



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**
Executive Director's
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JUNE 23, 2021

FROM: ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. 18-3618 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND MARK THOMAS & COMPANY, INC. TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES (PS&E) 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) adopt a Resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 18-3618 (Agreement) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. (Consultant) of Irvine, California, to prepare Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the State Route 47 (SR-47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project (Project). The original agreement was approved by the Board on November 15, 2018, for the amount of \$2,999,986.

Amendment No. 2 will add four years to the term of the agreement for a revised total term of seven years and no change in total compensation. Payment of expenses incurred under this agreement will continue to be the financial responsibility of the Harbor Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

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. Find that in accordance with the City Charter Section 1022, the services required can be performed more feasibly by an outside contractor than by City employees;

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3. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 18-3618 between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. to prepare and complete the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the State Route 47 (SR-47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project utilizing the same Engineer of Record by adding four years to the term of the agreement;
4. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 18-3618 to the Los Angeles City Council for approval pursuant to Section 373 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles and Section 10.5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code;
5. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to said Amendment for and on behalf of the Board; and
6. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background and Context

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department is committed to improving transportation safety and operation in and around the Port of Los Angeles 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 non-standard weaving conditions exist as traffic travels through the Harbor Boulevard off-ramp. Non-standard merging also exists on the eastbound SR-47 on-ramp from Harbor Boulevard as traffic approaches the Vincent Thomas Bridge. Vehicles routinely back up onto both off-ramps during peak periods as a result of the two freeways (I-110 & SR-47) terminating at the same point. With the projected future growth and the development of the Waterfront, the Harbor Department anticipates that traffic congestion will increase and greatly reduce the operational efficiency of the interchange.

To mitigate this operational deficiency, the Harbor Department proposes to relocate the existing westbound SR-47 off-ramp 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 exits (Harbor Boulevard/Swinford Street and Front Street/Knoll Drive), allowing for efficient movement of vehicles through the interchange that are destined for the cruise terminal, Waterfront Development, and other recreational facilities.

The Project will reduce delays, potential for crashes/non-recurrent congestion, and emissions.

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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 1).

Amendment No. 2 will add four years to the term of the contract to allow the same Engineer of Record to complete PS&E, and provide bid support and engineering services during construction. Amendment No. 2 will increase the total term from three years to seven years.

Scope of Services

There are no changes to the scope of services or cost increases as defined in the Agreement with Amendment No. 2.

A notice to proceed from the Engineering Division is required prior to the Consultant proceeding with each individual task. The Harbor Department incurs no penalty should the Harbor Department decide not to proceed with any individual task.

Contract Amount and Term

The original Agreement included Compensation for a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,999,986 over a term of three years.

Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement increased the Compensation by \$1,997,887 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$4,997,873. The term remained at three years.

Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement adds an additional four years to the contract term with no change to the total compensation not-to-exceed amount of \$4,997,873.

Contract Requirements

Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement is in conformance with both the City Service Contract Worker Retention and Living Wage Ordinances.

Throughout the term of the Agreement, Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. will maintain compliance with the City of Los Angeles' (City) contracting requirements. Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.'s overall sub-consultant business enterprise proposal is 31.7% Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Very Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) combined. This represents \$1,584,325 in services going to SBE/VSBE business enterprises. Local Business Enterprise (LBE) participation is 26.13%.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. to prepare PS&E for the State Route 47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Project, which is an administrative

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activity. 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. 2 will extend the term of the Agreement by four years to a revised term of seven years with no change in total compensation of \$4,997,873. Spending under the Agreement is anticipated to occur as follows:

FISCAL YEAR (FY)		AMOUNT
Prior Years:	\$	2,581,975
FY 2021/2022:	\$	\$600,000
FY 2022/2023:	\$	800,000
FY 2023/2024:	\$	800,000
FY 2024/2025:	\$	215,898
Total:	\$	\$4,997,873

Funds for Fiscal Year 2022 in the amount \$600,000 are budgeted in Account 54220 (Architectural/Engineering Design), Center 1172, Program 000, Project No. 2533400. The Harbor Department's financial commitments for the proposed Agreement beyond the current fiscal year are contingent upon approval of funds by the Board as part of the annual budget adoption process. If any subsequent fiscal year funds are not appropriated by the Board for the work required by this Agreement, the Agreement shall be terminated. However, such termination shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligations previously incurred. A funding out clause is included in this Agreement.

CITY ATTORNEY:

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

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TRANSMITTALS:

1. Site Map – State Route 47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project
2. Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 18-8618 between the City of Los Angeles and Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.

FIS Approval: MB
CA Approval: SO

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