



Agenda Item No. (4)

To: Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of May 21, 2026

From: John R. Eberle, District Engineer
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Subject: **APPROVE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO EXECUTION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 2026-B-012, GOLDEN GATE SUSPENSION BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT, CONTRACT 1 - NORTH AND SOUTH TOWERS AND NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE SPANS, CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULING AND CLAIM REVIEW SERVICES, TO SECRETARIAT ADVISORS, LLC**

Recommendation

The Building and Operating Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following actions relative to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 2026-B-012, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit, Contract 1 - North and South Towers and North and South Side Spans, Construction Scheduling and Claim Review Services*:

1. Authorize execution of a PSA No. 2026-B-012, with Secretariat Advisors LLC, El Segundo, CA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,555,893.19, to perform construction scheduling and claim review services during the construction of the Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Contract 1 – North and South Towers and North and South Side Spans, subject to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) receiving the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) approval of the PSA prior to its execution; and,
2. Authorize establishing a 10% contingency, in the amount of \$755,590, for PSA No. 2026-B-012.

Sufficient funds to pay for the PSA and its contingency are included in the budget for Project #2520, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Towers and Side Spans Seismic Retrofit Construction*.

This matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its May 22, 2026, meeting for appropriate action.

Summary

The Board of Directors, at its October 24, 2025, meeting authorized the award of a contract to construct the *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Contract 1 – North and South Towers and North and South Side Spans*, Contract No. 2025-B-052, to Halmar International, LLC (Resolution No. 2025-070). Contract No. 2025-B-052 involves construction of the seismic retrofit of the Suspension Bridge's two main towers and two side spans, including the following:

- Retrofit of the main towers' leg base
- Retrofit of the main towers' roadway strut
- Strengthening of the stiffening trusses
- Retrofit of the suspender rope supports
- Floor beam strengthening and modifications
- Cross strut lateral retrofit
- Transverse kicker strengthening
- Replacement of the top lateral bracing
- Retrofit of the bottom lateral bracing
- Removal of the existing floor beam central struts
- Removal of the existing outrigger truss
- Installation of new longitudinal struts
- Replacement of roadway thermal expansion finger joints with isolation deck joints
- Installation of 28 solid state Energy Dissipation Devices (EDD)
- North and South Pylon interface strengthening
- Main tower interface strengthening
- Windlock support retrofit
- Replacement of select roadway deck support pedestals
- Rocker link retrofit
- Installation of new access systems
- Cleaning and painting of structural steel, including lead paint abatement
- South Tower façade repairs and painting the South Tower above the roadway
- Installation of temporary platforms for construction access
- Utility modifications required to accommodate the retrofit
- Bridge lane closures and traffic control on local roads leading to the Bridge to accommodate both the public and the construction traffic
- Maintaining pedestrian and bicycle access on the Bridge sidewalks and the roads and trails leading to the Bridge
- Compliance with the National Park Service Special Use Permit requirements and environmental permit requirements

The construction work will take approximately six years to complete.

Project #2520 *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Towers and Side Spans Seismic Retrofit Construction* is partially funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the District follows the rules and procedures set forth in the Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) for federally assisted projects. In conformance with the LAPM, the District has

developed a Project Management Plan for the construction of the Project. This plan states that administration and management of Contract No. 2025-B-052 by the District will require the engagement of consultants for the following services:

- I. Construction Engineering (Design) Support
- II. Environmental Compliance Monitoring (ECM)
- III. Materials Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing
- IV. Scheduling and Claim Support
- V. Supplemental Field and Fabrication Inspection Support

On February 18, 2026, the District advertised on its public procurement portal a Request for Statement of Qualifications and Proposal, RFQ/RFP No. 2026-B-012, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Contract 1 – North and South Towers and North and South Side Spans Construction Scheduling and Claim Review Services*, to construction scheduling and claim consultants.

The scope of the services consists, in general, of: performing reviews and providing comments and recommendations on the construction contractor's schedules, including the Preliminary Baseline Schedule, the Baseline Schedule and the Monthly Update Schedules, and Time Impact Analyses and Notices of Delay; reviewing and providing recommendations on any Notices of Compensable Change, Notices of Potential Claim, or Claims; providing cost estimates and independent check cost estimates of requests for additional compensation submitted by the contractor related to materials, labor and time, and cost estimates of changes initiated by the District; attending monthly and other schedule update meetings with the District and contractor; and providing recommendations on approach to resolution of schedule related disputes.

A total of 15 firms downloaded the documents from the District's website. By the due date of March 18, 2026, two (2) proposals were uploaded to the District's procurement portal as follows:

1. Arcadis US, Inc., San Francisco, CA
2. Secretariat Advisors, LLC, El Segundo, CA

Representatives from the District's Engineering Department, the District's Manager, Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Compliance Programs, and the District's Attorney reviewed the proposals and determined that both proposals generally satisfied the solicitation requirements and were responsive.

The District's selection committee, consisting of two Directing Civil Engineers and one Associate Civil Engineer, reviewed each proposal for its responsiveness to the selection criteria specified in the RFQ/RFP, including the qualifications of each of the firms and the individual consultant team members and their track records on previously completed similar projects, as well as their understanding and methodology of providing scheduling, claim review and cost estimating services for the project construction.

On April 16, 2026, the District's selection committee interviewed both firms and ranked them in accordance with the criteria listed in the RFQ/RFP documents. In conformance with federal and

state contracting rules governing procurement of architectural and engineering consulting services, the cost proposals submitted by both firms were not opened and not considered in the evaluation.

Upon completion of the interviews, the selection committee determined that Secretariat Advisors, LLC, is the highest-ranked proposer and has the best qualifications and experience necessary to perform the requested services.

In accordance with the procedures set forth in the RFQ/RFP, staff opened the cost proposal submitted by the top-ranked firm, Secretariat Advisors, LLC, and negotiated a not-to-exceed amount of \$7,555,893.19 for the services. Staff has determined that this not-to-exceed amount is reasonable based on the historic scope of work and cost data for construction management and construction schedule review services provided by scheduling and claims review consultants for the previous seismic retrofit projects and the recent Physical Suicide Deterrent System project.

The consultant will be compensated based on actual time expended and expenses incurred, plus a fixed fee within the authorized not-to-exceed amount.

On October 3, 2025, the United States Department of Transportation issued an Interim Final Rule (IFR) regarding the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. As a result, DBE contract goals and the counting and monitoring of DBE participation is suspended pending completion of the California Unified Certification Program's reevaluation and certification process under the IFR's revised certification standards set forth in 49 CFR § 26.111. Accordingly, no DBE contract goal has been established for this PSA. The District's Manager, SBE Compliance Programs, has determined that Secretariat Advisors, LLC is not a small business and does not propose to utilize subconsultants. Therefore, no small business participation is anticipated during the performance of this contract.

In accordance with FHWA and the Caltrans requirements for federal assistance, prior to execution of a professional services contract financed by federal funds, such contract must be approved by Caltrans. Caltrans approval of the contract is contingent upon an audit or review of the consultant's proposal and accounting system by the Caltrans' Audits and Investigations Division to verify that the consultant's accounting systems, rates, knowledge of FHWA's cost eligibility, documentation requirements, and proposed contract language are satisfactory and, in case of any deficiencies, to correct these deficiencies.

Engineering staff recommends that the Building and Operating Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve award of PSA No. 2026-B-012, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit, Contract 1 - North and South Towers and North and South Side Span Construction Scheduling and Claim Review Services*, to Secretariat Advisors, LLC in the not-to-exceed amount of \$7,555,893.19, subject to the District receiving Caltrans' approval of the agreement prior to its execution. Staff also recommends that a PSA contingency in the amount of \$755,590 be established for any additional or changed scope of services that may develop while work proceeds.

Fiscal Impact

Project #2520, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Towers and Side Spans Seismic Retrofit Construction*, is included in the FY 25/26 Bridge Division Capital Budget in the amount of \$1,011,726,000 and is funded with \$395,729,984 in federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP) funds, \$200,000,000 in Caltrans Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds, and \$415,996,016 in District reserves. The budget for Project #2520 includes a line item in the amount of \$55,500,000 for Consultant Services, which includes the scope for the Construction Scheduling and Claim Review Services. Sufficient funds are available in the Project #2520 budget to fund the \$7,555,893.19 cost of PSA No. 2026-B-012 and the \$755,590 PSA contingency, for a total amount of \$8,311,483.19.

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