



**THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES**  
Executive Director's  
Report to the  
Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: JULY 29, 2011**

**FROM: GOODS MOVEMENT DIVISION**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT 2584 FOR THE I-710 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND ENGINEERING PROJECT REPORT FOR THE I-710 FROM OCEAN BOULEVARD TO SR-60**

**SUMMARY:**

On November 1, 2007, the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approved a multi-agency funding agreement for the I-710 Corridor Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). This funding authorized a contribution of \$5 million from the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) for the EIR/EIS phase of the overall project, which also includes preliminary engineering (PE) and public outreach. The agreement lapses on August 6, 2011, and thus needs to be extended for time only (to June 30, 2014), as the draft EIR/EIS is still in process. METRO is not requesting additional funds from the Harbor Department or other funding partner to complete the EIR/EIS phase. Staff recommends approval of a second amendment to extend the term to June 30, 2014.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Approve the second amendment to the Funding Agreement for the I-710 EIR/EIS and Engineering Project Report to extend the term until June 30, 2014;
2. Authorize and direct the Executive Director to finalize the form of and execute the second amendment to the Funding Agreement for and on behalf of the Board, only for an extension of term to June 30, 2014, in form approved by the Office of the City Attorney as to form and legality;

DATE: JULY 28, 2011

PAGE 2 OF 4

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE  
FUNDING AGREEMENT 2584 FOR THE I-710 EIR/EIS AND  
ENGINEERING PROJECT REPORT

3. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

On November 1, 2007, the Board approved a funding agreement for the I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS, with the following agencies: METRO, which is the contracting agency; Caltrans, which is the lead/certifying agency for the EIR/EIS; Gateway Cities COG; SCAG; I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority (JPA); and Port of Long Beach. The agreement requires the Harbor Department to pay \$5 million for the EIR/EIS phase of the overall project, including preliminary engineering (PE) and public outreach, as provided through two contracts. METRO's contract for the EIR/EIS and PE is with URS Corporation, Santa Ana, CA, and the contract for public outreach is with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc., Berkeley, CA (MIG). The agreement also defines our role in the project governance, which consists of the following committees: Executive Committee, Project Committee (PC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Corridor Advisory Committee, Local Advisory Committees, and Subject Working Groups (Commissioner Doug Krause is the Harbor Department's representative on the Executive and Project Committees and the Director of Goods Movement is on the TAC).

The first amendment was approved by the Board in June 2009 to add Southern California Edison as an ex-officio member of the TAC and PC. The agreement lapses on August 6, 2011, and thus needs to be extended for time only (to June 30, 2014), as the draft EIR/EIS is still in process (METRO was delayed in preparing this second amendment). METRO is not requesting additional funds from the Harbor Department or other funding partner to complete the EIR/EIS phase.

The following briefly summarizes the status and schedule of the EIR/EIS:

- Technical studies are still being prepared for the alternatives.
- The DEIS/DEIR is planned to be released in March 2012.
- The Record of Decision/Notice of Determination is expected in April 2013.

**DATE: JULY 28, 2011**

**PAGE 3 OF 4**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT 2584 FOR THE I-710 EIR/EIS AND ENGINEERING PROJECT REPORT**

- As of June 30, 2011, \$4.318 million of the Harbor Department's contribution has been expended; \$0.682 million is contained in the FY11-12 budget.
- Our \$5 million will be expended prior to the new termination date of June 30, 2014, which has no financial impact to the Harbor Department because METRO is covering all remaining costs of the EIR/EIS phase.

As of the date of this Board report, METRO was finalizing the Second Amendment to Funding Agreement No. 2584 and it was not yet released to the Harbor Department. The agreement expires on August 6, 2011. To avoid a lapse in the funding agreement, staff is recommending that the Board approve the extension of term to June 30, 2014 and delegate authority to the Executive Director to finalize and execute the Second Amendment which extends the termination date to June 30, 2014 and makes no other changes, in a form that has been approved by the Office of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS:**

This Board action will have no employment effect.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is the Second Amendment to the Funding Agreement, Harbor Department Agreement No. 2584 to extend the term to June 30, 2014. As an administrative action, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The second amendment adds additional time to the agreement, and does not have any financial impact.

DATE: JULY 28, 2011

PAGE 4 OF 4

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT 2584 FOR THE I-710 EIR/EIS AND ENGINEERING PROJECT REPORT

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

As of the date of this Board report, the Second Amendment to the Funding Agreement, Harbor Department Agreement No. 2584 was being finalized by METRO and was not yet released to the Harbor Department. The Second Amendment shall be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney prior to signature by the Executive Director.

**TRANSMITTAL:**

1. November 1, 2007 Board Memo/Original Funding Agreement



KERRY CARTWRIGHT, P.E.  
Director of Goods Movement

FIS Approval: (N/A per Finance Division)  
CA Approval: 



MICHAEL R. CHRISTENSEN  
Deputy Executive Director

APPROVED:



GERALDINE KNATZ, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

AUTHOR: K. CARTWRIGHT KC:dg  
Amendment to Funding Agreement for I-710 EIR 8-04-11.docx