



June 2, 2025

To: Regional Transportation Planning Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

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

Overview

On October 11, 2021, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved a cooperative agreement between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation for right-of-way support services, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocation for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Improvement Project. Board of Directors' approval is requested to amend the cooperative agreement for additional funding for right-of-way support services, including utility relocation coordination.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-1-3740 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$287,000, for additional right-of-way support services for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Improvement Project. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total contract value of \$3,317,800.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is implementing the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Improvement Project (Project). The Project is Project M in the Measure M2 (M2) freeway program. In the updated Next 10 Delivery Plan, adopted by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) in November 2024, the Project is listed as one of the M2 freeway projects with design and right-of-way (ROW) phases completed and nearing construction.

The Project will modify interchange ramps and provide operational improvements along Katella Avenue between Coyote Creek Channel and Epton Way in the City of Los Alamitos.

On October 11, 2021, the Board authorized Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3740 between OCTA and Caltrans for ROW support services, ROW acquisition, and utility relocation for the Project.

On April 1, 2024, the Board authorized Amendment No. 1, in the amount of \$510,600, for additional ROW capital and increased the total contract value to \$3,030,800.

Caltrans is the implementing agency for ROW activities on the Project, including utility relocations. Additional coordination with utility owners, including Golden State Water, Charter Communications, and Southern California Edison, is necessary to finalize utility relocations within the project limits. Caltrans' ROW support will coordinate revised notices to owners and updated Caltrans encroachment permits. Although the previous amendment included additional funding for ROW and utility relocation capital costs, it did not include additional funding for ROW support services. Therefore, additional funding, in the amount of \$287,000, for additional ROW support services is required.

Fiscal Impact

As part of this cooperative agreement, funding for Caltrans services for ROW support is included in the proposed OCTA Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account No. 0017-9082-FM003-1O5, and will be funded through M2 funding.

Summary

Staff requests Board approval for the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3740 between OCTA and Caltrans, to increase the funds, in the amount of \$287,000, for additional ROW support services. This will increase the maximum obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total contract value of \$3,317,800. Staff is requesting authorization for the use of up to \$287,000 in additional M2 funds for the Project.

Attachment

- A. California Department of Transportation, Cooperative Agreement
No. C-1-3740 Fact Sheet

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