



May 6, 2019

To: Regional Planning and Highways Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the State Route 91 Improvement Project Between State Route 57 and State Route 55

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority proposes to enter into a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Transportation to define roles, responsibilities, and funding obligations for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates, and advertisement and award of the construction contract for the State Route 91 improvement project between State Route 57 and State Route 55.

Recommendations

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-1274 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$500,000, to provide oversight of the plans, specifications, and estimates, and to advertise and award the construction contract for the State Route 91 improvement project between State Route 57 and State Route 55.
- B. Authorize staff to amend the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute all necessary agreements to facilitate the above recommendation.

Discussion

State Route 91 improvements between State Route 57 and State Route 55 (SR-55) (Project) are part of Project I in the Measure M2 freeway program, in the Next 10 Plan, adopted by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) in November 2016. The Project is scheduled to move into design using net excess 91 Express Lanes revenue.

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On November 14, 2016, the Board directed staff to set aside net excess 91 Express Lanes revenue to advance implementation of the Project.

The Project will add a general purpose lane in the eastbound direction between La Palma Avenue and SR-55 and provide westbound operational improvements between Acacia Street and La Palma Avenue and between SR-55 and Lakeview Avenue.

The draft environmental document was circulated for public comment on November 20, 2018, and the build alternative has been identified as the preferred alternative by the Project development team. The Project is being developed as three separate design and construction projects to enhance the participation and competitive bidding of consultants and contractors, with the following Project limits:

- Segment 1 extends from SR-55 to Lakeview Avenue
- Segment 2 extends from La Palma Avenue to SR-55
- Segment 3 extends from Acacia Street to La Palma Avenue

OCTA proposes to enter into a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to define the roles and responsibilities of both agencies. OCTA is the implementing agency for the plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E), and Caltrans will provide oversight and independent quality assurance of the PS&E production to ensure the Project meets Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans standards. Caltrans' oversight of the PS&E will be at no cost to OCTA.

Caltrans will be responsible for the advertisement and award of the construction contract. As part of the PS&E phase, OCTA will reimburse Caltrans, in the amount of \$500,000, for the direct support costs associated with the final contract document packaging, advertisement, and award of the Project's construction contract. The construction phase roles, responsibilities, and funding will be the subject of a separate future cooperative agreement.

A separate item will seek OCTA Board approval to release a request for proposals to procure a consultant for the PS&E services for Segment 1 of the Project.

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Fiscal Impact

As part of this cooperative agreement, funding for Caltrans' services will be proposed in OCTA's Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget, Capital Programs Division, accounts 0017-7519-FI106-F17, 0017-7519-FI105-F17, and 0017-7519-FI104-F17, and will be funded through net excess 91 Express Lanes revenue.

Summary

Staff requests Board of Directors' approval for the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-1274 with the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$500,000, to provide oversight of the plans, specifications, and estimates, and to advertise and award the construction contract for the State Route 91 improvement project between State Route 57 and State Route 55.

Attachment

None.

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