



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JUNE 2, 2022

FROM: ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO MEASURE R FUNDING AGREEMENT NO. 92000000MR312.32 BETWEEN CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) FOR STATE ROUTE 47 (SR-47)/VINCENT THOMAS BRIDGE AND FRONT STREET/HARBOR BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE RECONFIGURATION PROJECT

SUMMARY:

Staff requests that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approve Amendment No. 2 (Amendment) to Measure R Funding Agreement No. 92000000MR312.32 (Agreement) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). The proposed amendment awards the Harbor Department an additional \$37,395,000 to fund construction of the State Route 47(SR-47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project (Project). Total Measure R funds awarded for this project are \$41,225,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Measure R Funding Agreement No. 92000000MR312.32 between Harbor Department and LACMTA which awards an additional \$37,395,000 in Measure R funds to Harbor Department (Transmittal 1) for total of \$41,225,000 in Measure R funds for this project;
3. Authorize the Executive Director and the Board Secretary to execute and attest to said Amendment to the Agreement on behalf of Board;
4. Authorize the Board Secretary to mail three originals of Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, One

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Gateway Plaza, MS 99-22-3, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952 upon execution of LACMTA Measure R Funding Agreement by Executive Director; and

5. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background and Context – The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) is committed to improving transportation safety and operation in and around the Port complex. Currently, westbound State Route 47 (SR-47) traffic and southbound Interstate 110 (I-110) traffic destined for West Basin and San Pedro Waterfront areas exit at Harbor Boulevard. Significant nonstandard weaving conditions exist as traffic travels through Harbor Boulevard off-ramp. Nonstandard merging also exists on eastbound SR-47 on-ramp from Harbor Boulevard as traffic approaches Vincent Thomas Bridge. In addition, traffic routinely backs up onto both off-ramps during peak periods as a result of two freeways (I-110 & SR-47) terminating at same point. Harbor Department staff anticipate traffic backups will increase and greatly reduce operational efficiency of interchange with projected future background growth and development of Waterfront.

To mitigate this operational deficiency, the Harbor Department proposes to relocate the existing westbound SR-47 off-ramp to land north of Vincent Thomas Bridge at Front Street and Knoll Drive. Relocating the off-ramp to the north will separate traffic travelling from both freeways into two different intersections (Harbor Boulevard/Swinford Street and Front Street/Knoll Drive), and thereby allow for efficient movement of traffic through the interchange that is destined for the cruise terminal, San Pedro Waterfront development and other recreational facilities (Transmittal 2).

On November 16, 2017, Board approved Measure R Funding Agreement No. 92000000MR312.32 between Harbor Department and LACMTA in amount of \$540,000 to reimburse Harbor Department for development of PA/ED.

On November 15, 2018, Board approved Amendment No. 1 to Measure R Funding Agreement No. 92000000MR312.32 between Harbor Department and LACMTA in amount of \$3,030,000.

LACMTA proposes awarding Harbor Department \$37,395,000, including \$260,000 from previous Amendment No. 1, in Measure R funding for construction of Project with Amendment No. 2.

If approved by the Board, Amendment No. 2 to Measure R Funding Agreement will grant an additional \$37,395,000 and update the Funding Agreement to include new provisions required by LACMTA as part of LACMTA's standard terms.

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The Harbor Department is responsible for initial funding of the Project and must seek reimbursement from LACMTA for proposed LACMTA Measure R funds which would total \$41,225,000 if Board approves Amendment No. 2. The Harbor Department is not required to provide matching funds for this grant, and acceptance of these outside agency funds does not commit Harbor Department to construct Project. Total cost for the project is currently estimated at \$70,500,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Funding Agreement between the Harbor Department and LACMTA, which is an administrative activity. This action is limited to the administrative approval for the distribution of funds. Individual projects implemented with the use of funding will be subject to separate environmental review by the lead agency with jurisdiction over the Project. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively 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 proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement memorializes the framework for the transfer of approximately \$37,395,000 in Measure R grant funds from LACMTA to the Harbor Department on a quarterly basis for the State Route 47(SR-47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project. The LACMTA grant amount covers the design and construction cost of the Project. There is no cost share requirement for this grant. Construction timing details and cash flows for the Project will be discussed in more detail at such time that the construction award for the Project is brought before the Board for approval.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney approves of proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement as to form and legality.

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TRANSMITTAL:

1. Amendment No. 2 to Funding Agreement No. 920000000MR312.32 Between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the State Route 47(SR-47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project
2. Project Vicinity Map

FIS Approval: MB
CA Approval: SO

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