



June 5, 2017

To: Regional Planning and Highways Committee

From: Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the Orange County Flood Control District for the Railroad Grade Separation Projects

Overview

On May 25, 2010, the Orange County Transportation Authority entered into a cooperative agreement with the Orange County Flood Control District for project support services for the railroad grade separation projects located at Placentia Avenue, Kraemer Boulevard, Orangethorpe Avenue, Tustin Avenue/ Rose Drive, and Lakeview Avenue. Staff requests authorization to execute an amendment to this cooperative agreement for additional project support services during the construction closeout phase of the projects.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-0570 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Orange County Flood Control District, in the amount of \$120,000, to provide additional project support services for the railroad grade separation projects located at Orangethorpe Avenue, Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive, and Lakeview Avenue, and to extend the term of the agreement through August 31, 2018. This will increase the cooperative agreement value to \$580,000.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in cooperation with BNSF Railway, the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, and Placentia, and the Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD), is constructing five railroad grade separation projects to separate vehicular traffic from rail traffic to alleviate traffic congestion and enhance safety at the existing grade crossings along the Orangethorpe railroad corridor located at Placentia Avenue, Kraemer Boulevard, Orangethorpe Avenue, Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive, and Lakeview Avenue.

The original cooperative agreement with OCFCD was executed on May 25, 2010, to define specific roles and responsibilities and reimburse OCFCD for providing project support services during design and construction of the five railroad grade separation projects.

With the construction completion of the Orangethorpe Avenue and Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive railroad grade separation projects in October 2016, and the Lakeview Avenue railroad grade separation project nearing completion in summer 2017, staff has initiated the right-of-way closeout for these projects. The closeout effort includes coordination with the OCFCD for eight utility easements that cross the Atwood Channel, which is owned by OCFCD. Since the eight utility easements were not included in the original cooperative agreement, OCFCD is requesting additional funding for project support services to review plats, legal descriptions, and appraisals. Additional administrative services to closeout the three projects and appraisal values for the utility easements are also included in the additional funding request.

OCTA staff will continue to oversee the OCFCD's project support service efforts and monitor the OCFCD's adherence to the agreed upon scope of services and costs.

The original agreement was entered into on May 25, 2010, in the amount of \$200,000, to provide support during design and construction of the five railroad grade separation projects. This support also includes plan reviews.

Proposed Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-0570, in the amount of \$120,000, is for additional project support services for the railroad grade separation projects located at Orangethorpe Avenue, Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive, and Lakeview Avenue, for a total agreement value of \$580,000 (Attachment A).

Fiscal Impact

Funding for the project is included in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget, Capital Programs Division, accounts 0017-7831-SO204-QKC, 0017-7831-SO205-QKC, and 0017-7831-SO206-QKC, and is funded with Measure M2 funds. This additional fund request has been anticipated and can be accommodated in the OC Bridges Railroad Grade Separation Program funding plan update approved by the Board of Directors on November 7, 2016.

Summary

Staff requests Board of Directors' approval for the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-0570 with the Orange County Flood Control District, in the amount of \$120,000, for additional project support services for the railroad corridor grade separation projects and to extend the term of the cooperative agreement through August 31, 2018.

Attachment

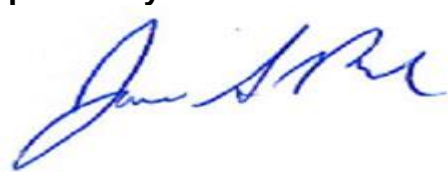
- A. Orange County Flood Control District, Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-0570 Fact Sheet

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