



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

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2018

FROM: ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - CALTRANS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 07-5164 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE 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 the Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5164 (Agreement) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to develop 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).

This Agreement, if approved by the Board, defines the respective roles and responsibilities of each agency during the PS&E phase of the Project, and requires the Harbor Department to develop PS&E and Right-of-Way work at an estimated cost of \$3,430,000. The Agreement will terminate after the PS&E are completed and a Closure Statement is signed by all parties. If approved by the Board, this Agreement will not obligate the Harbor Department to construct the Project. The total cost to complete the Project is currently estimated at \$31,050,000.

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 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 State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Cooperative Agreement between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the State of California Department of Transportation;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and Board Secretary to attest to said Agreement for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background and Context: The State Route 47 (SR-47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project (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). The Project will improve transportation safety and operation in and around the Port of Los Angeles complex.

On February 9, 2015, the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approved Agreement 15-3311 between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCOG) through Resolution 15-7757, for a Measure R grant in the amount of \$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, to develop the Project Study Report (PSR) for the Project.

On November 17, 2015, the Board awarded Agreement 15-3369 in the amount of \$999,000 to AECOM through Resolution 15-7888, to provide engineering and environmental services for the Project.

On June 15, 2017, the Board approved Cooperative Agreement 07-5120 between the Harbor Department and Caltrans to develop the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) for the Project.

Pursuant to State of California Streets and Highway Code, Sections 114 and 130, Caltrans and the Harbor Department may enter into an agreement for improvements to the state highway system. The Harbor Department is the sponsor for the Project and implementing agency for Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E). Caltrans is the responsible agency for PS&E, and will provide review and approval of PS&E at no cost to the City of Los Angeles per the terms of the proposed Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5164 (Agreement) (Transmittal 2).

This Agreement if approved by the Board, requires the Harbor Department to develop PS&E and Right-of-Way work at an estimated cost of \$3,430,000.

The Harbor Department will not be obligated to construct the Project. Additionally, by completing this PS&E phase, the Harbor Department will be eligible to seek additional transportation funds in the future to construct the Project, contingent upon approval by the Board. The total cost to complete the Project is currently estimated at \$31,050,000.

Staff anticipates the PS&E work for the Project will be completed over the periods of Fiscal Year 2018/2019 and Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the State Route 47 (SR-47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project, which is an administrative activity. The proposed action is limited to approval of a cooperative agreement. The scope of work to be performed under this agreement includes preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is an 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 this resolution establishes the framework governing cooperation between the Harbor Department and Caltrans to develop the PS&E for the Project, and requires the Harbor Department to develop PS&E and Right-of-Way work at an estimated cost of \$3,430,000. Staff will be bringing forward to the Board an Amendment to the Measure R Funding Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority providing to the Harbor Department an additional \$3,030,000 to offset a majority of the PS&E cost.

Approval of this resolution does not obligate the Harbor Department to construct the Project. The total cost to complete the Project is currently estimated to cost \$31,050,000. Any commitment of Harbor Department funds to construct the Project will be requested in a separate future Board action. Detailed cost responsibilities and any ongoing operating and maintenance costs subsequent to project completion will also be presented at that time.

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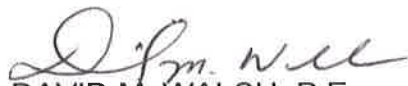
CITY ATTORNEY:

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

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Project Vicinity Map
2. Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5164 between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and Caltrans for the Project

FIS Approval: MB
CA Approval: MB


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