

## STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting of June 17, 2020

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4-D

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## SUBJECT:

State Route 41/Avenue 9 Sustainable Corridor Study – Consultant Selection

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and discussion

## SUMMARY:

Fresno COG, in partnership with the Madera County Transportation Commission, is conducting a study to determine the future transportation needs of the SR 41 corridor in the City of Fresno and the southern segment of SR 41 in Madera County. In addition, the study will analyze the future transportation needs of the Avenue 9 corridor in Madera County between SR 41 and SR 99.

The study will identify existing and future issues along the two corridors related to safety, mobility, congestion, etc., and recommend sustainable improvements that will address the transportation needs of the residents in both counties through multi-modal approaches. Issues to be addressed include mobility, access, safety, and connectivity for all modes of travel including automobiles, transit, walking, and bicycling. Ultimately, transportation projects the study identifies could potentially serve as candidate projects in both counties' transportation sales tax measure expenditure plans, as well as Fresno COG's and Madera CTC's 2022 Regional Transportation Plan(s). The scope of work is available to view by clicking the following web link: SR41/Ave 9 Sustainable Corridor Study Scope of Work.

Fresno COG released a request for proposals on April 20, 2020 for consultant services and received five proposals. Proposals were received from the following consultants:

Advanced Mobility Group DKS IBI Group TJKM VRPA Technologies

A consultant selection committee comprising representatives from Fresno COG, Madera CTC, City of Fresno, and Caltrans District 6 interviewed their top three consultants and unanimously chose IBI Group (along with sub-consultants RSG and BluePoint Planning). The IBI Group team will bring combined expertise in performance-based sustainable corridor planning, transportation and civil engineering, traffic modeling, public outreach, and economic development.

The study has a budget of \$400,000. The MCTC contribution to the total budget being \$50,000.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2019-20 Overall Work Program and Budget. Included in the 2020-21 Overall Work Program and Budget.