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States Swerve to Avoid Looming Transportation Wreck



Last century,
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to make connections across the country.

By Tony Illia

The country is careening toward a grisly wreck as the federal surface transportation bill races toward expiration on May 31 with a successor nowhere in sight. Congressional action for a replacement seems unlikely until after the 2016 presidential race as well as any meaningful tax reform addressing the defunct Highway Trust Fund, leaving an already fragile economic recovery vulnerable to more bruising setbacks.

Shoddy roads cost U.S. motorists \$94 billion a year in added vehicle repairs and operating costs or \$444 per driver, reports the American Society of Civil Engineers. And yet every dollar of federal transportation investment can up to double the amount of return benefits in Gross Domestic Product, reports IHS Inc., with two-thirds of the economic aid and jobs occurring in non-construction sectors.

The last long-term federal transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU, expired in 2009 before being extended 10 times until the current lackluster Band-Aid called MAP-21 took hold in 2013. We can expect more of the same. States, counties and cities are understandably scaling back and retooling transportation plans, shelving ambitious job generating construction programs involving new bridges and freeways in favor of more sober-minded maintenance and repair measures. There is a reluctance to not spend money or commit to multi-year projects amid an uncertain financial future. Nine states withdrew or delayed \$366 million in transportation projects last year for this very reason.

Meantime, the Highway Trust Fund – the pot where states draw most of their transportation monies – is insolvent due to the gas tax's diminished value amid greater fuel efficiency, reduced

travel mileage, and increased transit ridership. The 18.3¢ gas tax – the main fund contributor – was last increased in 1993, leaving the highway trust inert and incapable of keeping pace with inflation.

Congress in July approved a \$10.8 billion stopgap measure to keep the highway fund afloat through a budgeting maneuver called “pension smoothing,” which allows companies to delay employee retirement plan contributions. Businesses will report higher profits, paying more in corporate taxes that, in turn, temporarily creates added revenue for the highway fund.

The Highway Trust Fund has needed \$70 billion in total cash infusions from other sources since 2008 in order to stay afloat. It's myopic, but unlikely to change anytime soon. Sadly, the political will is lacking for a more permanent funding fix like indexing the gas tax to inflation or implementing a vehicle-miles-traveled fee. And pension smoothing doesn't generate any real money, since in later years, companies will increase pension contributions to make-up for what it's being deferred today; business tax payments will eventually dip, as a result.

States, in response, are adopting a do-it-yourself approach. Public-private-partnerships, for instance, enable states to buy new infrastructure on layaway, preserving cash reserves and bonding capacity while still receiving much needed roads and bridges without the risk of project cost overruns, delays and lawsuits. Thirty-three states have adopted laws authorizing public-private-partnerships for highways and bridge projects since January 2014, says the Eno Center for Transportation.

Voters, meanwhile, approved two-thirds of the 655 state, county and local transportation funding initiatives proposed during the last decade, reports the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, despite nearly 80 percent of them involving tax increases. Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky,

North Carolina, and South Dakota all enacted transportation funding legislation this year, Transportation for America says, joining a dozen other states that enacted similar measures between 2012 and 2014.

A proactive plan is needed after many states deferred transportation projects during the recession amid cost cutting measures and reduced tax revenue, resulting in pent-up construction demands that will only become pricier over time. Vision, grit and leadership are needed to chart our transportation future before it's too late to act.

Tony Illia is the chief public information officer for the Nevada Dept. of Transportation's District 1, overseeing the Las Vegas Valley, as well as the southern part of the state. This blog covers transportation design, construction and policy issues, among other things.

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Mission Bay Development Group, LLC is actively seeking a General Contractor for the upcoming **Blocks 11-12 Channel Street Surface Improvements Project.**

Proposed scope of work for this phase of the project includes but is not limited to demolition, grading, curb and gutter, concrete road base and asphalt paving, sidewalks, landscaping, irrigation, signage, striping, street furnishings

MBE, WBE, SBE and LBE participation is strongly encouraged. Bid documents will be distributed to each interested General Contractor.

Please contact

Shaula Kumaishi of Alta Engineering Group at (415) 355-6627 to pick up a set at the **Mission Bay Office, 410 China Basin Street, San Francisco, CA 94158.**

Gallagher and Burk, Inc. is soliciting for SBEs for the following project:
POTRERO AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, Contract No. 2127J

OWNER:

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
1155 Market Street, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

BID DATE: APRIL 29, 2015 @ 2:30 P.M.

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ADJUST IRON, ELECTRICAL, LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION, MINOR CONCRETE, OVERHEAD CONTACT AND TRACTION POWER, RAILROAD TRACK REMOVAL, STRIPING, UNDERGROUND, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL.

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Gallagher & Burk, Inc.

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DeSilva Gates Construction, L.P. is soliciting for DBEs for the following project:
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 OWNER: STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 1727 30th Street, Bidders' Exchange, MS 26, Sacramento, CA 95816
BID DATE: April 28, 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: **AC DIKE, CLEARING AND GRUBBING, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGN, CRACK SEALING, ELECTRICAL, LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN, MINOR CONCRETE STRUCTURE, PREPAVING PROFILEOGRAPH, PREPAVING INERTIAL PROFILER, PREPAVING GRINDING DAY, STRIPING, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL, RUBBERIZED HMA (GAP GRADE) MATERIAL.**

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Estimator: VICTOR LE
 Website: www.desilvagates.com
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Mission Bay Development Group, LLC is actively seeking SBE General Contractors for the upcoming
Mission Bay Owens, 16th, and Mariposa Street Public Improvements Project.

The Project is administered by the SFMTA and the FTA. Federal Grant requirements will apply.

Work scope includes **Grading, Curb & Gutter, Roadbase, AC, Landscape, Irrigation, Streetlights, and Traffic Signals.**

This project carries a 100% SBE participation requirement. Bid documents will be distributed to each interested General Contractor.

Please contact **Cathy Serrano of Townsend Management, Inc., at (415) 355-6644** to pick up a set at the **Mission Bay Office, 410 China Basin Street, San Francisco, CA 94158**

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RESURFACING OF PORTIONS OF VARIOUS ROADWAYS IN THE CASTRO VALLEY AREA OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, Specification No. 2284
 OWNER: COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
 951 Turner Court, Room 300, Hayward, CA 94545
BID DATE: APRIL 28, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

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

ADJUST IRON, CRACK SEALING, ELECTRICAL, FABRIC, STRIPING, SURVEY/STAKING, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS, STREET SWEEPING, HOT MIX ASPHALT (TYPE A) MATERIAL.

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**Hwy 780 Paving – Benicia/Vallejo
 Caltrans #04-2J2804
 BID DATE: April 28, 2015 @ 2:00 PM**

We are soliciting quotes for (including but not limited to): Trucking, Lead Compliance Plan, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control System, Portable Changeable Message Sign, Water Pollution Control Program, Sweeping, Cold Plane AC, Clearing & Grubbing, Crack Treatment, Preparing Profileograph, Preparing Inertial Profiler, AC Dike, Data Core, Tack Coat, Minor Concrete, Misc. Iron & Steel, Striping & Marking, Electrical and Construction Materials

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

**Roadway Safety Improvements on Patterson Pass Road
Alameda County Public Works Agency Specification No. 2092
Federal Aid Project No. HRRRL-5933(89)**

Engineer Estimate: \$1,850,000

Goal: DBE 9%

Bids: May 06, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to): Construction Area Signs, Cold Plane, Clear & Grub, Landscaping, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Air Blown Mortar-Shotcrete, Signs Roadside, Rock Slope Protection, Minor Concrete, Fencing, Survey & Historical Monument, Object Marker, MBGR, Thermoplastic and Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, SWPPP Planning, Water Truck, Sweeper

Scope of Work: Cold planning existing pavement and overlay with Type A HMA and compacting aggregate base.

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

Plans and specifications may be viewed and purchased by any prospective bidder online at www.designbidbuild.net/eastbay/planroom?alsoEast Bay Blue Print and Supply at 1745 14th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606 (510-261-2990). Contact Dan Schultz 925-606-2400 dan.schultz@rgwconstruction.com for any 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.

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California Adopts Drought Measures

By Nicholas Zeman



Rich Pedroncelli : Associated Press

In the weeks since California Gov. Gerry Brown (D) issued an executive order mandating a 25% reduction in water use for all urban water users to address what scientists predict could become the worst drought in 1,000 years, the state's energy commission approved water-appliance standards that would dramatically increase performance requirements for building components such as toilets, faucets and urinals.

"The technology is there, and we're eager to install more-efficient fixtures in buildings," says Courtney Lorenz, director of environmental management at Skanska USA. In her opinion, it's the responsibility of building owners and end users to discover which water-conserving technologies are available and how they would translate into real savings. "For contractors, we have [that] ability," she says.

Apart from conservation efforts, the state is counting on engineering and construction firms to increase California's water supply, as well: State voters approved a \$7.5-billion water bond in 2014. The funds represent "the most significant statewide investment in water-supply infrastructure projects in decades," according to the California Public Utilities Commission.

The bond package includes surface and groundwater storage, ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration, and drinking-water protection, CPUC said.

"A lot of that work is in the planning stages, and we're seeing some pretty standard canal remediation projects and things like that, but nothing major in Southern California yet," says Garrett Francis, district manager, Association of General Contractors, Los Angeles.

"Now, my guys—Turner, Griffith and some of the heavy-civil firms—are concerned about future developments and all of the work in Los Angeles, but water [restrictions] will affect the homebuilders a lot more than commercial contractors," he adds.

Source: <http://enr.construction.com>

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

**Berryessa Station Campus Area and Roadways, San Jose
VTA BART No. C742 (15002F)**

Engineer Estimate: \$26,000,000 – 459 Calendar Days

Goal: DBE 7.95%

Bids: May 6th, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to): Fabric and Oils, Electrical Material, Construction Area Signs, Traffic Control, Raise Iron-Utilities, Cold Plane, Clar and Grub, Roadway Excavation, Structure Excavation/backfill, Landscaping, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Irrigation, Limetreatment, Aggregate Base, Asphalt Paving, Grinding, CIDH Piles, Structural Concrete, Concrete Block & Masonry Retaining Wall, Soundwall-Masonry Precast, Joint Seal, Reinforcing Steel, Steel Structure, Signs Roadside, Concrete Curb & Sidewalk Misc., Fencing Survey & Historical Monument, Metal Railing, Thermoplastic & Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, Pavement Marking, Signal and Lighting, Message Signs, Lighting & Sign Illumination, Surveyor, SWPPP, Water Truck, Sweeper, Trucker, Painting Structures, Commercial Electrical, Storm Drain (underground), Quality Control Testing, Building Work.

Scope of Work: Construction of 2,700 ft. long Berryessa Station Way, Roadway improvements, parking lot, bus transit center, BART Police Zone Facility & VTA Ancillary Building and station plaza.

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

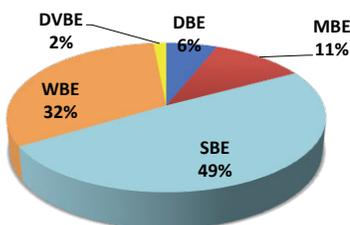
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