



September 25, 2024

To: Finance and Administration Committee

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From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Amendments to the Cooperative User Fee Processing Agreements for Interoperable Toll Processing and Revenue Collection

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority entered into cooperative user fee processing agreements with other California toll agencies to facilitate the interoperability process for toll collection. The agreements established a reciprocal arrangement for the exchange of data and establishes a settlement process for the exchange of funds between the toll agencies. Board of Directors' approval is requested to amend the cooperative agreements to incorporate the 405 Express Lanes into the cooperative agreements.

Recommendations

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-6-1532 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Bay Area Toll Authority to incorporate the 405 Express Lanes into the cooperative agreement.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-1113 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and San Diego Association of Governments to incorporate the 405 Express Lanes into the cooperative agreement.

Background

The California Toll Operators Committee (CTOC) is comprised of California's toll facility operators/owners. CTOC members communicate on issues of interoperability, technology, customer service, legislative, and other issues affecting tolling in California. As CTOC members, an objective is to offer interoperability to their customers including the ability to offer a single account

statement to each customer which reflects the customer's transaction activities on all participating toll facilities. In addition, the CTOC agencies ensure that for purposes of toll collection, the vehicle owner will not be required to purchase or install more than one transponder device to use on all California toll facilities.

In order to facilitate the interoperability process, CTOC members entered into cooperative user fee processing agreements with each other to promote consistent agreement and practices for interoperable toll processing and revenue collection. The cooperative agreements established a reciprocal process for the exchange of data as defined in the Technical Specifications for Interagency Electronic Data Interchange. In addition, the cooperative agreements established a settlement process for the exchange of funds and resolution of issues, should they arise.

The Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) administers the electronic toll collection system for the seven state-owned toll bridges in the San Francisco Bay Area and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) operates the Interstate 15 Express Lanes and South Bay Expressway in the City of San Diego. Amendments are needed to incorporate the 405 Express Lanes into the cooperative agreements established with BATA and SANDAG.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to OCTA.

Summary

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-6-1532 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Bay Area Toll Authority to incorporate the 405 Express Lanes into the cooperative agreement.

Staff also recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-4-1113 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and San Diego Association of Governments to incorporate the 405 Express Lanes into the cooperative agreement.

Attachments

- A. Bay Area Toll Authority, Cooperative Agreement No. C-6-1532 Fact Sheet
- B. San Diego Association of Governments, Agreement No. C-4-1113 Fact Sheet

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