



Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

FROM: ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ FIRST AMENDMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CALTRANS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 07-4956 FOR JOHN S. GIBSON BOULEVARD/I-110 FREEWAY ACCESS RAMP IMPROVEMENTS AND SR-47/I-110 NORTHBOUND CONNECTOR WIDENING AND CALTRANS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 07-4957 FOR C STREET/I-110 ACCESS RAMP IMPROVEMENTS

SUMMARY:

On September 20, 2012, the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approved the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) Agreement No. 07-4956 - Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4956 between the Harbor Department and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for John S. Gibson Boulevard/I-110 Freeway Access Ramp Improvements and SR-47/I-110 Northbound Connector Widening Project and the Harbor Department Agreement No. 07-4957 - Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4957 between the Harbor Department and Caltrans for C Street/I-110 Access Ramp Improvements Project. These Cooperative Agreements define the respective roles and responsibilities of each agency during construction of each project.

These First Amendments, if approved by the Board, define how the Harbor Department will request and receive reimbursement of grant funds from the State of California Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Program (TCIF) allocations to these two projects. As the grants are reimbursement grants, the Harbor Department is responsible to fully fund and construct the projects, and thereafter seek reimbursement from Caltrans.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Approve First Amendment to the Harbor Department Agreement No. 07-4956 - Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4956 between the Harbor Department and Caltrans;

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2. Approve First Amendment to the Harbor Department Agreement No. 07-4957 - Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4957 between the Harbor Department and Caltrans;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and Board Secretary to attest to said Amendments for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context: The following are summary descriptions of the projects which have been approved by Caltrans and are currently under construction.

Project 1 - John S. Gibson Boulevard/I-110 Freeway Access Ramp Improvements and SR-47/I-110 Northbound Connector Widening (Transmittal 1): This project improves traffic movements on westbound SR-47 and continues northbound on the I-110 Freeway. The SR-47/I-110 connector will be widened from one to two lanes, and an auxiliary lane will be added between the connector and the northbound off-ramp at John S. Gibson Boulevard, the northbound ramps will be widened to two lanes, and the intersection of John S. Gibson Boulevard at I-110 northbound ramps will be modified.

This project has Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Grant Funds of \$3,599,600, State of California TCIF Grant Funds of \$13,205,000 and Local Metro Prop C Grant Funds of \$7,420,000, with a total Grant Funds of \$24,224,600. The Harbor Department's cost share, net of reimbursement grants, is \$28,875,400. The work will be completed over the periods of Fiscal Year 2013/2014, Fiscal Year 2014/2015 and Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Project 2 – "C" Street/I-110 Access Ramp Improvements (Transmittal 2): This project, in conjunction with the relocation of the TraPac terminal entrance, combines two closely spaced intersections: John S. Gibson Boulevard and Harry Bridges Boulevard and "C" Street and Figueroa Street to provide direct access from the northbound I-110 Freeway to Harry Bridges Boulevard. A cul-de-sac at "C" Street will also be provided. The C Street/I-110 Access Ramp Improvement project will improve mobility of traffic in and around the West Basin area at this major connection to the I-110 Freeway.

This project has Federal Surface Transportation Program – Local (STPL) Grant Funds of \$5,927,000, State TCIF Grant Funds of \$8,300,000 and Local Metro Prop C Grant Funds of \$6,647,000, with a total Grant Funds of \$20,874,000. The Harbor Department's cost share, net of reimbursement grants, is \$30,126,000. The work will be completed over the periods of Fiscal Year 2013/2014, Fiscal Year 2014/2015, Fiscal Year 2015/2016 and Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

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On June 19, 2008, the Board approved Baseline Agreements between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the State of California for State Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Program (TCIF) under which these projects are listed.

Pursuant to the State's Street and Highways Code Section 114 and 130, Caltrans and the Harbor Department have entered into Construction Cooperative Agreements for the proposed improvements to the State Highway System within the City of Los Angeles. These Construction Cooperative Agreements were approved by the Board on September 20, 2012 (Transmittals 3 and 4). Through these Agreements, Caltrans and the Harbor Department agreed to the terms and conditions under which these two projects would be constructed and financed. The Harbor Department would construct the projects to Caltrans standards, and Caltrans would provide necessary permits, clearances, promptly monitor construction, and provide quality assurance.

In order for the Harbor Department to request and receive reimbursement of construction capital grant funds from the TCIF allocations to these two projects, Caltrans requires that language be included in the Construction Cooperative Agreements for each project describing how reimbursement of TCIF funds will be processed and dispersed. Since there is a Construction Cooperative Agreement already in place for each project, Caltrans requests that the existing Construction Cooperative Agreements be amended to include the required language. These Cooperative Agreement Amendments will allow Caltrans to receive our reimbursement requests and process reimbursement payments on behalf of the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

This Board action will have no employment impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of First Amendments to Cooperative Agreements with Caltrans to define how the Harbor Department will request and receive reimbursement of grant funds from the TCIF allocations for construction of the John S. Gibson Boulevard/I-110 Freeway Access Ramps and SR-47/I-110 Connector Improvements project and the I-110/C Street Interchange project. These two projects were analyzed in joint Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact which were approved by the Board in April and June of 2012, respectively. Therefore, as an administrative activity for which the underlying projects have previously been evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is

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exempt from CEQA in accordance with Article II Sections 2(f) and 2(i) of the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of the proposed Cooperative Agreement Amendments memorializes the framework and sets up the reimbursement procedures for the transfer of Projects 1 and 2 TCIF grant funds from Caltrans to the Harbor Department. These proposed Cooperative Agreement Amendments will allow for Caltrans to reimburse up to \$13,205,000 on Project 1 and up to \$8,300,000 on Project 2 to the Harbor Department for a total of \$21,505,000. The remaining costs of the projects will be reimbursed by Federal Grant Funds for \$9,526,600 and \$14,047,000 by Local Metro Grant Funds respectively. Moreover, the infrastructure and roadway improvements are expected to benefit tenants and the Harbor Department by improving the flow of commerce and access to the waterfront in support of the Tidelands Trust Act. As the grant funds are reimbursement grants, the Harbor Department will front fund the projects and thereafter request reimbursement through approved grant funding. The Harbor Department's cost share, net of reimbursement grants, is \$28,875,400 for Project 1 and \$30,126,000 for Project 2. Subsequent to project completion Caltrans will fully bear the ongoing operating and maintenance costs associated with the projects.

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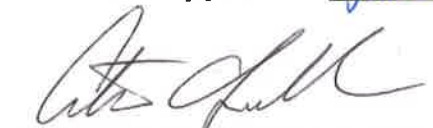
The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the First Amendments to the Construction Cooperative Agreements as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

- 1. First Amendment to Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4956 between the Harbor Department and Caltrans (John S. Gibson Boulevard/I-110 Freeway Access Ramp Improvements and SR-47/I-110 Northbound Connector Widening)
- 2. First Amendment to Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4957 between the Harbor Department and Caltrans ("C" Street/I-110 Access Ramp Improvements)
- 3. Harbor Department Agreement No. 07-4956 - Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4956 between the Harbor Department and the Caltrans
- 4. Harbor Department Agreement No. 07-4957 - Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4957 between the Harbor Department and Caltrans for C Street/I-110 Access Ramp Improvements Project

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


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