



Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JUNE 15, 2017

FROM: ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - CALTRANS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 07-5120 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PROJECT APPROVAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE OF THE STATE ROUTE 47/VINCENT THOMAS BRIDGE AND FRONT STREET/HARBOR BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE RECONFIGURATION PROJECT

SUMMARY:

Staff requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners approve the proposed Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5120 (Agreement) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to prepare the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) 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 for each agency during the PA&ED phase, and each party is responsible for the costs they incur in performing the PA&ED work. Both parties agree to sign a Closure Statement to terminate this Agreement. This resolution does not obligate the Harbor Department to fund the other phases of this project.

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. 07-5120 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 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. Caltrans and the Harbor Department completed the PSR work on April 5, 2017.

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 Project Sponsor for the Project and the Implementing Agency for PA&ED. Caltrans is the Responsible Agency for PA&ED, and will provide review and approval of PA&ED at no cost to the Harbor Department as part of the proposed Agreement (Transmittal 2).

The Harbor Department will not be obligated to construct the Project nor complete the final design phase. Additionally, by completing the PA&ED work, the Harbor Department will be eligible to seek additional transportation grants to fund construction of the Project, contingent upon approval by the Board.

Staff will complete the work for the Project during Fiscal Year 2017/2018 and Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the State Route 47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Project. The proposed action is limited to approval of a cooperative agreement. The scope of work to be performed under this 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. Therefore, as an administrative activity, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that

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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 this resolution establishes the framework governing cooperation between the Harbor Department and Caltrans for the PA&ED phase of the Project. Approval of this resolution does not obligate the Harbor Department to fund the Project. Any commitment of Harbor Department funds to 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.

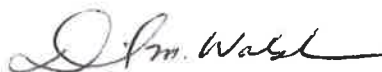
CITY ATTORNEY:

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

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Map of Proposed Harbor Boulevard/Highway 47 Improvements
2. Caltrans Cooperative Agreement No. 07-5120 between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and Caltrans for the proposed Project – Harbor Boulevard/Highway 47 Improvements

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



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APPROVED:



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