

Public Comment for Agenda Item No. 6

Transit Committee Meeting

June 13, 2024

9:00 AM

Location

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
First Floor Lobby Board Room
1170 W. 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion - Transit

6. ONT Connector Project Update and Shortlist of Operating System Providers and DB Teams

That the Transit Committee recommend the Board, acting as the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority:

A. Receive an update on the Ontario International Airport (ONT) Connector Project, including the current funding plan, and seek direction from the Board to proceed with submitting grant applications given the large funding gap, and the potential of having to return grant awards, prior to expending any of them, should we be unable to close the funding gap.

B. Pre-qualify Glydways, Inc., Oceaneering International, Inc., and Ohmio, Inc., as the prospective Operating System Providers for the ONT Connector Project, pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 23-1002878.

C. Shortlist joint ventures ONTheMove JV and Ontario Tunnel Constructors as the prospective Design-Build contractors for the ONT Connector Project, pursuant to RFQ No. 23-1002870.

D. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute Pre-Proposal Works Agreements with the two shortlisted Design-Build firms, ONTheMove Joint Venture and Ontario Tunnel Constructors, for the ONT Connector project, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,000,000 per agreement, upon General Counsel's approval as to form.

E. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to release the Request for Proposals (RFP) and future addenda to the shortlisted Design-Build teams for the ONT Connector Project.

Written public comment was received and is attached for your information.

From: [Martin Hoecker-Martinez](#)
To: [clerkoftheboard](#)
Subject: Item 6 on the June 13 2024 Transit Committee Agenda
Date: Saturday, June 8, 2024 8:57:34 AM

Dear SBCTA Transit Committee Members,

I am hoping to sway the committee to reconsider the stated project goals for the ONT connector project. In particular, the committee should modify the requirements to better reflect the needs of those going to and from the airport. The project should not be wedded to one particular technological choice. I propose the committee strike any language that constrains the project to use rubber tires. Instead the project parameters should only reflect the minimum set of constraints. The project connecting the Rancho Cucamonga Metrolink station to Ontario International airport should:

- Serve all passenger terminals
- Serve staff at both the passenger and freight terminals of the airport
- Operate autonomously (to reduce operational costs)
- Operate under electric power
- Use a fully grade separated right of way
- Provide level boarding (to facilitate passengers with luggage)
- Have a high capacity (1000 or more passengers per direction per hour)
- Have a short travel time (12 minutes or less to compete with driving)
- Have short headways (12 minutes or less to minimize waiting for transfers)
- Accommodate possible expansion of the terminals at ONT
- Accommodate possible connections to California High Speed Rail in the area
- Accommodate possible extension of the Metro A line to the area
- Accommodate possible extension of the Arrow service to the area
- Build within the constraints on the available rights of way in the area

By limiting the constraints in the request for proposals the Authority will elicit more bids with more variety. The committee can then contrast those competing proposals with each other. I personally would also suggest the committee favor using existing technology rather than attempt to reinvent what is possible.

Thank you for your time, attention and service,

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Martin Hoecker-Martinez

