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THE NEWSLETTER FOR OMNITRANS BRT



APPARENT LOW BIDDER IDENTIFIED FOR sbX CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Griffith Company, a general contractor in joint venture with Comet Electric, Inc., is the apparent low bidder for construction services for the Omnitrans E Street Corridor sbX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.

Pending due diligence by the Omnitrans procurement department, Griffith/JV Comet and its dozens of subcontractors will be tasked with construction of the first BRT corridor of a system-wide plan, running from northern San Bernardino to Loma Linda via Kendall Drive, E Street, Hospitality Lane, Tippecanoe Avenue, Anderson Street, Barton Road, Benton Street and Prospect Street. The approval for the bid of construction will be on the July 6 Omnitrans Board of Directors agenda.

Construction services include roadway, guideway, paving, striping, curb and gutter, sidewalk, utility-relocation, and landscaping. Work also includes building station-platforms, park-and-ride facilities, and installation of traffic-signal-priority systems, public art, ticket vending machines, bus benches and other infrastructure.

The BRT service – dubbed the Green Line for its many environmental features – will run every 10 minutes during peak periods and 15 minutes off-peak.

Construction is due to begin in the fall of this year, with completion in the fourth quarter of 2013. Passenger service is scheduled for early 2014.

Founded in 1902, Griffith Company is one of California's earliest general contractors and provides services to private and public sector clients on a variety of construction work in the areas of transportation, infrastructure, and site development.

Comet Electric Inc., based in Southern California, provides a wide array of installation and design services in sectors including commercial, industrial, retail, transportation, street lighting and traffic signalization, to name a few.

sbX Construction Helpline Goes Live

A toll-free helpline has been set up to provide information about the sbX BRT construction project.

The public can now call **(855) sbX-NEWS (1-855-729-6397)** to speak with a community liaison. Should a liaison not be available at the time of a call, it is the goal to respond within a business day.

Prior to construction, people can call the helpline to get general information, be added to the database, request a presentation or visit to a business or residence.

Once construction begins this fall, the public can get timely information regarding construction, address construction-related activities, and request in-person visits.



SBX OUTREACH CALENDAR

Date: Friday, June 24

Event: Boy Scout Night at IE 66ers

Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: Arrowhead Credit Union Park, 280 South E Street, San Bernardino

Date: Friday, July 29

Event: Angels Flashback Cap Giveaway at IE 66ers

Time: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Location: Arrowhead Credit Union Park, 280 South E Street, San Bernardino

QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL AND SAFETY MANAGERS HIRED FOR SBX PROJECT



Tim Chowdhury, a registered civil engineer, will serve as the Quality Assurance/Quality Control Manager during the construction phase of the sbX project.

Mr. Chowdhury has 35 years of experience in the construction industry including transportation projects. He holds a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in civil engineering/division of management from California State University, Fullerton. He received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Heald Engineering College in San Francisco. Prior to joining Omnitrans, Chowdhury managed projects for Caltrans along State Route 71 through work with Infrastructure Consultants, Inc.

He will be responsible for overseeing the quality control of the construction services performed throughout the duration of the project and will verify that project objectives meet the requirements for achieving reliable and economical operations.



William Leitel, a certified Occupational Safety and Health Agency (OSHA) trainer, will manage all safety and security-related tasks during the construction phase of the sbX project.

Mr. Leitel will oversee the implementation of a site-specific safety manual, emergency action plan and incident/accident reports. He will work closely with the general contractor and its subconsultants to ensure the safety of the general public, workers, and safe equipment and construction practices.

sbX STATION PROFILE: CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO

Artists: Freya Bardell and Brian Howe - Greenmeme

Material: Glass Ceramic Enamel; Single Pane Tempered Glass

Dimensions: 8 panels at 6 feet 2 1/2 inches by 5 feet 6 5/8 inches

Images/Visuals: Based on trees on campus; trees on glass will have a rich blue color that dramatically contrasts surroundings

Image of California State University, San Bernardino sbX Station; Up-close of art panel.



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