



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

DATE: JULY 12, 2016

FROM: ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ PROPOSITION C FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE SAN PEDRO WATERFRONT HARBOR BOULEVARD/SAMPSON WAY / 7TH STREET RECONFIGURATION PROJECT

SUMMARY:

Staff requests that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) accept and approve the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) 2015 Call for Projects Regional Surface Transportation Improvement Award No. F9119 for the Harbor Boulevard/Sampson Way/7th Street Reconfiguration Project (Project) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the LACMTA.

The LACMTA requires that the Harbor Department execute an agreement to accept an awarded grant and seek reimbursement.

The Harbor Department has been awarded the following grant: Harbor Boulevard/Sampson Way/7th Street Reconfiguration Project in the amount of \$4,951,400. The Harbor Department will be responsible to provide the initial funding for the Project and seek reimbursement from the proposed LACMTA grant for up to \$4,951,400. The Harbor Department's cost share to the Project is estimated at \$6,254,600 of the total estimated construction cost of \$11,206,000.

Staff requests accepting this grant by executing a Proposition C Funding Agreement (Agreement).

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines as determined by the Director of Environmental Management;

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2. Accept the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) 2015 Call for Projects Regional Surface Transportation Improvement Award No. F9119 for the Harbor Boulevard/Sampson Way/7th Street Reconfiguration Project in the Proposition C Funding Agreement of \$4,951,400, between LACMTA and the Harbor Department;
3. Authorize the Executive Director and the Board Secretary to execute and attest to said Agreement for the Regional Surface Transportation Improvement Project F9119 Harbor Boulevard/Sampson Way/7th Street Reconfiguration Project;
4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to future amendments to this Agreement to account for revised project schedules and reduced project costs for and on behalf of the Board in accordance with City of Los Angeles Administrative Code 10.1.1; subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

The following Harbor Department project has been awarded grant funding by LACMTA:

No.	Project Name	Grant Type/ Agreement Type	Proposed LACMTA Grant Agreement	Other Grants Agreement	Harbor Dept. Share	Total Construction Cost
1	Harbor Boulevard/Sampson Way/7 th Street Reconfiguration	Prop. C/ AGREEMENT	\$4,951,400 (44.2%)	\$0	\$6,254,600 (55.8%)	\$11,206,000

LACMTA Grant Funding: The LACMTA Call for Projects is a competitive grant program that provides funding to projects that address transportation issues in the Los Angeles region. The Harbor Department submitted the Project for consideration under the Regional Surface Transportation Improvement (RSTI) category in January 2015. On September 24, 2015, the LACMTA awarded Proposition C grant funding for the Project under the RSTI category of the 2015 Call for Projects. The Harbor Department must execute the transmitted Agreement between the Harbor Department and the LACMTA to receive the funding for the Project in accordance with the terms of the Proposition C grant.

This Project is included in the Harbor Department's current Capital Improvement Program. This Project is an integral component to the Harbor Department's LA Waterfront development program.

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Project Description: The Project will construct a reconfigured intersection at the junction of Harbor Boulevard, Sampson Way and 7th Street to accommodate the realignment of Harbor Boulevard. The Project improves motorized and non-motorized mobility and access to/from the following major regional destinations: community of San Pedro, downtown San Pedro, the Catalina Ferry/Freight facility, World Cruise Center, Battleship USS Iowa Museum, Ports O' Call Village, AltaSea facility, and Cabrillo Beach/Marina.

Work includes a retaining wall, street work, grading, paving, lighting, restriping and new signalized intersection. The Project also includes intersection consolidation, which in turn decreases vehicular conflicts with pedestrians and bicyclists. The proposed improvements include:

- Creating an enhanced three-way intersection at Harbor Boulevard/Sampson Way
- New signals will be synchronized and incorporated into City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Advanced Traffic Control System ATSAC/ATCS
- Widening of sidewalks
- Concrete crosswalks
- Class II bike lanes

Construction is scheduled to start in Fall 2016 and with the completed Project delivered by Spring 2018.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of an Agreement with LACMTA for grant funding awarded for the Project. The proposed action is limited to approval of an Agreement to accept funding. The underlying project was assessed in the San Pedro Waterfront Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report which was certified by the Board on September 29, 2009. Subsequent design changes were assessed in the San Pedro Waterfront Project, Harbor Boulevard/7th Street/Sampson Way Intersection Improvements EIR Addendum dated June 22, 2015, which is posted on the Harbor Department website. The Addendum will be considered by the Board at the time of consideration of award of a construction contract for the Project. Therefore, as an activity for which the underlying project has previously been evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the requirements of CEQA, 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(i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of the proposed Agreement memorializes the framework for the transfer of Projects RSTI F9119 grant funds from LACMTA to the Harbor Department. The grant is on a reimbursement basis, requiring the Harbor Department to budget and subsequently expend the funds for the Project. The Harbor Department has 36 months to expend the grant funds from the fiscal year (FY) that LACMTA has programmed the funds. Construction funding for the proposed Project will be requested for budgeting beginning FY 2016/2017. The total Project construction cost is estimated at \$11,206,000 of which \$4,951,400 (44.2%) is reimbursable under the grant discussed herein, leaving a total net construction cost to the Harbor Department of approximately \$6,254,600 (55.8%).

Before requesting reimbursement from LACMTA, the Harbor Department would need to budget and expend its own funds. Entering into the Agreement does not commit the Harbor Department to construct this project. Future FY funds will be requested as part of the annual budget adoption process, upon Board approval.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

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

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Agreement between the Harbor Department and the LACMTA for the Harbor Boulevard/Sampson Way/7th Street Reconfiguration Project

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


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