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## AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit  
FROM: Barry Kielsmeier, Contracts Administrator  
DATE: June 8, 2016  
SUBJECT: **UPDATE THE ECO-RAPID TRANSIT SOQ LIST OF CONSULTANTS WITH ADDITIONAL FIRMS**

### ISSUE

Eco Rapid Transit established a list of consultants per its Statement of Qualifications process (SOQ) at its October 2015 meeting. These consultants are used for small specialized tasks so that the organization has a steady supply of qualified consultant help. Per Board direction, staff makes recommendations to add to and update the list, usually on a quarterly basis. Staff proposes to add two firms to the list: Network Public Affairs and Rincon Consultants. The list will last until October 2016. At that point firms will be asked to submit recertification forms.

### BACKGROUND

The nine categories for the existing SOQ list are:

1. Transportation Planning
2. Land Use Planning/Urban/Design/Architects and Related Services
3. Traffic and Civil Engineering
4. Environmental Planning and Related Fields
5. Engineering Support Services
6. GIS Programming and Map
7. Communication, Outreach, Marketing, Event Planning and Logistics
8. Financial and Economic Analyses
9. Other Professional and Related Services Not Defined Above

Qualified consultants are placed on the list for work on an as needed basis for specific assignments. When work needs arise, the accepted consultants are screened again with further input from member cities and Eco-Rapid Transit staff before work is awarded.

Qualified consultants are selected based on experience, quality of past work, method, approach, references, cost and understanding of issues involved.

We have received two qualified consultant proposals since the list was last updated. After review of Qualifications, Staff believes that Rincon Consultants should be added in Category 1, 2, 4, 6 and 9, while Network Public Affairs should be added solely in Category 1, Transportation Planning.

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Rincon is a local firm whose experience is particularly strong in the land use and planning fields. They have worked on transit related projects in Baldwin Park, Lynwood, Bakersfield, Manteca, Santa Maria and Santa Monica. They have completed environmental work on multi-modal transportation projects in Manteca and Santa Maria. Principal and secondary staff have several decades of work within the field.

They also requested to be added in the Graphic Information Systems. They maintain a full services group. They also wished to be added to Category 9, Other Professional Services categories.

Network Public Affairs has worked on several projects that may be familiar to the Board: the Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy and the Environmental Justice analysis for the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS. In addition they have conducted goods movement training for Caltrans' staff.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss information presented and offer action items; and/or
2. Approve the recommendation.