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Why We Should Pay for the Highway Miles We Use

We expect to pay for services like phones and electricity and water that are reliable. Shouldn't we treat roads the same way?



By Scott Lazenby

When you live or travel in a third-world country, you can't take basic infrastructure for granted. Water might come out of a faucet when you turn it on, or it might not. Electric lights might work, or they might not. Something might happen when you flush a toilet, but you probably don't want to know where the sewage goes.

Here in the U.S., we don't accept these kinds of conditions. We have little tolerances for outages of services like cable TV and cellphones, water, electricity, natural gas, garbage collection and Internet access. We insist on, and pay for, reliable provision of all the basic services. Except one: roads and highways.

We put up with crumbling highways, falling bridges and frequent failures of service--congestion caused by systems pushed beyond capacity. In this area, we are solidly in the third-world camp. What's wrong with us?

Part of the answer is defeatism. You can't build your way out of congestion, the pundits

tell us. Add a lane to a freeway, and development and driving patterns will shift so the new lane is quickly pushed beyond capacity. Adding capacity is therefore futile.

But this is only true because we give the service away for free. If we didn't meter electricity or water, there is no doubt these systems would be equally over-subscribed.

Some have argued that we do pay for road capacity in the currency of aggravation and squandered productivity, by putting up with the time lost to congestion. When it gets bad enough, we finally change our driving habits. But if you think about it, this is a perverse and lazy way to manage demand for road use.

If as a society we refuse to pay what it takes to keep up with highway demand, then at the very least we should manage that demand so that no highway or arterial is ever overloaded. Many areas use ramp metering, but that is obviously ineffective. It should be possible instead to use computer-controlled demand management to allow vehicles onto a ramp only if there is a safe margin in downstream capacity.

But while controlling demand for road capacity by denying access to the roads might take us out of thirdworld status as far as congestion is concerned, it would be a totalitarian, Marxist solution, not an American, capitalist one.

The American way would be to treat our road system like a utility, the same way we treat electricity or water. We have the technical capability now, thanks to GPS, to charge at the gas pump for every mile we use rather than the current practice of collecting a pergallon tax. Because of the high cost of adding capacity anywhere, but especially in urban areas, the per-mile charge would of course be highest when demand is

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DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. is soliciting for DBE for the following project:

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Federal Aid Project ACNHP-P099(588)E

OWNER:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1727 30th Street, Bidder's Exchange, MS 26, Sacramento, CA 95816

BID DATE: JULY 22, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

We hereby encourage responsible participation of local Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers quotation for the following types of work including but not limited to:

CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS, ELECTRICAL, EROSION CONTROL, FENCING, IRRIGATION, MINOR CONCRETE, MINOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE, PCC PAVING, ROADSIDE SIGNS, RUMBLE STRIP, STRIPING, SWPPP AND LEAD PLANS, UNDERGROUND, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, CLASS 2 AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL.

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DeSilva Gates Construction

11555 Dublin Boulevard P.O. Box 2909 Dublin, CA 94568-2909 (925) 829-9220 / FAX (925) 803-4263 Estimator: STEVE LIPPIS Website: www.desilvagates.com An Equal Opportunity Employer

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Sub Bids Requested From Qualified DBE Subcontractors & Suppliers for

County of Solano

Vacaville-Dixon Bicycle Route Phase 5B Location: Vacaville, CA Project No. CML-5923(110) Bid Date: August 4, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors in the following trades: trucking; construction area signs; clearing/grubbing; cold plane AC; concrete; striping & signage; and paving fabric.

We will pay up to and including one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of your bonding cost. Certification assistance is available, as well as viewing plans and specs.

McGuire and Hester

9009 Railroad Avenue • Oakland, CA 94603 Phone: (510) 632-7676 • Fax: (510) 562-5209 Contact: Dave Koerber An Equal Opportunity Employer

DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. is soliciting for SBE for the following project:

Montague Expressway and South Milpitas Boulevard Improvements, Contract No. C640 (15014) OWNER:

SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY 1436 California Circle, Conference Room 101, 1St Floor, Milpitas, California 95035

BID DATE: August 5th, 2015 @ 10 A.M.

We hereby encourage responsible participation of local Small Business Enterprises, and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers quotation for the following types of work including but not limited to:

Bridge, Structural Concrete, Channel Lining, Construction Area Sign, Clearing & Grubbing / Demolition, Electrical, Erosion Control, Fencing, Hazardous Material, Keystone Wall, Landscaping / Irrigation, Minor Concrete, Minor Concrete Structure, Micro-Surfacing (Type II), Railroad Track Removal, Roadside Signs & Markers, Sign Structure, Striping, Survey Monument, Survey/Staking, SWPPP Prep, Construction Site Management, Temporary Erosion Control, Underground, Trucking, Water Trucks, Street Sweeping, Class 2 Aggregate Base Material, Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A) Material

100% Performance and Payment Bonds may be required for full amounts of the subcontract price. Surety company will have to be approved by DeSilva Gates Construction. DeSilva Gates Construction will pay bond premium up to 2%. Subcontractors must possess current insurance and worker's compensation coverage meeting DeSilva Gates Construction's requirements. Please call if you need assistance in obtaining bonding, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies. Plans and specifications are available for review at our Dublin office.

DeSilva Gates Construction

11555 Dublin Boulevard P.O. Box 2909 Dublin, CA 94568-2909 (925) 829-9220 / FAX (925) 803-4263 **Estimator: Victor Le** Website: www.desilvagates.com

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DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. is soliciting for UDBEs for the following project:

CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN
ALAMEDA COUNTY IN AND NEAR LIVERMORE FROM
1.0 MILE EAST OF NORTH FLYNN ROAD TO
GREENVILLE ROAD UNDERCROSSING
ROUTE 580, Contract No. 04-4A07U4,
Federal Aid Project ACIM-580-1(051)E,
Job No. 912-110

OWNER:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1727 30th Street, Bidder's Exchange, MS 26, Sacramento, CA 95816

BID DATE: JULY 28, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

We hereby encourage responsible participation of local Underutilized Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers quotation for the following types of work including but not limited to:

Trucking: Haul HMA Material in Double Bottoms to jobsite from Vulcan Materials (Pleasanton). Approximately 24,000 tons will hauled at night during August and September 2015. Approximately 4,000 tons will be hauled during the day in December 2015.

100% Performance and Payment Bonds may be required for full amounts of the subcontract price. Surety company will have to be approved by DeSilva Gates Construction. DeSilva Gates Construction will pay bond premium up to 2%. Subcontractors must possess current insurance and worker's compensation coverage meeting DeSilva Gates Construction's requirements. Please call if you need assistance in obtaining bonding, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies. Plans and specifications are available for review at our Dublin office.

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PROJECT: Widen I-15 08-3555V4 Project ID# 081400086 Victorville, CA **THIS PROJECT HAS A 12% DBE GOAL**

BID DATE: AUGUST 05, 2015 · BID TIME: 2:00 P.M. Please respond by 5:00 p.m., August 4, 2015

We are seeking quotes from CERTIFED DBE including, but not limited to, the following work items: construction area signs, traffic control, coldplane asphalt concrete, remove bridge items, clear & grubb, roadway excavation, structure excavation, structure backfill, ditches excavation, embankment construction, imported borrow, highway planting, hydroseeding, erosion control, irrigation system, aggregate base, lean concrete base, tack coat, asphalt concrete, place asphalt concrete dike & misc., PCC pavement joints, furnish & drive piling, CIDH, minor concrete structure, concrete bridge deck overlay, drill & bond, furnish precast, erect precast concrete, sound wall (masonry block-concrete), reinforcing steel, air-blown mortar, sign structure, roadside sign, alternative pipe culvert, reinforced concrete pipe, jacked reinforced concrete pipe, corrugated metal pipe (CSP), rock slope protection, concrete curb & sidewalk, misc iron & steel frame, cover & grate, misc bridge metal, fencing, object marker, metal beam guard railing, metal railing, concrete barrier, thermoplastic traffic stripe & marking, painted traffic stripe & marking, pavement marking, signal & lighting, traffic count station, soil nail, prepare & stain concrete, & trucking.

Coffman Specialties, Inc. is signatory to Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, Cement Masons and Carpenters unions. Quotations must be valid for the same duration as specified by the Owner for contract award. Insurance and 100% Payment & Performance Bonds will be required, and will pay up to 1.5% for the cost of the bond. Waiver of Subrogation will be required. We will provide assistance/ advice with obtaining Bonds/Insurance/Credit/Equipment. Subcontractors must provide contractor's license number and Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) registration number with their quote. Plans and specs are available at no cost to interested DBE firms from the Caltrans website using the Project ID # 0814000086/ 08-3555V4 and/or our San Diego Office. We are an EOE & seriously intend to negotiate with qualified firms.

If you have any questions, Please contact Marty Keane: Phone 858-536-3100, Fax 858-586-0164 or email estimating@coffmanspecialties.com.

Non-DBE Subs/Suppliers: Indicate 2nd tier participation offered on your quotation as it will be evaluated with your price. For any bid proposal submitted on or after March 1, 2015 and any contract for public work entered into on or after April 1, 2015, the following registration requirements apply: Every Subcontractor is required to be registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Public Contract Code. No Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal pursuant to Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. No bid shall be accepted nor any subcontract entered into without proof of the Subcontractor's current registration to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. If used in our Bid, Coffman Specialties requires this proof be submitted w/in 24 hours of Bid Date.



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Sub-Bids Requested From Qualified MBE, DBE, WBE, SF LBE Subcontractors and Suppliers

Agreement No. CS-249 Planning and Design **Services Mountain Tunnel Improvements Location: Moccasin, CA Bid Date: 8/4/15**

AE003 – Civil Engineering; AE015 – Surveying (Land & Aerial); AE020 - Water Resources Engineering; PS045 - Hazardous Waste and Remediation Services; PS047 - Laboratory Services (Materials Testing).

Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.

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Robert A. Bothman An Equal Opportunity Employer,

is requesting bids from qualified DBE/SBE subcontractors and suppliers for the following trades: Traffic Control, Tree Removal, Concrete/AC Sawcutting, Site Demo, Trucking, Asphalt Paving, Pavement Markings, Rebar, Electrical.

> **DOWNTOWN SJ & CITY HALL BRT STATIONS** Location: San Jose, California **Owner: Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority** Bid Date: Thursday July 30th at 3:00 PM

Bid documents can be viewed at our office or by contacting us for a link to access the plans and speci-

Please call our office for any assistance with bonding; insurance; obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials; lines of credit and/or technical assistance.

Robert A. Bothman, Inc.

2690 Scott Blvd. • Santa Clara, CA 95050 Phone: (408) 279-2277 • Fax: (408) 279-2286 Stephanie Hunt shunt@bothman.com

TAFT ELECTRIC COMPANY 1694 EASTMAN AVENUE, VENTURA, CA 93003 **Contact: Tim Herrera** Phone: (805) 642-0121 • Fax: (805) 650-9015

Invites sub-bids from qualified union DBE businesses for the following project:

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HISP) Traffic Signal Upgrades Project. Project No. 3682 **Location: City of Santa Barbara** BID DATE/TIME: 7/23/2015 @ 3:00PM

SEEKING: Traffic Control and Concrete

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and intend to seriously negotiate with qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise subcontractors and suppliers for project participation.

Payment and performance bonds may required. Please contact us at the above listed number for further information regarding bidding on this project. To the best of our abilities we will help with bonds/insurance/credit. Plans are available for viewing at our office.

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Sub Bids Requested From Qualified WBE, MBE, DBESubcontractors & Suppliers for Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District · Recycled Water Pipeline - Phase 1A

> Location: Sacramento, CA · Project No. 4289 Bid Date: August 6, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors in the following trades: directional drilling; trucking; SWPPP; surveying; QC manager; and compaction testing. We will pay up to and including one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of your bonding cost. Certification assistance is available, as well as viewing plans and specs.

McGuire and Hester

Contact: Duane Schulze

Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. (Kiewit)

Kiewit is seeking sub-quotes from Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), Minority Business Enterprises (MBE); Women Business Enterprises (WBE); Small Business Enterprises (SBE); Small Business in a Rural Area (SBRA); Labor Surplus Area Firms (LSAF); Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) firms; and all other business enterprises to perform as Subcontractors, Professional Service Firms, and Material Vendors/Suppliers. DBE's must be certified by one of the following agencies prior to bid opening: Caltrans (State Department of Transportation): Small Business Administration (SBA); Tribal, State and Local governments; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA); or an independent certifying organization.

Project Owner: Orange County Water District (OCWD)
Project Name: La Palma Recharge Basin (CONTRACT NO. LPRB-2015-1)
Project Location: OCWD's La Palma Recharge Basin property at 3199 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA
Project Bid Date: Thursday, August 27, 2015 @ 2:00PM PST*
Subcontractor/Supplier Quotes Due: Thursday, August 27, 2015 @ 2:00PM PST*

Project Description:

The description of work includes but is not limited to: over-excavation and grading activities; construct pipelines, pump house, and inlet/outlet structure; provide various SCADA, delta v, fiber optics, and electrical components; construct and install landscaping and fencing; construction of a monitoring well; and other appurtenant work as specified and shown on the drawings.

Kiewit is requesting quotes in the areas described, but not limited to:

Utility Material, Earthwork, Trucking & Hauling, Furnish Rip Rap, Concrete Reinforcement Installation, Concrete Reinforcing Supply, Ready-Mix Concrete Supply, Furnish Precast Concrete, Electrical Work, Structural/Miscellaneous Steel Fabrication, Furnish & Install Steel Roof Deck, Furnish & Install Flashing & Sheet Metal, Furnish PVC Pipe, Furnish RCP Pipe, Furnish Epoxy Lined & Cement Mortar Coated Steel Pipe, Furnish and Install Masonry, Furnish Valves, Furnish Louvers/Vents, Furnish & Install HVAC, Furnish Sluice Gates, Furnish Vertical Turbine Pumps, Furnish Metal Doors & Frames, Furnish & Install Fencing, and Painting.

All responsive Subcontractors must possess a valid California Contractor's license and provide acceptable insurance. Responsible bidders will be expected to provide bonding for 100% of their contract value. Bond premium will be reimbursed by Kiewit. Firms performing on-site work must be signatory to the appropriate union labor agreements that govern their work. Subcontractors, Consultants, Professional Service Firms, and Material Vendors/Suppliers must be able to accept all terms and conditions of the project under its resultant agreement.

Kiewit intends to conduct itself in good faith with all DBEs and all other business enterprises regarding participation on this project. For further information or questions regarding this project, to discuss your specialty or scope of work, the requirements of the contract, licensing, project scheduling, insurance or bonding, please contact our staff listed below. Copies of all project documents are available for review at the address listed below or through SmartBidNet by contacting Kiewit.

*NOTE: Bid due date is subject to change. Please contact our office to obtain most recent bid due date.



Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.

10704 Shoemaker Ave., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 Tel: (562) 946-1816, Fax: (562) 490-8644

Contact Brandon Morlet at Brandon.Morlet@kiewit.com

Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage qualified women, minorities, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and other to apply.

Sub Bids Requested From Qualified LBE Subcontractors & Suppliers for

City of San Leandro
Siempre Verde Park Rehabilitation Project
Project No. 2015.0270
Location: San Leandro, CA
Bid Date: August 3, 2015 @ 3:00 PM

McGuire and Hester is seeking qualified subcontractors in the following trades: court surfacing; trucking; waterproofing; tree demolition; electrical; fencing; masonry; misc. metals; play equipment installation; restroom building; safety surfacing; sandblasting; surveying; and well work.

We will pay up to and including one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of your bonding cost. Certification assistance is available, as well as viewing plans and specs.

McGuire and Hester

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Pacific States Environmental Contractors, Inc.
(PSEC) is preparing a bid as a
Prime Contractor for the project listed below:

Point Pinole Regional Shoreline:
Breuner Marsh Restoration and Public
Access Improvement
Project-Phase 2: Public Access Facilities

Contract No. 08-15-496

Owner:

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT 2950 PERALTA OAKS CT. OAKLAND, CA

BID DATE: July 28, 2015 @ 10:00 A.M.

We hereby encourage responsible participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers and trucking quotation for the following types of work including but not limited to:

SURVEY, STRIPING BOLLARDS AND SIGNS, FENCING, CONCRETE FLATWORK AND BRIDGE ABUTMENTS, HYDROSEEDING AND PREFABRICATED METAL TRUSS BRIDGE.

At our discretion, 100% Payment and 100% Performance bonds may be required as a subcontract condition. Please call if you need assistance in obtaining bonding, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies for this project.

This will be a PREVAILING WAGE JOB.

Plans and specifications may be reviewed at our office located at 11555 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA, or downloaded at:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/z1knk2mkexwtv9q/AACui0hzl8FIjkHUHjmCTXtha?dl=0

or may be reviewed or purchased from the following site; www.blueprintexpress.com/ebparks

PSEC is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and solicit their subcontractor or materials and/or suppliers and trucking quotation. If you require any assistance, please contact the Estimator, Keith Donahue email him at kdonahue@pacificstates.net or call (925) 803-4333 and bids may be faxed to us at (925) 803-4334. We are an equal opportunity employer.

Pacific States Environmental Contractors, Inc.

CAL LIC. NO. 723241

11555 Dublin Boulevard • Dublin, CA 94568-2909 Phone: (925) 803-4333 • FAX: (925) 803-4334

ESTIMATOR: Keith Donahue
EMAIL: kdonahue@pacificstates.net
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Is requesting quotes from qualified DBE Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Service Providers for the following (but not limited to) work:

Prepare SWPPP, AC Pavement, Minor Concrete, Concrete Barrier, Fencing, Striping & Pavement Marking, Rebar, Aggregates, Concrete, Asphalt, RCP, Steel Water Pipe, Misc. Steel

Low Water Crossing Replacement
At 13th Street and Wilson Creek
Located in Yucaipa, Riverside County, CA
City of Yucaipa
Plan and Special Provision No. 10004

Federal Project No. BR-NBIL(539) EA #08 15000215

BID DATE July 30, 2015 @ 2:00 p.m.

Sub & Vendor Bids Due Prior

Sukut Construction, LLC

4010 W. Chandler Avenue, Santa Ana, ČA 92704

Contact: Rick Welshiemer

Phone: (714) 540-5351 • Fax: (714) 545-2003 • Email: estimating@sukut.com

Plans/specs are available for viewing at our office by appointment, or may be obtained from Owner. Subcontractors must be prepared to furnish 100% performance and payment bonds and possess current insurance and workers' comp coverage. Sukut Construction will assist Qualified Subcontractors in obtaining bonds, insurance, and/or lines of credit. Please contact Sukut Construction for assistance in responding to this solicitation. Subcontractors/Vendors will be required to sign Sukut's Standard Subcontract/Purchase Order. Copies are available for examination.

Sukut Construction's listing of a Subcontractor in its bid to the agency is not to be construed as an acceptance of all of the Subcontractor's conditions or exceptions included with Subcontractor's price quotes. Quotations must be valid for the same duration as specified by Owner for contract award.

Sukut Construction, LLC

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RGW Construction Inc. is seeking all qualified DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprises) for the following project:

Breuner Marsh Restoration and Public Access Improvement Project-Phase 2:

Public Access Facilities Contract no. 08-15-496 Federal-Aid Project: STPL-6075-(C020) DBE Goal: 10%

Engineer Estimate: \$1,265,000 – Working days 50 Bids: July 28th, 2015 @ 10:00am

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to: Structure Excavation/backfill, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Aggregate Base, Structural Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Signs-install only, Concrete Curb & Sidewalk-Misc, Fencing, Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe & Marking, Surveyor, SWPPP Planning, Water Truck, Sweeper, Trucker, Install Amenities(tables, benches, bike rack, trash), Stabilized Aggregate Paving.

Scope of Work: Constructing entry road, parking area, and public access trails..

RGW is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage DBE participation. Contact us for a specific item list.

Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or the BPXpress Reprographics www. blueprintexpress.com/ebparks or Contact John Pitsch 925-606-2400 johnp@rgwconstruction.com for questions, including bonding, lines of credit, or insurance or equipment or material suppliers. Subcontractors should be prepared to submit payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of their quotation. For bonding and other assistance, please call.

RGW Construction, Inc.

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Crunch Time Near for Senate Transport-Bill Talks

By Tom Ichniowski



The transportation construction industry's attention is riveted on the Senate as key lawmakers work out details of a long-term highway-transit authorization bill.

Negotiations will go into the weekend, one participant says and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), a central player, has said he plans to have a July 21 vote, probably a procedural one, on the measure.

As construction officials watch the developments, several important questions remain unanswered: How long will the Senate bill be? How much funding will it authorize? What revenue-raisers will it include to offset the expected increased spending over current levels?

Industry executives welcome the activity. Pete Ruane, American Road and Transportation Builders Association president and CEO, says, "The good news is, this is moving forward aggressively."

Senate negotiators face a tight deadline: the current two-month highway-transit authorization—the latest in a long series of stopgap measures—expires July 31.

The Senate Finance Committee's top Democrat, Ron Wyden of Oregon, told an ARTBA conference on July 16 that decisions on the chamber's highwaytransit legislation will be made within days.

Wyden, a participant in the talks, said, "This crucial effort to...finally, finally, finally get a long-term transportation bill...is basically going to be coming out of the gate early next week."

Another key Senate negotiator, Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman James Inhofe (R-Okla.), says, "We're committed to a six year-bill. We have made huge strides in that direction."

Speaking to reporters after he addressed the ARTBA

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An Equal Opportunity Employer is requesting quotations from all qualified **DBE**

Professional services, sub-contractors and/or material suppliers for the following project:

BART EARTHQUAKE SAFETY PROGRAM AERIAL STRUCTURES
A LINE LAKE MERRITT TO COLISEUM
Contract No. 15PB-120
Bid Closing Date: July 28, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Brosamer & Wall Inc.

1777 Oakland Blvd, Suite 110 • Walnut Creek, California 94596
PH: 925-932-7900 • FAX: 925-279-2269
Contact: Robert Rosas

PROJECT SCOPE:

The work in this Contract includes but is not limited to structural retrofit of pier foundations, bent caps and infill-walls; demolition of selected existing facilities; shoring for excavation support; falsework, excavation and backfill; clearing and grubbing; drilling and bonding dowels in concrete; drilling and bonding dowels with chemical adhesive; providing concrete reinforcing, cast-in-place concrete, prestressed concrete; installation of elastomeric bumper assemblies between existing pier caps and existing girders; temporary and permanent street lighting and traffic control signals and red light enforcement cameras, temporary traffic handling; construction of drainage facilities and sanitary sewers; protection of utilities, protection of railroad facilities and existing infrastructure and restoration of paving, sidewalks and surface features, including landscaping as described in the Contract Documents. Duration of Project is 530 Calendar Days.

Note: This project includes a Buy America Clause and Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP)

Please contact Robert Rosas @ rrosas@brosamerwall.com to view plans and specifications.

Subcontractors and Suppliers being solicited include but not limited to:

Office Trailers Rental, Construction Staking, Progress Schedule (CPM), Type III Barricade, Temporary Pavement Marking (Paint), Temporary Traffic Stripe (Paint), Channelizer (Surface Mounted), Temporary Signal and Lighting System, P.C.M.S., Temporary Railing (Type K), Temporary Crash Cushion Module, Construction Site Mgmt., Prepare SWPPP, Rain Event Action Plan, Storm Water Annual Report, Temporary Drainage Inlet Protection, Temporary Fiber Roll, Street Sweeping, Temporary Concrete Washout, Temporary Fence (Type ESA), Traffic Control System, Demolition (Fence, Curbs, Sidewalk, Asphalt, etc.), Select Structure Concrete Removal, Contaminated Soil Management, Prestressed Concrete, Elastomeric Bearing Pads, Concrete Reinforcing, Concrete Reinforcing (Foundation), Cast-in-Place Concrete, Cast-in-Place Concrete (Foundation), Drill and Bond Dowels, Drill and Bond Dowels (Chemical Adhesive), Electrical and Fiber Optic Cable Modifications, Temporary Traffic Signal Systems, Traffic Signal System Modifications - City Oakland, Structural Excavation, Structural Backfill, Slope Protection, Hydroseeding and Turf Installation, Shoring and Underpinning for Safeguarding Structures, Excavation Support and Protection (UPRR), Class 2 Aggregate Base, Asphalt Paving, Concrete Paving, Decorative Brick Pavement, Concrete Curbs, Gutters, and Walks, Signage and Pavement Markings, Chain Link Fences and Gates, Planting Irrigation, Planting, Precast Concrete Splash Blocks, Support and Protection of Service Utilities, Storm Drainage Utilities 12" Diameter, 4" Column Drain Outfall, Grounding and Bonding for Traction Power, Temporary Fence, Trucking, Portable Toilets, Concrete Supply and Placement.

Requirements: Brosamer & Wall, Inc. will work with interested subcontractors/suppliers to identify opportunities to break down items into economically feasible packages to facilitate DBE Participation. Brosamer & Wall, Inc. is a union signatory contractor. Subcontractors must possess a current contractor's license, insurance coverage and worker's compensation for the entire length of the contract.

All subcontractors will be required to sign our standard Subcontract Agreement. 100% payment and performance bonds may be required. If you have any questions regarding this project or need assistance in obtaining insurance, bonding, equipment, materials and/or supplies please call (925) 932-7900.

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Project No. 2015-8058 / CML-5916 (096)
Bid Date: August 4, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

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Downtown San Jose and City Hall BRT Stations Contract Contract No.: C837 (15156) Owner: Santa Clara VTA Engineers' Estimate: \$1,200,000. BID DATE: July 30, 2015 @ 3:00 PM

Items of work include but are not limited to: Electrical, Striping, Construction Area Signs, Minor Concrete, Clearing, Grubbing, Trucking, Slurry Seal and Traffic Control.

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Contract No.: C640 (15014)
Owner: Santa Clara VTA
Engineers' Estimate: \$25,000,000.
BID DATE: August 5, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Items of work include but are not limited to: Survey, SWPPP, QC / QA, Trucking, Sweeping, Water Truck, Fence, Clear & Grub, Demo, Landscape, Minor Concrete, Sign Structure, Construction Area Signs, Stripe, Electrical, Adjust Utilities, Slurry Seal, Bridge, Joint Seal, Rebar, Piling and Underground.

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A Line Lake Merritt to Coliseum
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Bids Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Description of Work (but not limited to):

Administrative Services, Asphalt Paving, Cast-in-Place Concrete. Cast-in-Place Concrete (Foundation), Chain Link Fences and Gates, 4" Column Drain Outfall, Concrete Curbs, Gutters, and Walks, Concrete Paving, Concrete Reinforcing, Concrete Reinforcing (Foundation), Decorative Brick Pavement, Demolition, Drill and Bond Dowels, Drill and Bond Dowels (Chemical Adhesive), Elastomeric Bearing Pads, Electrical and Fiber Optic Cable Modifications, Excavation Support and Protection (UPRR), Grounding and Bonding for Traction Power, Janitorial Services, Planting Irrigation, Planting, Precast Concrete Splash Blocks, Prestressed Concrete, QA/QC, Selective Structure Demolition, Shoring and Underpinning for Safeguarding Structures, Signage and Pavement Markings, Slope Protection, Hydroseeding and Turf Installation, Storm Drainage Utilities 12-in.-diameter, Structural Backfill, Structural Excavation, Support and Protection of Service Utilities, Temporary Traffic Signal Systems, Traffic Maintenance and Control, Traffic Signal System Modifications - City of Oakland.

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Plans and specs are available for viewing in our San Francisco office located at 450 Mission Street, Suite 402, San Francisco, CA 94105. Please call 949-204-7594 to schedule a visit. In Southern California please call 949-382-7145 to schedule an appointment to view plans and specs in our Irvine (Orange County) office.

Crunch Time Near for Senate Transport-Bill Talks

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conference, Inhofe said, "You can't do the things that need to be done without a fairly long-term bill—four, five, six years it has to be—in order to have, number one, [funding for] the long-term projects and, number two, the [policy] reforms."

Ruane said an interview that "part and parcel of this whole Senate proposal" will be the "DRIVE" Act, a \$277-billion, six-year highway measure that the EPW committee approved unanimously on June 25. Inhofe says that legislation would increase highway funding by about 3% a year. The package also will include transit and highway-safety titles. The commerce committee has approved safety provisions, but some of the language, which affects labor unions, is viewed as a dealbreaker, if it stays in the final package.

The length and size of the expected new package will depend on the amount of revenue-raisers negotiators can agree to. Inhofe said Senate Finance Committee leaders have compiled a list of such "pay-fors" that are under discussion.

The House batted the ball into the Senate's court on July 15, when it approved a further five-month highway-transit extension, which the Congressional Budget Office estimated at \$8.1 billion.

The weakening Highway Trust Fund needs that amount of revenue to stay out of a deficit through December.

The House measure's architects—Ways and Means Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) and Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Bill Shuster (R-Pa.)—say their legislation also will provide time for them work on their version of a multi-year highway-transit bill in the fall.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx told ENR in a brief interview on July 16 that "the House moving is a big step—[it] creates certainty on that end of the Capitol." The White House issued a statement supporting the House bill.

If the Senate can pass a multi-year bill, that, of course, wouldn't be the final step.

Ruane says, "Obviously there's going to be a critical moment in the next two weeks where the House has got to decide whether they're going to fight the Senate and try to push their version through or they're going to come to terms on some kind of, hopefully short-term, extension and come back in the fall and put [the long-range measure] to bed."

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Why We Should Pay for the Highway Miles We Use



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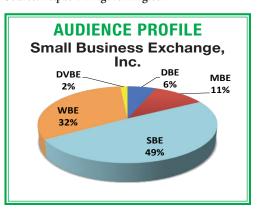
highest, during peak periods, and lowest in the middle of the night. Rather than denying drivers access to the system, demand would be managed through price signals that would let drivers decide how and when it is worth it to use the system.

The concept of congestion pricing isn't new, but it has typically been considered for only a few highways within a system or for higher-toll express lanes. In contrast, we can, and do, meter every drop of water and every kilowatt-hour of electricity. It doesn't make sense to put a price on some components of the system and give away the rest for free.

The revenue generated by per-mile pricing could be used to both increase capacity and to maintain the highway system. This revenue-producing result of demand pricing isn't merely a nice side effect; it is precisely how a utility works. Over time, drivers would pay the cost-no more and no less--for the facilities and capacity they consume. (For a detailed discussion of per-mile pricing, see Randal O'Toole's Cato Institute paper on the subject.)

The answer to the question "What's wrong with us?" has nothing to do with a lack of technology or experience in providing basic public services. Allowing any road or highway to be used beyond its capacity is not only a systems failure; it is a failure of public policy and leadership. People like to use roads for free, but letting that desire overwhelm a sensible approach amounts to the kind of democracy that H.L. Mencken described: "the theory that the common people know what they want, and deserve to get it good and hard."

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Caltrans Contract No. 08-3555V4

Construction on Rte 15 in San Bernardino County in Victorville

from 0.5 Mile North of Mojave Drive to 1.5 Mile North of Stoddard Wells Road Overcrossing

Bids Wednesday, August 5, 2015

Description of Work and Material Supply (but not limited to):

Aggregate Base, Architectural Treatment, Asphalt Paving, Biologist, Clear & Grub, Concrete Barrier, Concrete Paving, Construction Area Signs, Demolition, Drainage, Earthwork, Drilled Piling, Driven Piling, Electrical, Environmental Services, Erosion Control, Fencing & Railing, Flatwork, Guardrail, Imported Borrow, Irrigation, Joint Seal, Landscaping, Pavement Marking, Maintenance of Traffic, Minor Concrete, Misc Iron & Steel, Overhead Sign Structures, Painting, Pipe Supply, Precast Prestressed Concrete Girders, Rebar, Retaining Wall, Road Barrier, Roadway Joint Seal, Roadway Sign, Rock Slope Protection, Sewer, Shotcrete, Signal and Lighting, Soil Nail Wall, Soundwall (Masonry Block), Street Sweeping, Structural Concrete, Structural Steel, Survey, SWPPP, Traffic Control System, Traffic Monitoring Stations, Trucking, Wireless Vehicle Detection System (Refer to project specs for complete bid item list). This project has a 12% DBE Goal.

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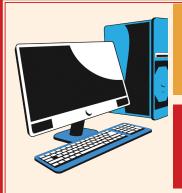
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Berkeley Balconies Now Must Have Inspections, Tougher Building Codes

Balconies in Berkeley must now pass a safety inspection every three years, and new ones must be built of rot-proof wood or steel, under measures passed Tuesday as the campus community addresses the deaths last month of six young people and grave injury of seven more.

California building code officials said they know of no other community that has taken the steps now required by Berkeley . National building codes for more than a decade have allowed balconies to be built of untreated wood that is susceptible to water damage as long as it is covered by a waterproof membrane. Such was the case of the engineered wood beams used on the cantilevered balcony that collapsed in Berkeley , built eight years ago.

The manufacturer of the beams warns against the product's use where it might become wet, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency is considering barring such material on the lower stories of homes in hurricane flood zones.

Berkeley city staff originally called for property owners to be required to provide proof that they have inspected balconies once every five years. With pressure from one council member and the lawyer for one of those killed in the June 16 tragedy, the City Council agreed to shorten the time between mandatory inspections to three years.

An attorney for the family of Ashley Donohoe , one of the victims, sought annual inspections, citing private advice from engineers who said wood decay, once established, progresses quickly. "There may be other buildings with the same design and the same issue and problems... we know the same contractors have had similar issues with other buildings that were built at other locations," attorney Eustice de Saint Phalle said.

Donohoe, 22, was among a group of young people who were celebrating a 21st birthday party when the fifth-floor balcony of a modern downtown Berkeley apartment complex gave way. Most of the victims were from Ireland, spending their summer abroad, including Donohoe's cousin, Oliva Burke, who also died.

Berkeley's new ordinances also require balcony decks that are encased to contain ventilation openings to allow water to escape if it should penetrate the structure. City Councilman Jesse Arreguin also called for stricter code enforcement, while representatives of the construction industry sought a delay in action until investigations into the collapse are finished.

A Los Angeles Times story on Tuesday reported that Berkeley's three code enforcement inspectors have difficulty enforcing the city's existing ordinance requiring property owners to conduct annual inspections of all 28,000 rentals in the city. Public records provided to the newspaper showed city inspectors checked 525 apartments in the past year, including 200 inspections that were required by the state in response to tenant complaints.

Berkeley's changes to the building code must still be approved by the California Building Standards Commission . Amendments that address local conditions are usually approved.

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