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ABAG

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To: ABAG Executive Board

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Subject: **Authorization to Enter into a Contract with 2M Associates in an Amount Not to Exceed \$113,000 to Develop Bay Trail Design Guidelines and Toolkit**

Executive Summary

The San Francisco Bay Trail (Bay Trail) is a planned 500-mile continuous network of bicycling and walking trails that, when complete, will encircle San Francisco and San Pablo Bays in their entirety. It will link the shoreline of all nine Bay Area counties, as well as 47 cities. To date, 340 miles of the proposed Bay Trail system has been developed. On March 6, 2012, the Coastal Conservancy awarded a \$3,000,000 block grant to ABAG to implement the Bay Trail. Staff is proposing to utilize up to \$113,000 of this block grant to develop Bay Trail Design Guidelines and Toolkit.

The purpose of the Bay Trail Design Guidelines and Toolkit is to develop a guidance document and resource in the long range design and implementation of the Bay Trail to achieve the goals of providing an enjoyable, continuous, safe and useable regional trail system for the broadest range of non-motorized users. These guidelines will be utilized by Bay Trail staff, public agencies, private developers, and the general public to assist in the planning and design of Bay Trail facilities, to provide design solutions and recommendations for common trail design issues, and to provide a basis for discussions of Bay Trail design criteria. The document will develop a set of Bay Trail design goals, principles, and objectives that will establish the main design concepts for long range design and implementation of the Bay Trail as well as providing more detailed technical guidance and solutions on common trail design issues.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Bay Trail Design Guidelines and Toolkit was released on December 23, 2014, and closed on February 6, 2015. Four proposals were received, and 2M Associates was determined to be the most qualified firm. The project is expected to take approximately seven months to complete. Upon approval, ABAG would enter into a contract with 2M Associates and begin development of the Bay Trail Design Guidelines and Toolkit.

Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to authorize entering into a contract with 2M Associates in an amount not to exceed \$113,000 to develop Bay Trail Design Guidelines and Toolkit.