

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 5, 2024

AGENDA NO. 13

PROPOSAL: Approve Contract Award and Modification as Approved by MSRC

SYNOPSIS: As part of their FYs 2014-16 Work Program, the MSRC approved a contract with the City of Yucaipa under their Local Government Match Program. Additionally, as part of their FYs 2021-24 Work Program, the MSRC approved a modified award under their Microtransit Program. At this time, the MSRC seeks the Board approval of the contract award and modified award as part of the FYs 2014-16 and 2021-24 Work Programs.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee,  
March 21, 2024; Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Approve a contract with the City of Yucaipa, in an amount not to exceed \$174,420, to complete roadway improvements to encourage pedestrian travel under the Local Government Match Program, using funds previously awarded to the City, as part of approval of the FYs 2014-16 Work Program, as described in this letter;
2. Approve modified award to the City of Gardena under the Microtransit Program, reducing the hours during which service will be provided and reducing the amount awarded from \$475,312 to \$424,134, as part of approval of the FYs 2021-24 Work Program, as described in this letter; and
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board (or by the Board Chair's designation, the Executive Officer) to execute the contracts under the FYs 2014-16 and 2021-24 Work Programs, as described above and in this letter.

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Vice Chair, MSRC

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**Background**

In September 1990, Assembly Bill 2766 was signed into law (Health & Safety Code Sections 44220-44247) authorizing an annual \$4 motor vehicle registration fee to fund

the implementation of programs exclusively to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles. AB 2766 provides that 30 percent of the annual \$4 vehicle registration fee subvented to the South Coast AQMD be placed into an account to be allocated pursuant to a work program developed and adopted by the MSRC and approved by the Board.

### **Proposals**

At its March 21, 2024 meeting, the MSRC considered recommendations from its MSRC Technical Advisory Committee (MSRC-TAC) and approved the following:

#### FYs 2014-16 Local Government Match Program

As part of the FYs 2014-16 Local Government Match Program, the MSRC approved an award of \$380,000 to the City of Yucaipa to install “Complete Streets” enhancements on County Line Road, consisting of both pedestrian and bicycle elements. The City was able to complete the pedestrian improvements and performed some preliminary work for the bicycle lanes. However, the City could not complete the bicycle lanes until drainage and waterline improvement projects have been completed, both of which are managed by other agencies and have uncertain timelines. The work was not able to be completed prior to the contract termination date. The MSRC considered and approved a six-month contract for the pedestrian element only in the amount of \$174,420 as part of the FYs 2014-16 Work Program, using a portion of the funds from the earlier contract. The other \$205,580 will revert to the AB 2766 Discretionary Fund.

#### FYs 2021-24 Microtransit Program

As part of the FYs 2021-24 Microtransit Program, the MSRC originally approved an award of \$475,312 to the City of Gardena to implement the GTrans Microtransit Service. Subsequently, while the proposed agreement to effectuate the award was still under development, the City encountered difficulties hiring sufficient drivers to cover the full range of service hours originally proposed. The City requested to reduce the proposed hours of operation on the weekends, eliminating Sunday service and moving back the Saturday start time from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Weekday hours would not change. In consideration of the reduced service hours, the City proposed that the award amount be reduced to \$424,134; \$51,178 would revert to the AB 2766 Discretionary Fund. The MSRC considered and approved the City’s requested modifications to the award.

At this time, the MSRC requests the South Coast AQMD Board approve the contract award and award modification as part of approval of the FYs 2014-16 and 2021-24 AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Work Programs as outlined above.

### **Resource Impacts**

South Coast AQMD acts as fiscal administrator for the AB 2766 Discretionary Fund Program (Health & Safety Code Section 44243). Money received for this program is recorded in a special revenue fund (Fund 23) and the contracts specified herein will be drawn from this fund.