



May 4, 2020

To: Regional Planning and Highways Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Improvement Project

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority proposes to enter into a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Transportation to define roles, responsibilities, and funding obligations for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates, and advertisement and award of the construction contract for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange improvement project.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-0-2199 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$300,000, to provide oversight of the plans, specifications, and estimates, and to advertise and award the construction contract for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange improvement project.

Discussion

The Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange improvement project (Project) is Project M in the Measure M2 (M2) freeway program, and is included in the updated Next 10 Delivery Plan, adopted by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) in November 2019. The Project is scheduled to move into the design phase using M2 funding.

The Project will modify interchange ramps and provide operational improvements along Katella Avenue between Coyote Creek Channel and Civic Center Drive. The final environmental document was executed on October 3, 2018, and build alternative 2 was identified as the preferred alternative by the Project development team.

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OCTA proposes to enter into a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to define the roles and responsibilities of both agencies. OCTA is the implementing agency for the plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E), and Caltrans will provide oversight and independent quality assurance of the PS&E production to ensure the Project meets Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans standards. Caltrans' oversight of the PS&E will be at no cost to OCTA.

Caltrans will be responsible for the advertisement and award of the construction contract. As part of the PS&E phase, OCTA will reimburse Caltrans, in the amount of \$300,000, for the direct support costs associated with the final contract document packaging, advertisement, and award of the Project. The construction phase roles, responsibilities, and funding will be the subject of a separate future cooperative agreement.

The release of a request for proposals to procure a consultant for PS&E services was authorized by the Board on April 13, 2020.

Fiscal Impact

As part of this cooperative agreement, funding for Caltrans' services is proposed in OCTA's fiscal years 2020-21 and 2022-23 budgets, Capital Programs Division, Account 0017-7519-FM003-F17, and will be funded through M2.

Summary

Staff requests the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-0-2199 with the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$300,000, to provide oversight of the plans, specifications, and estimates, and to advertise and award the construction contract for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange improvement project.

Attachment

None.

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