



**November 14, 2019**

**To:** Transit Committee

**From:** Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for the Orange County Maintenance Facility

### **Overview**

On April 22, 2019, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-1127 with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority to define roles and responsibilities for the Orange County Maintenance Facility project. An amendment to the cooperative agreement is requested to allow for the Orange County Transportation Authority to reimburse the Southern California Regional Rail Authority for its effort in performing oversight and plan approval related to the project.

### **Recommendation**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No.1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-1127 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, in the amount of \$703,000, for its efforts for the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation of the Orange County Maintenance Facility project. This will increase the maximum obligation for the cooperative agreement to a total contract value of \$703,000.

### **Discussion**

On January 19, 2019, a Project Study Report was completed for a Metrolink rail maintenance facility to be located on a 21-acre parcel of land owned by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) located in the City of Irvine. The Orange County Maintenance Facility (OCMF) will provide space and equipment to inspect, clean, and maintain cars and locomotives on a regular basis as required by federal mandate to comply with safety and operations standards.

The terms of Agreement No. C-9-1127 designate OCTA as the lead agency for the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation of the OCMF project (Project). The Southern California Regional Rail Authority's (SCRRA) role will be one of oversight and plan review. It was originally anticipated that SCRRA's efforts would be funded through a separate funding allocation. However, after the cooperative agreement was approved by the OCTA Board of Directors on April 22, 2019, the California Department of Transportation determined that OCTA would become the direct recipient of \$4,829,000 in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funds granted by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) through the Southern California Optimized Rail Enhancement Program (SCORE). OCTA will then reimburse SCRRA for its effort in the amount of \$703,000. On October 9, 2019, the California Transportation Commission approved an allocation of \$4,829,000 to OCTA for the Project. Staff is recommending authorization to execute Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-1127 to approve the use of \$703,000 of these funds for SCRRA's efforts.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

Funding for the Project is included in the OCTA Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account 0018-7831-TR2140-0TH, and is funded with Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funds granted by CalSTA through SCORE.

#### **Summary**

Staff requests Board of Directors' approval for the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-1127 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Southern California Regional Rail Authority, in the amount of \$703,000, to reimburse Southern California Regional Rail Authority for its efforts for the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation of the Orange County Maintenance Facility Project.

**Attachment**

- A. Southern California Regional Rail Authority, Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-1127 Fact Sheet

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