



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

**DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

**FROM: ENGINEERING**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO MEASURE R FUNDING AGREEMENT NO. 920000000MR312.32 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE STATE ROUTE 47 (SR-47)/VINCENT THOMAS BRIDGE AND FRONT STREET/HARBOR BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE RECONFIGURATION PROJECT**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approve Amendment No. 1 (Amendment) to the Measure R Funding Agreement No. 920000000MR312.32 (Agreement) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). Amendment No. 1 awards the Harbor Department an additional \$3,030,000 to develop the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) of the State Route 47(SR-47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project (Project).

**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 the Amendment No. 1 to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Measure R Funding Agreement No. 920000000MR312.32 between the Harbor Department and LACMTA which awards an additional \$3,030,000 to the Harbor Department (Transmittal 1);
3. Authorize the Executive Director and the Board Secretary to execute and attest to said Agreement on behalf of the Board;
4. Authorize the Board Secretary to mail three originals of the Agreement to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, One Gateway Plaza, MS

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99-22-3, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952 upon execution of the LACMTA Measure R Funding Agreement by the Executive Director; and

5. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background and Context - The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) is committed to improving transportation safety and operation in and around the Port complex. Currently, westbound State Route 47 (SR-47) traffic and southbound Interstate 110 (I-110) traffic destined for the West Basin and San Pedro Waterfront areas exit at Harbor Boulevard. Significant nonstandard weaving conditions exist as traffic travels through the Harbor Boulevard off-ramp. Nonstandard merging also exists on the eastbound SR-47 on-ramp from Harbor Boulevard as traffic approaches the Vincent Thomas Bridge. In addition, traffic routinely backs up onto both off-ramps during peak periods as a result of the two freeways (I-110 & SR-47) terminating at the same point. We anticipate traffic backups will increase and greatly reduce the operational efficiency of the interchange with the projected future background growth and the development of the Waterfront.

To mitigate this operational deficiency, the Harbor Department proposes to relocate the existing westbound SR-47 off-ramp to land north of the Vincent Thomas Bridge at Front Street and Knoll Drive. Relocating the off-ramp to the north will separate traffic travelling from both freeways into two different intersections (Harbor Boulevard/Swinford Street and Front Street/Knoll Drive), and thereby allow for efficient movement of traffic through the interchange that is destined to the cruise terminal, San Pedro Waterfront development and other recreational facilities (Transmittal 2).

On February 19, 2015, the Board approved Agreement 15-3311 between the Harbor Department and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCOG) through Resolution No. 15-7757, for a Measure R grant in the amount of up to \$1,000,000.

On November 17, 2015, the Board approved Cooperative Agreement 07-5049 between the Harbor Department and Caltrans in the amount of \$150,000 for Caltrans to review and assist with development of the Project Study Report (PSR).

On November 17, 2015, the Board awarded Agreement 15-3369 in the amount of \$999,000 to AECOM through Resolution No. 15-7888, to provide engineering and environmental services to complete the PSR and develop the Caltrans Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA/ED).

On November 16, 2017, the Board approved the Measure R Funding Agreement No. 92000000MR312.32 between the Harbor Department and LACMTA in the amount of \$540,000 to reimburse the Harbor Department for development of the PA/ED.

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The LACMTA proposes awarding the Harbor Department an additional \$3,030,000 in Measure R funding to develop the PS&E for the Project via Amendment No.1.

If approved by the Board, Amendment No. 1 to the Measure R Funding Agreement will grant the additional monies and update the Funding Agreement to include new provisions required by LACMTA as part of the agency's standard terms.

The Harbor Department is responsible to provide the initial funding for the Project and seek reimbursement from the proposed LACMTA grants, including \$540,000 from the initial grant and up to \$3,030,000 from Amendment No. 1 for a total of \$3,570,000. The Harbor Department is not required to provide matching funds for this grant, and the acceptance of these outside agency funds does not commit the Harbor Department to construct the Project. The total cost for the project is currently estimated to cost \$31,050,000. By completing the PS&E phase of the Project, the Harbor Department will be eligible to seek additional grant funds to construct the Project, contingent upon approval by the Board.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is approval of Amendment No. 1 to the funding agreement between the Harbor Department and LACMTA, which is an administrative activity. This action is limited to the administrative approval for the distribution of funds. Individual projects implemented with the use of funding will be subject to separate environmental review by the lead agency with jurisdiction over the Project. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement memorializes the framework for the transfer of approximately \$3,030,000 in Measure R grant funds from the LACMTA to the Harbor Department on a quarterly basis for the State Route 47(SR-47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project. The LACMTA grant amount covers the design cost of the Project. There is no cost share requirement for this grant. The Harbor Department will be applying for future grant funds in order to cover the remaining construction costs of the Project. Construction timing details and cash flows for the Project will be discussed in more detail at such time that the construction award for the Project is brought before the Board for approval. As part of the Fiscal Year 2019 budget adoption process, \$917,851 was programmed within Work Order 2533400 to continue pre-construction efforts associated with the Project.

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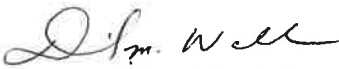
**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The Office of the City Attorney approves the Agreement as to form and legality.

**TRANSMITTAL:**

1. Amendment No. 1 to Funding Agreement No. 920000000MR312.32 Between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the State Route 47(SR-47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project
2. Project Vicinity Map

FIS Approval: MB  
CA Approval: Clab



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