



DATE: JUNE 15, 2017
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE
**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ APPROVAL OF REQUEST
TO AMEND 2017 ALAMEDA CORRIDOR MAINTENANCE OF WAY
AND OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGETS FOR DAMAGE
CAUSED BY REDONDO JUNCTION TOWER FIRE ON MAY 28, 2017**

SUMMARY:

Staff requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners adopt a Resolution approving and providing mutual agreement for a new \$750,000 line item amendment to the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority's (ACTA) Maintenance of Way (MOW) and Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Budgets for repairs due to a fire in Redondo Junction Tower on May 28, 2017. Staff also requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners adopt a Resolution approving and providing mutual agreement for ACTA's restoration of the original 2017 approved \$200,000 contingency, which will be used as needed to initiate or complete activities, to its full value following completion of the repairs/replacement. No Harbor Department funds are required for this amendment.

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) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines as determined by the Director of Environmental Management;
2. Approve and provide mutual agreement to the request for a new \$750,000 line item in the previously approved MOW and O&M Budgets for repairs and replacement of Control Point (CP) East Redondo due to a fire in Redondo Junction Tower on May 28, 2017, which will be charged to the Capital Maintenance Reserve Account;
3. Approve and provide mutual agreement for ACTA to restore the original 2017 approved \$200,000 contingency, which will be used as needed to initiate or complete activities, to its full value following completion of the repairs/replacement;
4. Direct the Executive Director to transmit this Resolution to ACTA for further action pursuant to the Amended and Restated Alameda Corridor Use and Operating Agreement; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

In December 2016, the Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach (Ports) and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (Railroads) approved the 2017 Maintenance of Way Budget and Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Budget through Mutual Agreement No. 2016-1.

The 2017 O&M Budget includes a \$200,000 contingency to be allocated as necessary during the year for unbudgeted, under-budgeted, or unplanned emergency work. Unplanned emergency work at CP East Redondo is required that is estimated to far exceed the previously approved contingency amount.

Event

On Sunday, May 28, 2017 a fire occurred at the old abandoned Redondo Junction Tower at the North End of the Corridor. The old wooden structure, which was built in 1906, was completely destroyed. In addition, an adjacent signal cabinet containing vital equipment controlling the signals and switches at the West Redondo Junction Interlocking suffered major damage. The tower is owned by METRO, but the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) will be arranging and coordinating its removal as it endangers the work site and the expeditious restoration of normal controlled operations at this location. The damaged signal house and its contents are owned by ACTA.

The signal cabinet and its contents will have to be replaced in their entirety as soon as possible, and ACTA's Maintenance Contractor is working with the UPRR signal group to arrange fabrication of a new replacement signal house using UPRR's signal equipment supplier. The estimated cost of this work is \$750,000. Trains in the meantime are being routed through the interlocking with the switches locked in one position, limiting routing flexibility to manual control. This temporary condition must be remedied as quickly as possible.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of an amendment to the Alameda Corridor Maintenance of Way and Operations & Maintenance Budgets. As an administrative activity, 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 City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of this proposed Board item is not expected to have a financial impact on the Harbor Department. The funds for this amendment are provided by the Railroads and the ACTA Reserve Account. The Reserve Account is funded by fees collected from the Railroads. No Harbor Department funds are required.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed this Board Report and has determined there are no legal issues at this time.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Notice of Mutual Agreement No. 2017-2

FIS Approval:  (initials)
CA Approval:  (initials)


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