Mountain View Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project

Project Delivery Strategy

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Project Location



Project Goals

- Improve **safety** for all modes of travel
- Improve overall traffic flow
- Reduce traffic delays caused by gate down times
- Support the pedestrianization of downtown Mountain View including the Transit Center and Castro Street



Project Scope

Evelyn Ave. ramp to Shoreline Blvd.

• Reroutes traffic and allows vehicle closure at tracks

Pedestrian and bicycle under crossings

- Castro St. entrance and Evelyn Ave. intersection
- Track undercrossing and concourse
- Central Expressway under crossings to Stierlin Rd. and Adobe building

Moffett Blvd.

• Improvements and new shuttle loading



Evelyn Ramp to Shoreline



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Undercrossing



Stierlin and Adobe Entrances



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Overall Project Schedule

Dates	Activity
June 2022	Board approval of Final Design Contract
July 2022 – June 2024	Final Design
July 2024 – Jan 2025	Bidding
Feb 2025 – August 2027	Construction
November 2027	Closeout





Legislative Basis for CMGC CA Public Utility Code section 103393 et. seq.

Allows District to use CMGC delivery after

 Evaluation of both traditional design-bid-build process and CMGC project delivery method in a public meeting







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Allows District to use CMGC delivery after

- District must make a written finding that the use of CMGC will accomplish one or more of the following objectives:
 - Reduce project costs
 - Expedite the project's completion
 - Or provide features not achievable through the design -bid-build method







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Written Findings must be

- Made prior to the District entering into a CMGC contract
- Included as part of any application for state funds for the transit project





Project Delivery Methods Evaluated

Design-Bid-Build (Traditional)

- Standard US project delivery method provides the baseline delivery method
- Contractual obligations are well understood by design and construction industry
- Typically, the longest project delivery duration

Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC)

- Caltrain controls **Final Design**
- Maximizes cost savings opportunities **commercial pricing**
- **Teamwork** develops during design reducing conflict risk during construction



Design-Bid-Build Advantages



- Competitive bidding = **lowest initial price**
- Designer and contractor "checks and balances"
- Rights and obligations **well understood**
- Exemption from competitive bidding not required
 - No public hearing and record of findings



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Design-Bid-Build Disadvantages

- Optimistic pricing = increased likelihood of **claims**
- Eliminates communication between Caltrain-Contractor on constructability, work plans, mean and methods, and phasing during final design
- **Risk of inadequate budget** for jurisdictional stakeholder expectations, QC, schedule control, etc.
- **Higher** Caltrain construction administration
- Potential to develop adversarial positions



CMGC Advantages



- Use of weight criteria for selection to match project demands
- Caltrain controls final design
- Maximizes potential cost saving opportunities commercial pricing
- Caltrain influences conduct of construction
 - Analyze options to meet stakeholder and jurisdiction expectations
 - Commercial pricing of options
 - Contractor buy-in



CMGC Advantages

- Competitive pricing
 - **Open-book** evaluation of all costs
 - Appropriate risk apportionment
 - Sub-contracts are low-bid
 - Targeted **best value** to support diversity contracting
- Claim risk reduced due to early contractor involvement
- Schedule flexibility allows issue resolution
- Teamwork develops during pre-construction design phase, reducing conflict risk during construction



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CMGC Disadvantages



- CMGC exemption requires public hearing
- Reduces competitive leverage on General Conditions
- Claims may occur at subcontractor level



Project Delivery Workshop

Objective

- Evaluate DBB vs CMGC
- Determine most appropriate delivery method

Participants

• Caltrain, City of Mountain View, and VTA staff

Evaluation Tools

- TCRP Report 131 Analytical Project Delivery Assessment
- Caltrans Modified Quantitative Project Delivery Method Selection





Project Delivery Workshop - Results

Based on this project's unique features and complexities

Construction Manager/General Contractor delivery method most appropriate choice

Ranking or Scoring Method	Design-Bid-Build	Construction Manager General Contractor
TCRC Report 131 Analytical Method	45	62
Modified Caltrans Qualitative Method	42.2	132.2



CMGC Findings Reduce Project Costs

Optimize Costs

- Provides total contract price (TCP)
- Provides less competitive leverage on general condition pricing

Secure competitive construction bids

 Owner has an off-ramp to competitively bid the construction phase if TCP agreement not reached with contractor



CMGC Findings Expedite Project's Completion

Optimize overall schedule

• Achieves reduced delivery time by overlapping traditional DBB procurement tasks

Targeted construction schedule reductions

- Allows for early enabling construction work such as utility relocations and other site preparation work
- Allows for early procurement of long-lead items



CMGC Findings Provide features not achievable under design bid build method

- Provide **early contractor input** to design to incorporate preferred construction means and methods and phasing
- Allows for collaboration between the owner, designer, and contractor to deliver project requirements
- Early bid packages:
 - Utility relocation
 - Procurement and/or fabrication of long-lead items
 - Advance bid package for discreet critical path items like bridge foundations and tunnel sections



CMGC Schedule

Dates	Activity
July 2022	Board approval of CMGC Project Delivery Method
August 2022 – April 2023	RFQ/RFP for Construction Manager General Contractor Services
May 2023	Board approval to award CMGC Contract
June 2023	CMGC Contractor begins review of 65% Design package



Staff Recommendations

- **Make findings** that the use of CMGC will accomplish one or more of the required objectives pursuant to Public Utility Code Section 103395
- Authorize use of CMGC project delivery method



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Questions





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