  
GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE MOVEABLE MEDIAN BARRIER PROJECT**

October 26, 2012

**WHEREAS**, the *Golden Gate Bridge Moveable Median Barrier Project* will provide a physical barrier to separate opposing directions of traffic while allowing the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) to change the Golden Gate Bridge (Bridge) lane configurations to meet traffic demands; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors (Board) of the District, by Resolution No. 98-116 at its meeting of May 22, 1998, approved the installation of a one-foot wide moveable median barrier on the Bridge; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board, by Resolution No. 2002-045 at its meeting of April 12, 2002, directed staff to prepare and distribute a Request for Proposals for the design and environmental studies; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board, by Resolution No. 2008-078 at its meeting of September 12, 2008, authorized the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with DMJM Harris (later re-named AECOM Technical Services, Inc.) to conduct environmental studies and prepare a preliminary design for a moveable median barrier on the Bridge; and,

**WHEREAS**, the completed environmental studies support a Categorical Exemption under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the District now awaits a formal determination by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) that the *Moveable Median Barrier Project* (Project) complies with Federal Highway Administration/Department of Transportation regulations, Subchapter H, Right-of-Way and Environment, Part 771 – Environmental Impact and Related Procedures, Categorical Exclusions; and,

**WHEREAS**, based on AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM's) technical studies, the scope of the Project has been determined, and the District and Caltrans have executed a Cooperative Agreement as required by Caltrans, for Caltrans' review and approval of the final plans and specifications for the portion of the Project to be constructed within Caltrans' right-of-way north of the Bridge north abutment; and,

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**WHEREAS**, AECOM staff are uniquely qualified and possess in-depth knowledge of the Project, because AECOM engineers performed the environmental evaluations and studies, wrote the technical reports and developed the preliminary designs; and,

**WHEREAS**, given AECOM's experience working with the District on this Project, AECOM is the only firm uniquely qualified and capable of performing the scope of work in the most expeditious manner, in accordance with the findings of the environmental studies and reports; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole, at its meeting of October 25, 2012, has so recommended; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) hereby approves proceeding with the final design and preparation of the construction bid documents for installation of a moveable median barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge, based on the findings of technical studies conducted during the Project environmental and preliminary design stage, which concluded that the installation of the barrier is feasible and warranted by criteria established by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and, be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Board hereby authorizes the filing of a Notice of Exemption, based upon the finding of the environmental studies that the *Moveable Median Barrier Project* (Project) is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and, be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Board hereby finds that waiving the competitive procurement process relative to this Project is in the public interest and in the District's best interest, and finds that AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Oakland, CA, is the best qualified firm to perform the required services; and, be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Board hereby authorizes execution of Professional Services Agreement No. 2013-B-3, with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Oakland, CA, relative to the *Golden Gate Bridge Moveable Median Barrier Final Design*, in an amount not to exceed \$2,154,000.00, to proceed with the final design and preparation of the construction bid documents for installation of a moveable median barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge, as described heretofore, subject to the District's receipt of Federal Highway Administration and California Department of Transportation concurrence; and, be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Board hereby establishes a Contingency Fund in the amount of \$215,000.00; and, be it further

**RESOLVED** that requisite funds are available in the FY 12/13 Bridge Division Capital Budget.

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**ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

**AYES (15):** Directors Arnold, Campos, Elsbernd, Fredericks, Moylan, Pahre, Rabbitt, Renée, Sears, Snyder, Sobel, Stroeh and Theriault; First Vice President Eddie; President Reilly

**NOES (0):** None

**ABSENT (4):** Directors Chu, Cochran and Mar; Second Vice President Grosboll

  
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**Janet Reilly**  
**President of the Board of Directors**

**ATTEST:**   
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**Janet S. Tarantino**  
**Secretary of the District**