



June 1, 2020

To: Regional Planning and Highways Committee
From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Interstate 5 Widening Project Between Interstate 405 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 Interstate 5 widening project between Interstate 405 and State Route 55.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-0-2317 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$1,200,000, to provide oversight of the plans, specifications, and estimates, and to advertise and award the construction contract for the Interstate 5 widening project between Interstate 405 and State Route 55, Segments 1 and 2.

Discussion

The Interstate 5 (I-5) widening project between Interstate 405 (I-405) and State Route 55 (SR-55) (Project) is Project B in the Measure M2 (M2) freeway program, and is included in the updated Next 10 Delivery Plan adopted by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) in November 2019. The Project is scheduled to move into the design phase using M2, state, and federal funding.

The Project will add one general purpose lane in both directions on the I-5 freeway between I-405 and SR-55. The Project will reestablish existing auxiliary lanes and provide new auxiliary lanes where necessary and provide continuous access to

the high-occupancy vehicle lanes. The final environmental document was signed on January 7, 2020, and build alternative 2B was identified as the preferred alternative by the Project development team. The Project is being developed as two 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 I-405 to Yale Avenue
- Segment 2 extends from Yale Avenue to SR-55

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 \$1,200,000, for the direct support costs associated with the final contract document packaging, advertisement, and award of both segments of the Project. The construction phase roles, responsibilities, and funding will be the subject of a separate future cooperative agreement.

A separate item on June 22, 2020, will seek Board approval to release a request for proposals to procure a consultant for the PS&E services for Segment 2 of the Project, the first segment to proceed to design, and separately in December 2020 for Segment 1 of the Project.

Fiscal Impact

As part of this cooperative agreement, funding for Caltrans' services for Segment 1 will be in SB 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) Local Partnership Program Formula funds, which was approved by the Board on September 23, 2019. Funding for Caltrans' services for Segment 2 will be in Surface Transportation Block Grant funds, which was approved by the Board on January 13, 2020.

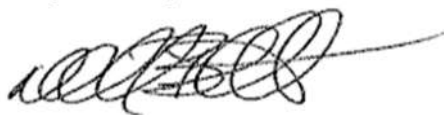
Summary

Staff requests the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-0-2317 with the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$1,200,000, to provide oversight of the plans, specifications, and estimates, and to advertise and award the construction contract for the Interstate 5 widening project between Interstate 405 and State Route 55, Segments 1 and 2.

Attachment

None.

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