



May 13, 2020

To: Finance and Administration Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Amendment to the 91 Express Lanes Riverside County Transportation Commission / Orange County Transportation Authority Facility Agreement

Overview

The 91 Express Lanes Riverside County Transportation Commission/ Orange County Transportation Authority Facility Agreement prescribes the funding transfers between the two agencies for costs incurred for the rent and any shared operational expenses in relation to the 91 Express Lanes. An amendment is needed to account for the reimbursement of shared operating costs incurred by the Riverside County Transportation Commission for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. C-5-3828 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Riverside County Transportation Commission, in the amount of \$1,130,500, for the reimbursement of shared operational expenses through June 30, 2021.

Discussion

In order to facilitate the exchange of funds between the two agencies, the 91 Express Lanes Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) / Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Facility Agreement (ROFA) was executed in November 2015. This agreement prescribes the funding transfers between the two agencies for costs incurred for the rent and any shared operational expenses in relation to the 91 Express Lanes. Under the terms of ROFA, both agencies are to establish an annual fiscal year amount for the funding and payment of joint operating costs each year. Staff has identified the shared operational expenses and has assigned responsibility for the administration and payment of these expenses. An amendment to the ROFA is required, in the amount of \$1,130,500, to reimburse RCTC for joint operating costs incurred

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through June 30, 2021, by RCTC. Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, operating costs have been reduced as the result of the decrease in trips and customer transactions. Some of the operating costs that were reduced include credit card processing fees, transponder purchases, and collection services.

Funding for Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. C-5-3828 is included in OCTA's proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget, 91 Express Lanes Account.

Summary

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. C-5-3828 between OCTA and RCTC, in the amount of \$1,130,500, for the reimbursement of shared operational expenses through June 30, 2021.

Attachment

- A. Riverside County Transportation Commission – Orange County Transportation Authority Facility Agreement No. C-5-3828 Fact Sheet

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