

Staff Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Jordan Hess
Date: May 28, 2026

Agenda Item: 5.2 New Facility Construction Contract – Removal of Conditions

Attachments:

None

Recommendation:

Authorize the chief executive officer and general manager to execute an unconditional notice to proceed for constructing the agency’s maintenance, operations, and administrative base to Quality Construction of Missoula, Montana, removing the requirement of preapproval of specific contracts with subcontractors.

Discussion:

At its April 15, 2025, special board meeting, the Missoula Urban Transportation District’s board of directors authorized the chief executive officer and general manager to execute a contract amendment with Quality Construction of Missoula, Montana, for the purposes of constructing the agency’s new facility.

The project is primarily funded through a \$39.1 million federal grant, and at the time of the special board meeting, the secretary of transportation was still reviewing the grant funds. The board authorized approval of the project under the condition that Quality Construction not execute any contracts with subcontractors without MUTD’s prior approval.

The board passed the following motion:

Approve and authorize the CEO & General Manger to sign Amendment #1 to the Construction Manager at Risk contract with Quality Construction in the amount of \$46,395,810, with inclusion of a termination clause as reflected in the meeting record. Authorize staff to issue a notice to proceed, provided the notice contains language that requires preapproval from the District for authorization of specific contracts with subcontractors.

MUTD's federal award has since been released for obligation, and the agency is now able to proceed with construction activities under pre-award authority. Staff and Quality Construction request removal of the conditions passed by the board at the April 15, 2026, special meeting.

Financial Impact and Funding Source:

This action authorizes the unconditional approval of the new facility project as budgeted within MUTD's capital improvement plan.