

City of Inglewood



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City of Inglewood Releases Short List of Service Firms Eligible to Move Ahead in Inglewood Transit Connector Procurement Process

Inglewood's Anticipated Sustainable Transit Project Moves Closer to Construction

INGLEWOOD - Today, the City of Inglewood released a short list of firms that are eligible to move ahead to the next phase of the Inglewood Transit Connector (ITC) procurement process. Once completed, the ITC Project will bring much-needed public transit options to Inglewood and is projected to support hundreds of good-paying jobs. The Project remains on track for completion and start of passenger service in advance of the LA2028 Summer Olympics.

"Inglewood residents deserve access to sustainable public transit, clean air and good jobs, and the Inglewood Transit Connector is bringing them all three," Mayor James T. Butts said. "We've received overwhelming community support for this Project, and I'm glad to see it moving closer to completion. This is a big step forward as we prepare to get shovels in the ground in 2023."

The ITC Project is an approximately 1.6-mile long, three station, fully elevated, electrically powered automated transit system that will reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and connect Inglewood residents to the expanding LA Metro system. The ITC is also projected to create approximately 500-700 construction jobs directly related to the Project, and over 10,000 indirect jobs throughout the region.

In December 2021, the City of Inglewood released two Requests for Qualifications (RFQs). One RFQ sought Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain (DBFOM) service firms, and the second sought Transit Technology Suppliers as part of a two-pronged approach that will create market driven integrated proposal teams to participate in the Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The RFP is currently under development and is anticipated to be issued in the summer of 2022.

The City received statement of qualifications (SOQs) from five DBFOM responders, and shortlisted three to move forward: Elevate Inglewood Partners, Envision Inglewood Connected, and Inglewood Community Connectors.

Concurrently, the City received Eligibility Determination Requests (EDRs) from seven Transit Technology Suppliers, and established the eligibility of six firms to move forward: Bombardier Transportation (Holdings) USA Inc., BYD Transit Solutions LLC, DCCCA1, Inc., Leitner-Poma of America, Inc., Schwager Davis, Inc., and Woojin Industrial Systems Co., Ltd.

Shortlisted DBFOM responders and eligible Transit Technology Suppliers will self-select to form integrated proposer teams that will participate in the RFP process. Proposals received in response to the RFP are expected to be evaluated based on, among other things, how well the proposals respond to Project affordability limits, technical capabilities and merit, delivery schedule, long-term reliability, and demonstrated ability to deliver a federally compliant Project.

When completed, the ITC Project will provide a critical first-last mile connection between the Metro K Line and Inglewood's top business and entertainment destinations.

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James T. Butts serves as Mayor of the City of Inglewood.