



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

DATE: JUNE 28, 2022

FROM: CONSTRUCTION

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____
APPROVAL OF CALTRANS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 07-5257
BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO MANAGE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE ROUTE 47(SR-
47)/VINCENT THOMAS BRIDGE AND FRONT STREET/HARBOR
BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE RECONFIGURATION PROJECT**

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of the Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5257(Agreement) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) during construction of the SR-47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project (Project).

This Agreement, if approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners, defines the respective roles and responsibilities of each agency during the construction phase of the Project. The Agreement will terminate after construction is completed and a Closure Statement is signed by all parties. The estimated cost to construct the Project is \$70,000,000.

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 Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5257 between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the State of California Department of Transportation;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to said Agreement for and on behalf of the Board; and

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4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background and Context – 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). The Project will modify the existing on and off ramps of the SR-47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard interchange to improve safety, access, and efficient operation in and around the Port of Los Angeles complex.

The project has an estimated construction cost of \$70,000,000 and is anticipated to be advertised in November 2022. Construction is anticipated to start in July 2023. This Project has received the following grant funding: \$13,383,000 from the California Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program; \$9,880,000 from the United States Department of Transportation Maritime Administration; and \$41,225,000 from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority.

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 for the Project.

On November 17, 2015, the Board awarded Agreement 15-3369 in the amount of \$999,999 to AECOM through Resolution No. 15-7888, to provide engineering and environmental services for the Project.

On June 15, 2017, the Board approved Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5120 between the Harbor Department and Caltrans to develop the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) for the Project.

On November 1, 2018, the Board approved Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5164 between the Harbor Department and Caltrans to develop Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the Project.

On November 15, 2018, the Board awarded Agreement No. 18-3618 in the amount of \$2,999,986 to Mark Thomas & Company through Resolution No. 18-8391 to prepare Caltrans PS&E for the Project.

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On May 16, 2019, the Board approved Amendment No.1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5164 to correct the name of the Environmental Document from a Categorical Exemption to a Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact.

On April 15, 2021, the Board approved the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Baseline Agreement between City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the California Transportation Commission to receive \$13,383,000 in Senate Bill 1 TCEP funds and authorized the Environmental Management Division to file the Notice of Determination for the Project.

On June 23, 2021, the Board approved Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 18-3618 with Mark Thomas & Company to add four years to term of the agreement.

Cooperative Agreement for Construction – Pursuant to the State of California Street and Highways Code, Sections 114 and 130, Caltrans and the Harbor Department may enter into an agreement for improvements to the state highway system within the City of Los Angeles.

Through the proposed Agreement, (attached in substantial form as Transmittal 2), Caltrans and the Harbor Department would agree to the terms and conditions under which the Project is to be constructed and financed. The Harbor Department is the sponsor of the Project and implementing agency that would construct the Project to Caltrans standards. Caltrans would provide necessary permits, clearances, and construction oversight for the Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the Project, which is an administrative activity. The proposed action is limited to approval of a cooperative agreement. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirement 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 as to the construction of the Project.

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Approval of this resolution does not obligate the Harbor Department to construct the Project. The total cost to construct the Project is currently estimated at \$70,000,000. Any commitment of Harbor Department funds to construct the Project will be requested in a separate and future Board action.

CITY ATTORNEY:

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

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Project Vicinity Map
2. Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5257 between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and Caltrans for the Project



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