



THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES

Executive Director's  
Report to the  
Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: JANUARY 27, 2026**

**FROM: CONSTRUCTION**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ -  
APPROVAL OF PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
ATLAS TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS (CA), INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION  
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE AVALON  
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND PROMENADE GATEWAY**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of a personal services agreement (Agreement) with Atlas Technical Consultants (CA), Inc. (Atlas) located at 12409 E. Slauson Avenue, Unit I, Whittier, CA 90606 to provide construction management support services for the Avalon Pedestrian Bridge and Promenade Gateway (Project). Services will include but are not limited to construction management, scheduling, cost estimating, structural observation, source inspection, materials testing, public outreach and coordination with stakeholders.

The proposed Agreement is for a three-year term in the amount of \$7,247,000. A portion of the Agreement will be reimbursed under the following grants approved for the Project: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) under Measure M, California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) under the Port and Freight Infrastructure Program (PFIP), and United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) under Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN). The remaining cost will be the financial responsibility of the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (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 has been previously evaluated pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;

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2. Find that, in accordance with the Los Angeles City Charter Section 1022, work under the subject Agreement can be performed more feasibly by an independent consultant, and is necessary due to current employees committed to other assignments, and a need for bridge construction expertise;
3. Award the three-year Agreement to Atlas in the amount of \$7,247,000 and authorize the payment from the Construction Management Services account;
4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to this Agreement for and on behalf of the Board; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background and Context - The Avalon Pedestrian Bridge and Promenade Gateway is a public access project that improves pedestrian connectivity from Wilmington to the Waterfront at Banning's Landing Community Center (Transmittal 1). The Project provides pedestrian enhancements as well as develops neighborhood and regional recreational space along Avalon Boulevard from Harry Bridges Boulevard to the Wilmington Waterfront Promenade. The Project is composed of two distinct elements, which are a cable stayed pedestrian bridge and a 12-acre park with an entry plaza, a restroom building, playground equipment and landscaping. The pedestrian bridge connects the Wilmington Community, which has eight schools within one mile, to the Port of Los Angeles Wilmington Waterfront area and Banning's Landing Community Center. Currently, two freight mainline tracks in the port bifurcate the Wilmington Waterfront from the Wilmington community itself. The rail tracks being grade separated move 6 percent of all U.S. waterborne containers. The Project will provide a dedicated pedestrian/cycling bridge over these freight rail tracks and connect to the State-designated California Coastal Trail.

The Project has a construction cost of \$101,930,015 and construction is anticipated to start in February 2026. This Project has been approved to receive a total of \$57,287,400 from three grant funding sources: LACMTA under Measure M funding (\$10,207,400), CalSTA under PFIP (\$42,080,000), USDOT under the RCN program (\$5,000,000).

The proposed Agreement (Transmittal 2) is for construction management support services during the construction of the Project. The term of the proposed Agreement is three years.

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Harbor Department Construction Division staff, particularly those with bridge construction experience and expertise, are not available to adequately support this project. Atlas, providing staff augmentation, will be led by a Construction Division staff member. Staff also reached out to other City of Los Angeles (City) departments performing these services and found that City staff is unavailable to support this Project. Consultant services are therefore required to provide bridge construction management expertise and augment Harbor Department construction management staff.

Scope of Services – Consultant services will include, but are not limited to, construction management, scheduling, cost estimating, document control, structural observation, source inspection, materials testing, public outreach, and coordination with stakeholders.

Selection Process – A Request for Proposals to perform construction management services for the construction of the Project was advertised and published on the Port of Los Angeles website on April 29, 2025, and posted on the City's Regional Alliance Marketplace for Procurement (RAMP). Eight firms submitted proposals on June 17, 2025.

An evaluation committee consisting of members from the Construction and Engineering Divisions, and an external member from the Port of Long Beach evaluated the proposals. After evaluation, all eight firms were invited to deliver a presentation of their proposal and to answer specific questions from the evaluation committee.

The evaluation committee interviewed the eight firms on August 4, August 5, and August 7, 2025, and selected Atlas as the most qualified team to provide construction management support services for the Project because of their extensive cable stayed bridge construction experience, good understanding of project scope and issues, and good understanding of community and local issues. Transmittal 3 shows the consultant rankings and evaluation.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Very Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) Program, and Sub-Consultant Participation – The Harbor Department had set a minimum SBE participation level of 25%, of which 5% shall be VSBE participation. Atlas has committed to a SBE/VSBE participation of 28% and 22%, respectively. Their sub-consultants are:

- American Safety
- CL Survey
- FZV Consulting
- GCC & Associates
- Lenax Construction

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is approval of the Agreement with Atlas to provide construction management support services for the Project, which is an activity for which the underlying project has been previously assessed in the Addendum to the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2008031065), which was considered by the Board on October 3, 2024. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action has been previously evaluated pursuant to the requirements of CEQA under Article II Section 2(i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the proposed Agreement will authorize a maximum amount of \$7,247,000 for construction management services for the Project. Approximately \$6,224,600 of the contract amount is on a fixed fee basis, with approximately \$1,022,400 of services to be compensated on an hourly basis through individual subtask project directives.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 funding in the amount of \$500,000 is available within Account 161305 (Construction in Progress), Division 00000 (Harbor Global), Project 2537700 (Avalon Pedestrian Bridge and Promenade Gateway). Funds are anticipated to be expended as follows:

FY 2025-2026	\$ 500,000
FY 2026-2027	\$3,000,000
FY 2027-2028	\$2,500,000
<u>FY 2028-2029</u>	<u>\$1,247,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,247,000</b>

Future fiscal years will be requested and budgeted as part of the annual budget process, upon Board approval.

Although Atlas is not obligated to perform any work under the Agreement in any fiscal year in which no appropriation for the Agreement has been made, the consultant agrees to resume performance of the work required by the Agreement on the same terms and conditions for a period of 60 days after the end of the fiscal year if an appropriation therefore is approved within that 60-day period. The consultant is responsible for maintaining all insurance and bonds during this 60-day period. The time for performance

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shall be extended during this period until the appropriation is made; however, such extension of time is not compensable.

If in any subsequent fiscal year funds are not appropriated for work required by the Agreement, the Agreement shall be terminated. However, such termination shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligation previously incurred.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The Office of the City Attorney reviewed and approved the Agreement as to form and legality.

**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. Aerial Site Plans
2. Agreement between City of Los Angeles and Atlas Technical Consultants, Inc.
3. Final Evaluation and Rankings

FIS Approval: JS

CA Approval: SO



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