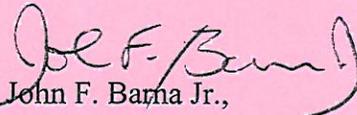


Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

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From: 
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Ref: Monthly Report on Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee Activity

Summary: The following is a progress report on selected construction contracts for the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge Seismic Retrofit project and the April 3, 2008, Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee (TBPOC) meeting:

Self Anchored Suspension (SAS) contract –

- Steel fabrication in China is ongoing. As of today, over 100 deck panels have been completed. Caltrans is working closely with American Bridge Flour (ABF), the contractor, to determine a corrective method for welding defects found during visual inspections.
- It is estimated the shear leg barge will arrive in China April 17, 2008.

SAS Foundation contract (E2/T1) –

- The final estimate was submitted March 4, 2008, with a savings of \$32.6 million.

Yerba Buena Island (YBI) Detour –

- Pile-drilling for the west tie-in Phase II started March 17, 2008.
- Excavation for the east tie-in skid bent footings started March 17, 2008.

Skyway contract –

- The contract was accepted March 24, 2008, with a savings of approximately \$39 million.

West Approach (WA) contract –

- The ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the east-bound structure is scheduled for April 11, 2008. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10:30 AM.

April 3rd TBPOC meeting –

- The main item of discussion was the schedule of the SAS contract. ABF was invited to the meeting. In the end, it was agreed to reconvene a month from now to discuss opportunities to accelerate contract completion.

Background: In July 2005, Assembly Bill 144, (AB144) Hancock created the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee to exercise project oversight and control over the Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program. The TBPOC is comprised of the Director of the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) Executive Director, and the Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

The TBPOC's program oversight and control activities include, review and approval of contract bid documents, provide field staff to review ongoing costs, review and approve significant change orders and resolve major project issues.