

# REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
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Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: Agreements: Sacramento River Crossing(s) Alternatives Study Project  
(T15068800)**

**Location/Council District:** Districts 1 and 4

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of West Sacramento; 2) amending the FY09/10 Capital Improvement Program by appropriating \$60,000 (Fund 3702) to the project; and 3) authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Fehr & Peers for the project in an amount not to exceed \$159,613.

**Contact:** Fran Halbakken, Operations Manager, 808-7194

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Transportation

**Division:** Office of Director

**Organization No:** 15001041

## **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** The Sacramento River Crossing(s) Alternatives Study (T15068800) is to determine the purpose of new crossings over the Sacramento River, evaluate what is needed to meet that purpose, and analyze alternatives that meet the purpose and need. The study's main component involves engaging interested parties in the planning process of this study.

**Policy Considerations:** The new City of Sacramento General Plan includes additional Sacramento River crossings without specifying the location or number of crossings or the transportation modes served by new crossings. The action requested is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goals of improving and expanding economic vitality and public safety.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** The award of a professional services agreement is not subject to CEQA review. It is anticipated that future projects identified in this study may be implemented using federal transportation funds. As such, federal guidelines for the development of the purpose and needs statement will be followed. Future projects will be subject to environmental evaluation under CEQA guidelines and possibly National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) requirements.

**Sustainability Considerations:** This project supports the City of Sacramento's sustainability goals to improve and optimize the transportation infrastructure.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** A Request for Proposals for consultant services was advertised for the subject study. Using objective criteria, the proposals were scored and ranked and the top-ranked consultant teams were interviewed. The selection panel found that Fehr and Peers was the top-rated consultant for the Sacramento River Crossing(s) Alternatives Study (T15068800).

**Financial Considerations:** As of November 19, 2009, the Sacramento River Crossing(s) Alternatives Study (T15068800) has a budget of \$200,000 and an unobligated balance of \$177,640 comprised of Major Street Construction (Fund 2007) and General Fund (Fund 1001).

The City of Sacramento and City of West Sacramento have agreed to share in the cost of the planning study for the Sacramento River Crossing(s) Alternatives. Approval of the Cooperative Agreement with the City of West Sacramento in the amount of \$60,000 (Fund 3702) will increase the total budget to \$260,000 and the unobligated balance to \$237,000, which is sufficient to execute the professional services agreement with Fehr & Peers for the Sacramento River Crossing(s) Alternatives Study (T15068800) in an amount not to exceed \$159,613.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** The ESBD goal is 20%. The selected consultant team with Fehr and Peers as the lead is utilizing two ESBD-certified sub-consultant firms which comprise 26% participation.

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**Attachment 1****Background:**

On March 31, 2009, the City Council directed staff to proceed with determining the purpose and need for new Sacramento River crossing(s) and analyze crossing alternatives. A Request for Proposals for consultant services to perform the Sacramento River Crossing(s) Alternatives Study (T15068800) was advertised with five consultant teams responding as listed below:

| NAME OF CONSULTANT FIRM | ESBD PARTICIPATION |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| DKS Associates          | 50%                |
| Dowling Associates      | 64.5%              |
| Fehr and Peers          | 26%                |
| IBI Group               | 0%                 |
| PMC                     | 0%                 |

A selection panel of three City of Sacramento staff from the Transportation and Economic Development departments, two West Sacramento staff from the Community Development department, and one Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) staff reviewed and evaluated the proposals and interviewed the two top-rated firms. Evaluations were based on the written proposal and interview. A majority of the panel recommended Fehr & Peers as the top-rated consultant team.

The study will include:

- A transparent and proactive public outreach process;
- A purpose and need statement which is grounded in the community values stated in the two cities' General Plan policies and expressed by stakeholders;
- Development of alternatives to include build and no-build scenarios that consider various bridge cross sections types (i.e. types of travel modes that are served), various locations, and number of crossings;
- Planning level analysis of opportunities, constraints, land use implications, impact assessments, travel demand modeling, and costs estimates to inform the process.

The study is expected to be completed in one year, starting in January and ending in December 2010.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPROVE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH WEST SACRAMENTO AND  
APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SACRAMENTO RIVER CROSSING(S) ALTERNATIVES  
STUDY (T15068800)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The City Councils of Sacramento and West Sacramento directed staff to proceed with determining the purpose and need for new Sacramento River crossing(s) and analyze crossing alternatives.
- B. The study was advertised, proposals were received, interviews were conducted and a consultant team was selected. Fehr and Peers was selected based on selection criteria and they have an ESBE participation rate of 26%.
- C. Funding is available in the amount of \$177,000 in T15068800 for the project. Approval of the Cooperative Agreement with the City of West Sacramento will increase the amount to \$237,000 for the study.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of West Sacramento in the amount of \$60,000 for their share in the cost of the planning study for the Sacramento River Crossing(s) Alternatives.
- Section 2. The FY09/10 Capital Improvement Program is amended by appropriating \$60,000 (Fund 3702) to the Sacramento River Crossing(s) Alternatives Study (T15068800).
- Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to execute a professional services agreement with Fehr & Peers for the Sacramento River Crossing(s) Alternatives Study (T15068800) in an amount not to exceed \$159,613.

