



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

**DATE: JUNE 8, 2011**

**FROM: ENGINEERING DIVISION**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST AMENDMENT(S) - COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR PROJECT 1: JOHN S. GIBSON BOULEVARD/I-110 FREEWAY ACCESS RAMP IMPROVEMENTS AND SR-47/I-110 NORTHBOUND CONNECTOR WIDENING AND PROJECT 2: "C" STREET/I-110 ACCESS RAMP IMPROVEMENTS**

**SUMMARY:**

The Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approved Cooperative Agreement Nos. 08-2717 and 08-2718 (Agreements) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on behalf of State of California on October 2, 2008, for the John S. Gibson Boulevard/I-110 Freeway Access Ramp Improvements and SR-47/I-110 Northbound Connector Widening (Project 1) and "C" Street/I-110 Access Ramp Improvements (Project 2) Projects.

The existing Agreements will expire on June 29, 2011. The extension of the Agreements is necessary to complete the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED), Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E), and Right of Way (ROW) phases of both projects. These Agreements set terms and conditions under which these two projects are to be developed, designed, and financed. The First Amendment(s) to the Cooperative Agreements, if approved by the Board, will extend these Cooperative Agreements through November 30, 2021, for John S. Gibson Boulevard/I-110 Freeway Access Ramp Improvements and SR-47/I-110 Northbound Connector Widening and October 31, 2022, for "C" Street/I-110 Access Ramp Improvements.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Approve Amendment to Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4781 (Harbor Department Agreement No. 08-2717) between the City of Los Angeles and Caltrans District 7 for Project Approval/Environmental Document Plans, Specifications and Estimates, and Right of Way certification for Project 1;

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2. Approve Amendment to Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4782 (Harbor Department Agreement No. 08-2718) between the City of Los Angeles and Caltrans District 7 for Project Approval/Environmental Document, Plans, Specifications and Estimates, and Right of Way certification for Project 2;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the Amendment(s) to Cooperative Agreements for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

Project Background - On October 2, 2008, the Board approved Cooperative Agreements 08-2717 and 08-2718 (Transmittals 1 and 2) to provide PA/ED, PS&E and ROW development and approval. The Cooperative Agreements with Caltrans define respective roles and responsibilities for each agency as required to develop the projects, including Caltrans PA/ED, PS&E, and ROW certification.

Project Descriptions - The following is a summary description of each project, which has been approved by Caltrans through an extensive planning process, that included traffic modeling, operation analysis, and public input:

1. Project 1: John S. Gibson Boulevard/I-110 Freeway Access Ramp Improvements and SR-47/I-110 Northbound Connector Widening  

The proposed project scope adds a traffic lane to the SR-47/I-110 freeway connector to reduce weaving; improves the horizontal and vertical curves at John S. Gibson Boulevard on and off-ramps to the I-110 Freeway; and improves John S. Gibson Boulevard by constructing sidewalks, bike lanes, and left turn pockets. The scope of work also includes widening two freeway bridges, constructing soundwalls, and railroad realignment at the project boundary.
2. Project 2: "C" Street/I-110 Access Ramp Improvements  

The proposed project scope combines two closely spaced intersections: John S. Gibson Boulevard/ Figueroa Street /Harry Bridges Boulevard and "C" Street/ Figueroa Street /I-110 ramps, provides direct access from the northbound I-110 Freeway to Harry Bridges Boulevard. The scope of work also includes widening the freeway and a cul-de-sac at "C" Street.

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Progress To Date - Since the original Cooperative Agreements were approved on October 2, 2008, substantial progress has been made on both of these projects. Project 1 is at 95% and Project 2 is at 65% design plans. Both projects are finalizing the draft environmental documents and the Draft Project Reports. Both projects have experienced unforeseen conditions that have extended the design completion schedules. These projects are slated to receive transportation grant funding from State and regional sources, and Project 1 is slated to receive federal grant funding.

Cooperative Agreements - Pursuant to the State's Street and Highways Code Section 114 and 130, the State and the City are required to enter into a Cooperative Agreement for the proposed improvements to the State Highway System within the City of Los Angeles.

Through these Agreements, Caltrans and the Harbor Department would agree to the terms and conditions under which these two projects are to be developed, designed, and financed. The Harbor Department would obtain necessary environmental clearance for the projects and design the improvements to Caltrans' standards. Additionally, Caltrans would provide necessary permits, clearances and reviews for environmental and design documents.

Caltrans recently implemented a new standard practice to set the termination date for development of Cooperative Agreements between Caltrans and local agencies at 10 years beyond design completion. This best practice is due to recent experience with delays in obtaining environmental documentation approval, design approvals, and right of way certification for locally sponsored projects.

It should be emphasized that approval of these Amendment(s) does not constitute final Board approval of the projects. In addition, the Board's approval for separate Cooperative Agreements with Caltrans will be required for the construction phase. Staff anticipates bringing Construction Cooperative Agreements to the Board for approval in late 2012 for Project 1 and early 2013 for Project 2.

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS:**

This Board action will have no employment effect.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is the approval of Amendment(s) to Cooperative Agreement Nos. 08-2717 and 08-2718 with Caltrans District 7 for PA/ED, PS&E, and ROW certification for the John S. Gibson Boulevard/I-110 Freeway Access Ramp Improvements and SR-47/I-110 Northbound Connector Widening Project. The proposed action does not include approval of the environmental documentation for the

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subject projects which will be considered and approved as separate actions subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As an administrative activity, the Director of Environmental Management has determined the proposed action is exempt from CEQA in accordance with Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The proposed Board action seeks the approval of First Amendment(s) to the subject Cooperative Agreements between the Harbor Department and Caltrans. If approved the First Amendment(s) will extend Projects 1 and 2 agreement lengths from the initial three-year terms by an additional approximate ten and eleven years, respectively. No funds are requested as a result of this proposed action. The additional agreement lengths proposed under both Agreements would allow the Harbor Department to properly time the capital cash flows of each project to the Department's benefit while maximizing grant reimbursements to the extent possible.

Operating and maintenance costs for both projects will be borne by Caltrans and the City of Los Angeles and no maintenance cost will be borne by the Harbor Department. The Harbor Department is obligated to fund the entire Capital Improvement Costs for these improvements. Both projects are slated to receive transportation grant funding from outside sources. The tables below list the grant funds and Harbor Revenue funds that will be used for construction.

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Project 1 - John S. Gibson Boulevard/I-110 Freeway Access Ramp Improvements and SR-47/I-110 Northbound Connector Widening

Project Funding	
Grant Funding	
a) Metro	\$ 7,420,000
b) State-Trade Corridors Improvement Funds (TCIF)	\$ 14,700,000
c) Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)	\$ 3,599,600
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 25,719,600</b>
Harbor Revenue Funds	
	\$ 3,961,600
<b>Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$ 29,681,200</b>

Project 2 - "C" Street/I-110 Access Ramp Improvements

Project Funding	
Grant Funding	
a) Metro	\$ 6,647,000
b) State-Trade Corridors Improvement Funds (TCIF)	\$ 8,300,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$14,947,000</b>
Harbor Revenue Funds	
	\$12,846,000
<b>Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$27,793,000</b>

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved these Amendment(s) as to form and legality.

**TRANSMITTALS:**

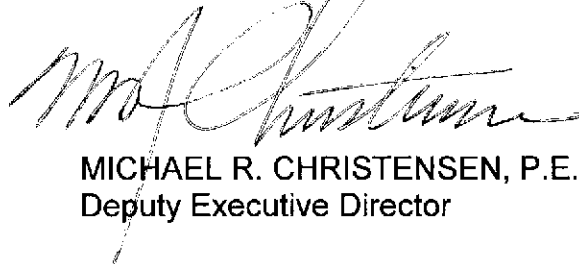
1. Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4781 (Harbor Department Agreement No. 08-2717) for Project 1
2. Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4782 (Harbor Department Agreement No. 08-2718) for Project 2
3. Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4781 for Project 1
4. Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 07-4782 for Project 2
5. Previous Board Action on original Cooperative Agreements

FIS Approval: ef (initials)

CA Approval: rn (initials)



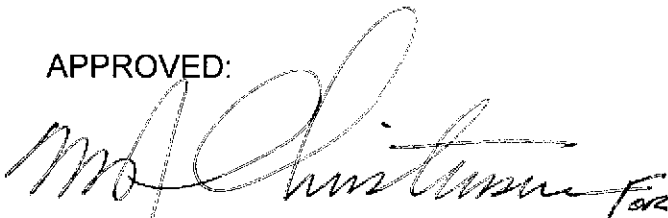
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