

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Staff Report**

To: Board of Directors
Through: Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director
From: Grace Martinez, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Subject: **Award of Contract for Watkins Avenue Grade Crossing Improvements Project**



Finance Committee
Recommendation



Work Program-
Legislative-Planning
Committee
Recommendation



Staff Coordinating
Council Reviewed



Staff Coordinating Council
Recommendation

Action

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors (Board) of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB):

1. Award a contract to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Granite Rock Company of San Jose, California (Granite Rock), for the Watkins Avenue Grade Crossing Improvements Project (Project) for a total lump sum amount of \$646,900.
2. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute a contract with Granite Rock in full conformity with the terms and conditions set forth in the solicitation documents and in a form approved by legal counsel.

Significance

As part of the Memorandum of Understanding between the JPB and the Town of Atherton approved in October 2020 regarding closure of the Atherton Caltrain Station, the JPB agreed to design and install Watkins Avenue crossing safety improvements, including four-quadrant gates, among other safety upgrades. The Project consists of installation of four-quadrant gates at the Watkins Avenue grade crossing to prevent vehicles from driving around a down gate onto the railroad tracks. The Project will also make it safer for pedestrians to cross the tracks by installing new sidewalk gates and lighting at the crosswalk. Other improvements will include installing pavement markers, pavement markings, and signage to clearly identify the railroad crossing.

Budget Impact

The Project has a total budget of \$4,160,613, funded by Capital Contingency Funds in the amount of \$35,613 and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority in the amount of \$4,125,000. Sufficient funds are available to fund the contract.

Background

On August 15, 2022, the JPB issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB), solicitation number 23-J-C-004, for the Project and advertised in a newspaper of general circulation and on the JPB's e-procurement website. Prior to releasing the IFB, extensive outreach for Small Business

Enterprises (SBEs) was conducted. Four potential bidders attended the pre-bid meeting and two bids were received by the bid due date, as follows:

Company	Grand Total Bid Price
Engineer's Estimate	\$624,108
1. Granite Rock Company, San Jose, CA	\$646,900
2. Azul Works, Inc., San Francisco, CA	\$992,000

After the bid opening and evaluation of the bids, staff determined that this contract should be awarded to Granite Rock, which submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

Granite Rock submitted all required bid documentation. Staff has determined, and legal counsel concurred, that the bid submitted by Granite Rock is responsive. Staff found the price to be fair and reasonable in comparison to the independent cost estimate.

Granite Rock has committed to subcontract with two certified SBEs for an estimated SBE utilization of 25%, exceeding the contract-specific SBE participation goal of 22%.

Granite Rock is an established contractor with more than 33 years of construction experience. Staff contacted Granite Rock's references and confirmed its experience and competency. Based upon these findings, staff concludes that Granite Rock is appropriately qualified and capable of meeting the requirements of the contract and is, therefore, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

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**Board of Directors, Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
State of California**

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**Awarding a Contract to Granite Rock Company for the Watkins Avenue Grade Crossing
Improvements Project for a Total Lump Sum Amount of \$646,900**

Whereas, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB), solicitation number 23-J-C-004, for the Watkins Avenue Grade Crossing Improvements Project (Project); and

Whereas, in response to the IFB, the JPB received two bids after conducting extensive outreach to Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), advertising in a newspaper of general circulation, and posting the IFB on the JPB's procurement website; and

Whereas, staff and legal counsel have reviewed the bids and determined that Granite Rock Company of San Jose, California (Granite Rock) submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid; and

Whereas, Granite Rock has committed to subcontract with two certified SBEs for an estimated SBE utilization of 25%, which exceeds the JPB's contract-specific SBE participation goal of 22%; and

Whereas, Granite Rock's total lump sum price is found to be fair and reasonable in comparison to the independent cost estimate; and

Whereas, staff recommends that the Board of Directors (Board) award a contract to Granite Rock to deliver the Project for a total lump sum amount of \$646,900.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board hereby awards a contract to Granite Rock Company of San Jose, California for the Watkins Avenue Grade Crossing Improvements Project for a total lump sum amount of \$646,900; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to execute a contract on behalf of the JPB with Granite Rock, in full conformity with all the terms and conditions of the solicitation documents and in a form approved by legal counsel.

Regularly passed and adopted this 1st day of December, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chair, Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board

ATTEST:

JPB Secretary