



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2015

FROM: ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ APPROVAL OF PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND AECOM FOR ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE STATE ROUTE 47 (SR 47)/VINCENT THOMAS BRIDGE AND FRONT STREET/HARBOR BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE RECONFIGURATION PROJECT

SUMMARY:

The Engineering Division recommends the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approve the Personal Services Agreement (Agreement) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and AECOM, Los Angeles California, to provide engineering and environmental services for the State Route 47 (SR 47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration project. The Agreement has a contract term of three years with a not-to-exceed amount of \$999,000.

The Harbor Department through this Agreement will prepare a Caltrans Project Study Report, Caltrans Project Report and Caltrans Environmental Documentation for Caltrans approval. The total approved budget for this project is \$1,500,000, which consists of \$999,000 for a proposed personal services agreement with AECOM, \$150,000 for a proposed cooperative agreement with Caltrans, and \$351,000 for Harbor Department staff. The Harbor Department has been awarded \$1,000,000 in Measure R Metro funds which will be used to offset the above costs. In addition, Harbor Department General Revenue Funds will be used to fund the remaining \$500,000 of the project budget. By completing this phase, the Harbor Department will not be obligated to construct the project nor complete the final design phase. Additionally, by completing this 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.

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;

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2. Find that in accordance with the City Charter Section 1022, work under the subject Agreement is temporary in nature and can be performed more feasibly by an independent contractor rather than by City of Los Angeles (City) employees;
3. Approve a personal services agreement with AECOM for engineering and environmental services for the State Route 47 (SR 47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration project with a not-to-exceed amount of \$999,000 and a term of three years;
4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to said Agreement for and on behalf of the Board; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background and Context - The Harbor Department continues its commitment to improve transportation safety and operation in and around the Port of Los Angeles (Port) complex. Currently, westbound SR 47 traffic and southbound I-110 traffic destined for the West Basin and San Pedro Waterfront areas exit at Harbor Boulevard. There are significant nonstandard weaving conditions that exist as traffic travels through the Harbor Boulevard off-ramp. Nonstandard merging also exists on the Eastbound SR 47 on-ramp from Harbor Boulevard as traffic approaches the Vincent Thomas Bridge. Also, traffic routinely backs up onto both off-ramps during peak periods as a result of the two freeways (I-110 and SR 47) terminating at the same point. We anticipate the traffic congestion will increase and greatly reduce the operational efficiency of the interchange with the projected future background growth and the development of the Waterfront.

To improve this operational deficiency, the Harbor Department proposes to relocate the existing Westbound SR 47 off-ramp to land north of the Vincent Thomas Bridge at Front Street and Knoll Drive. Relocating the off-ramp to the north will separate traffic coming from both freeways into two different exits (Harbor Boulevard/Swinford Street and Front Street/Knoll Drive), and thereby allow for efficient movement of traffic through the interchange that is destined to the cruise terminal, Waterfront development and other recreational facilities.

The State Route 47 (SR 47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration project will reduce vehicular delay, potential for accidents/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 on the site map (Transmittal 1).

The Harbor Department has been awarded \$1,000,000 in Measure R Metro funds which the Harbor Department will use to offset the cost of this Agreement.

Scope of Services – AECOM (Consultant) shall provide professional engineering and environmental services to prepare a Caltrans Project Study Report (PSR), Caltrans Project Report (PR), Caltrans Geometric Approval Drawings, Traffic Analysis, and Environmental Documentation for the State Route 47 (SR 47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration project. The attached Agreement includes tasks and deliverables (Transmittal 2).

The Engineering Division will issue a notice to proceed prior to the consultant proceeding with each individual task. Furthermore, the Board has the right to terminate the Agreement upon five days' notice in which case Consultant shall be entitled to compensation only for services actually performed prior to such termination.

Consultant Selection Process - A request for proposals (RFP) for the State Route 47 (SR 47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration project was issued on June 17, 2015, and posted on the Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network (LABAVN) and on the Port of Los Angeles (Port) website. Written proposals were submitted by six consultant teams on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. After a complete evaluation of the written proposals by the selection committee consisting of seven staff from the Harbor Department's Engineering Division, Goods Movement Division, Environmental Management Division; City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), and State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) all six proposing firms were invited to be interviewed on August 4, 2015:

- AECOM (Orange, CA)
- Michael Baker International (Los Angeles, CA)
- Parsons Transportation Group (Pasadena, CA)
- RS&H California, Inc. (Los Angeles, CA)
- Parsons Brinckerhoff (Los Angeles, CA)
- CH2M (Santa Ana, CA)

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During the interview, each firm presented its proposal and responded to a set of formulated and follow-up questions from the Harbor Department's selection committee. The presented proposals and responses were rated independently by each member of the selection committee and each team was given a combined score (Transmittal 3). The Harbor Department's selection committee chose AECOM based on their competitive rates and fees, presented approach, knowledge and experience on similar projects, outstanding project team organizational format, relevant experience and expertise of the key project team members, knowledge of the Harbor Department's community relationships, and their experience with the relevant regulatory agencies.

The Engineering Division's staff met with AECOM and negotiated a reduction to their proposed fee from \$1,178,100 to \$999,000.

Contract Amount and Term - The not-to-exceed amount for State Route 47 (SR 47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration project Agreement is \$999,000. The term of the Agreement is three years.

Contract Requirements - This Agreement is in conformance with both the City Service Contract Worker Retention and Living Wage Ordinances.

Throughout the term of the Agreement, AECOM will maintain compliance with the City's contracting requirements. AECOM's overall sub-consultant business enterprise proposal is 26% Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Very Small Business Enterprise combined. This represents \$257,579 in services going to these various business enterprises. Local Business Enterprise (LBE) participation is 66%.

Final 1022 Notifications to other City Departments were made and City staff is not available to assist the Harbor Department with this design project.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of a personal services agreement with AECOM for engineering and environmental services for the SR 47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration project. The proposed action is limited to approval of a personal services agreement. The scope of services to be performed under the Agreement includes preparation of an environmental document pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The environmental document will be brought to the Board for consideration in a separate future action.

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Therefore, as an administrative activity, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is 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 three-year Agreement authorizes the total not-to-exceed amount of \$999,000 and will commit \$77,442 in funding for the current fiscal year. It is anticipated that funds for this Agreement will be expended as follows:

FISCAL YEAR		ACCOUNT 54220	ACCOUNT 54260	Grand Total
2015/2016:	\$	77,442	0	
2016/2017:	\$	300,000	120,200	
2017/2018:	\$	150,000	300,000	
2018/2019:	\$	26,358	25,000	
Total:	\$	553,800	445,200	999,000

Funds for FY 2015/2016 in the amount \$77,442 are budgeted in Account 54220, Center 1172, Program 000. 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. The Harbor Department will not be required to provide office space through this Agreement.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

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

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Site Map – State Route 47 (SR 47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration project
2. Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and AECOM
3. Final Evaluation Summary
4. RFP Selection Evaluation Form (sample)

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


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