



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

DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2016

FROM: ENGINEERING

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ LETTER OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT
AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY 2015 CALL FOR PROJECTS
AWARD NO. F9201 FOR THE YUSEN TERMINAL EFFICIENCY
ENHANCEMENT & TRUCK TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM – PHASE 2**

SUMMARY:

Staff requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners adopt a Resolution and approve a Letter of Agreement (LOA) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). The LACMTA requires that the Harbor Department execute a LOA to accept an awarded grant and seek grant reimbursement.

The Harbor Department has been awarded the following grant: LACMTA 2015 Call for Projects Award No. F9201 for the Yusen Terminal Efficiency Enhancement & Truck Trip Reduction Program – Phase 2 (Project) in the amount of \$1,992,000. The Harbor Department will be responsible to provide the initial funding for the Project and seek reimbursement from the proposed LACMTA grant for up to \$1,992,000. The Harbor Department will also be receiving a Trade Corridor Improvement Funding (TCIF) grant for up to \$1,132,000. The Harbor Department's cost share to the Project is estimated at \$0 of the total estimated Project construction cost of \$3,124,000 including construction support services.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) and 2(i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines as determined by the Director of Environmental Management;

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2. Accept the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) 2015 Call for Projects Award No. F9201 for the Yusen Terminal (YTI) Efficiency Enhancement & Truck Trip Reduction Program – Phase 2 (Project) in the amount of \$1,992,000 between LACMTA and the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department;
3. Authorize the Executive Director and the Board Secretary to execute and attest to the Letter of Agreement (LOA) for the Project on behalf of the Board;
4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to future amendments to this LOA to account for revised project schedules and reduced project costs for and on behalf of the Board in accordance with City of Los Angeles Administrative Code 10.1.1; subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

The following Project has been awarded grant funding by LACMTA:

No.	Project Name	Grant Type/ Agreement Type	Proposed LACMTA Grant Agreement	TCIF Agreement	Harbor Dept. Share	Total Construction Cost
1	YTI Terminal Efficiency Enhancement & Truck Trip Reduction Program – Phase 2	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Agreement	\$1,992,000 (63.8%)	\$1,132,000 (36.2%)	\$0	\$3,124,000

LACMTA Grant Funding: The LACMTA Call for Projects is a competitive grant program that provides funding to projects that address transportation issues in the Los Angeles region. The Harbor Department submitted the Project for consideration under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) category in January 2015.

In September 2015, the LACMTA awarded CMAQ grant funding for the Project under the Goods Movement Improvements category of the 2015 Call for Projects. The Harbor Department must execute the transmitted LOA between the Harbor Department and the LACMTA to receive the funding for the Project in accordance with the terms of the grant.

This Project is included in the Harbor Department's current Capital Improvement Program and is an integral component to the Harbor Department's container terminal redevelopment program.

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Project Description: The Project will construct a new rail loading track (approximately 2,900 linear feet) within the terminal's existing rail yard. Additional improvements will include pavement work, and utility modifications/removals/protections, as needed. The Project provides a vital link in the movement of goods by rail between the Port of Los Angeles and the national rail system. The Project will result in a reduction in truck trips from the National Highway System.

Construction is scheduled to start Spring 2017 and be completed by Winter 2017.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of a LOA with LACMTA for grant funding awarded for the Project. The proposed action is limited to approval of a LOA to accept funding. The Project was assessed as part of a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact report which was certified by the Board on November 7, 2014 (SCH # 2013041017). Therefore, as an administrative activity for which the underlying project has previously been evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the requirements of the CEQA, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II, Sections 2(f) and 2(i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of the proposed LOA memorializes the framework for the transfer of Project CMAQ F9201 grant funds from LACMTA to the Harbor Department. The grant is on a reimbursement basis, requiring the Harbor Department to budget and subsequently expend the funds for the Project. The Harbor Department has 36 months to expend the grant funds from the fiscal year (FY) that LACMTA has programmed the funds. The total Project construction cost including construction support services is estimated at \$3,124,000 of which \$1,992,000 (63.8%) is reimbursable under the grant discussed herein, and \$1,132,000 (36.2%) is reimbursable under Trade Corridor Improvement Funding state funding.

Before requesting reimbursement from LACMTA, the Harbor Department would need to budget and expend its own funds. Entering into the LOA does not commit the Harbor Department to construct this Project. Funds for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 are currently budgeted in Account 54510, Center 1165, Program No. 000 in the amount of \$1,692,146. Future Fiscal Year funds will be requested as part of the annual budget adoption process, upon Board approval.

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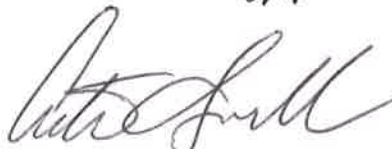
The City Attorney has approved the proposed Agreement as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTAL:

1. LOA between the Harbor Department and the LACMTA for the YTI Terminal Efficiency Enhancement & Truck Trip Reduction Program – Phase 2

FIS Approval: MB (initials)
CA Approval: Chab (initials)


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