



NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Board Agenda Memo

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SUBJECT: Rejection of All Bids received for Invitation for Bid (IFB) No. 25-R29
for the Redwood Park and Ride Capital Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION

That the Napa Valley Transportation Authority Board reject all bids received for IFB No. 25-R29 for the Redwood Park and Ride Capital Improvement Project.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NVTA released an Invitation for Bid for the Redwood Park and Ride Improvement Project on August 7, 2025. The bid documents were publicly advertised on NVTA's website, the Press Democrat, and several trade journals. A single bid was received by the deadline of 2:00 pm on September 4, 2025.

Pursuant to California Public Contracts Code section 20166, the Board retains the discretion to reject all bids received on a project. Staff is recommending that all bids be rejected and that NVTA re-advertise and solicit new bids for the Project so that staff may further refine the project scope and specifications in the Agency's best interests. A bidder's conference will be held to notify the bidders of the requirements for the bid proposal, and a new date will be set for the award of the Project contract.

FISCAL IMPACT

None for this action.

CEQA REQUIREMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND

The Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTa) issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the Redwood Park and Ride Project to construct facility improvements intended to enhance transit access and support regional mobility. Bids were publicly advertised in compliance with NVTa procurement policies, and all submissions were received and reviewed by the deadline.

The engineer's construction cost estimate was \$602,000. The single bid received totaled \$1,020,130 – significantly higher than the estimate. Upon evaluation, staff determined that several bid item costs, including traffic control, jobsite management, utility connections, and mobilization, far exceeded the expected item cost. While various factors may have contributed to these escalations, staff believes the elevated pricing reflects a constrained bidding market at the close of construction season, when contractors tend to prioritize higher profit margins. Proceeding with the current bid would place an undue financial and operational risk on the Agency and could jeopardize project delivery within available funding constraints.

Rejecting all bids will allow NVTa to reassess the project scope, refine bid specifications, and explore opportunities to reduce costs while maintaining compliance with state and federal requirements. Staff will revise and reissue the solicitation to encourage a more competitive bidding environment and improve the likelihood that the project can be delivered within budget and schedule.

Staff recommends the Board of Directors formally reject all bids for the Redwood Park and Ride Project and direct staff to re-advertise the IFB at a later date.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose to award the contract based on the single bid received; however, doing so would result in a significantly higher cost to perform the work. Rejecting all bids and re-advertising will likely create a more competitive bidding environment and reduce overall costs.

COUNTYWIDE PLAN GOALS MET BY THIS PROPOSAL

Goal 3: Use taxpayer dollars efficiently.

Rejecting all bids and rebidding the project will encourage greater competition.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None