



THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES
Executive Director's
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: AUGUST 20, 2019

FROM: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 39877 TO CLEVELAND TRACK MATERIAL, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF SPARE RAIL TRACK JOINTS FOR THE BADGER AVENUE BRIDGE

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of Contract No. 39877 with Cleveland Track Material, Inc. of Cleveland, OH for the procurement of four (4) rail track joints in the bridge structure of the Badger Avenue railroad drawbridge. The cost of the four pieces of equipment is \$292,146, including sales tax. Although the existing joints were replaced in 2018, there is a need to have spare joints readily available in order to maintain the operational integrity of the Badger Avenue Bridge, a vital rail transportation link serving Terminal Island. Due to the long lead time involved in obtaining the joints, i.e. one year, this acquisition will be included in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2020-21 capital improvement program budget. This contract is the financial responsibility of the Harbor Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve Contract No. 39877 with Cleveland Track Material, Inc. for the purchase of four (4) rail track joints for the Badger Avenue Bridge in the amount of \$292,146 and authorize said expenditures;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and Board Secretary to attest to Contract No. 39877 for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – During a seven day closure of the Cerritos Channel in November 1997, the Port of Los Angeles removed the existing Badger Avenue railroad drawbridge

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and installed a new and completely assembled lift span railroad drawbridge, connecting Terminal Island on-dock rail yards to the national railroad system.

The bridge structure includes four corners of the lifting and lowering connections that interlock with railroad track connections to align the vertical and horizontal rail ends, allowing the safe passage of rail traffic across the bridge. These specialized components are identified as rail track joints. They are made from steel and manganese. They require substantial maintenance, approximately \$18,000 per year. Such maintenance is performed by the Pacific Harbor Line as operator of the Badger Avenue Bridge. The joints are subject to fatigue and failure and depreciate significantly with use of the drawbridge. The scheduled cycle for replacement averages about 5-8 years depending on the volume of rail traffic. The Badger Avenue Bridge is the only rail bridge access in and out of Terminal Island.

In 2018, the Harbor Department replaced the four pairs of rail track joints. Due to the increase in train volume to and from Terminal Island and the long lead time to procure the joints, the Harbor Department requests approval of the purchase of four spare rail track joints for inventory.

Selection Process – The Construction & Maintenance Division submitted a requisition for the purchase of four rail track joints in November 2018. The Contracts and Purchasing Division released Request for Bids (RFB) No. F-1035 in February 2019. It was advertised on the City of Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network (LABAVN) and the Port of Los Angeles website.

Cleveland Track Material, Inc. was the only vendor to submit a responsive bid in the amount of \$292,146. The rail track joints are a highly specialized product which few vendors are equipped to fabricate. Staff is recommending approval by the Board of Harbor Commissioners of a contract with Cleveland Track Material, Inc. for the procurement of the bridge rail track joints.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of Contract No. 39877 with Cleveland Track Material, Inc. for the purchase for four rail track joints for the Badger Avenue Bridge, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost of the new joints is \$292,146. Although the contract is to be awarded in the current fiscal year, the delivery of the joints will take approximately 365 days. That places the delivery in Fiscal Year 2020-21. No payment will be made for the material in advance of its actual delivery. Therefore, funding in the amount of \$292,146 will be requested in the budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 capital improvement program in Account No. 55010 (Parts and Materials). In addition, maintenance costs associated with the joints will be the responsibility of the Pacific Harbor Line as operator of the Badger Avenue Bridge.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved this Contract 39877 as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Recap of Bid No. F-1035
2. Contract No. 39877

FIS Approval: 

CA Approval: 



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APPROVED:



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