

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 26, 2006

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Goods Movement OWP Selection Committee

RE: Consultant Selection – SBCCOG Goods Movement Study

The SBCCOG received \$115,000 from SCAG for a consultant study of Goods Movement in the South Bay. The SBCCOG will receive an additional \$20,000 to manage the study and coordinate the research with our cities.

The study can be summarized as follows:

- An understanding of port and LAX related traffic in the South Bay including:
 - The location and activity level of South Bay generators such as distribution centers and warehouses
 - Intra- and Inter- South Bay traffic
- An analysis of the impact on the South Bay of improvements planned by others (ex. expansion of the I-710, new intermodal rail facilities, etc.)
- A list of South Bay transportation policies, projects and programs that can be implemented in the near, mid and long term to address the findings of the study.

Using SCAG's solicitation and selection process to obtain a consultant, SBCCOG received only one proposal. Fortunately, the proposal was from Meyer, Mohaddes Associates, with sub-contractor The Tioga Group. Both of these firms have an extensive amount of experience in the understanding and analysis of goods movement in the region. To be sure that the proposal was responsive, we reviewed the submittal and also conducted an interview. The interview panel consisted of the following persons:

- City of Carson - Farrokh Abolfathi
- City of Lomita - Wendell Johnson
- SCAG – Sandee Scott (Contracts); Philbert Wong (Goods Movement); Mike Jones (Project Manager)
- Caltrans – Kathleen Wanda
- SBCCOG – Jacki Bacharach, Wally Siembab, Don Camph (transportation consultant)

The selection committee unanimously gave the consultant team high marks and recommended that SCAG award them the contract.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the selection committee's unanimous recommendation for SCAG to contract with Meyer, Mohaddes Associates for the South Bay Goods Movement Study.