

DATE: MAY 16, 2019

FROM: ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CALTRANS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 07-5164 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES (PS&E) AND RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) WORK FOR THE STATE ROUTE 47/VINCENT THOMAS BRIDGE AND FRONT STREET/HARBOR BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE RECONFIGURATION PROJECT

SUMMARY:

Staff requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners adopt a Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 (Amendment) to the Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5164 (Agreement) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to develop Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E), and Right of Way (ROW) work for the State Route 47 (SR 47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project (Project). This Amendment, if approved by the Board, changes language in the Recital of the Agreement to correct the name of the Environmental Document (ED) from a Categorical Exemption to a Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact. Approval of the proposed Amendment will not have a financial impact on the Harbor Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II, Section 2(f), of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5164 between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the State of California Department of Transportation approved on November 1, 2018;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and Board Secretary to attest to said Amendment for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background and Context

On November 1, 2018, the Board approved Cooperative Agreement 07-5164 (Transmittal 1) between the Los Angeles Harbor Department and Caltrans to develop the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) and Right of Way (ROW) work for the Project.

Caltrans requests the Harbor Department approve Amendment No. 1 (Transmittal 2) to replace Article 5 under Recitals of the Agreement and to correctly name the Environmental Document (ED) from a Categorical Exemption to a Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact.

The ED was approved by Caltrans in March 2018. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. If approved, Amendment No. 1 shall become part of the Agreement. The Agreement will terminate after the PS&E and ROW work are completed, and a Closure Statement is signed by all parties.

The Project is located within the boundaries of Knoll Drive to the north, Swinford Street to the south, Front Street to the east, and the I-110/SR 47 Freeway interchange to the west as shown in the site map (Transmittal 3). The Project will improve transportation safety and operation in and around the Port of Los Angeles complex.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of an Amendment to an existing Cooperative Agreement between the Harbor Department and Caltrans for the SR 47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines. Additionally, the document assessing this project is being finalized by Caltrans as the Lead Agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of this resolution does not have a financial impact on the Harbor Department. Approval of this resolution does not obligate the Harbor Department to fund the Project. Any commitment of Harbor Department funds to the Project will be requested in a separate future Board action. Detailed cost responsibilities and any ongoing operating and maintenance costs subsequent to project completion will also be presented at that time.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has approved the Amendment as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Resolution No. 18-8378 – Adopted Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5164 between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and Caltrans for the Project
2. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 07-5164
3. Project Vicinity Map

FIS Approval: 

CA Approval: 



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