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To: Regional Transportation Planning Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Improvement Project

Overview

On October 11, 2021, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved a cooperative agreement between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation for right-of-way support services, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocation for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Improvement Project. Board of Directors' approval is requested to amend the cooperative agreement for additional funding for utility relocation.

Recommendations

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. C-1-3740 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$510,600, for additional utility relocation services for the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Improvement Project. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total contract value of \$3,030,800.
- B. Authorize the use of up to \$510,600 in additional Measure M2 funds for the right-of-way phase of the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Improvement Project.
- C. Authorize staff to process all necessary amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and execute or amend all necessary agreements to facilitate the above actions.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is implementing the Interstate 605/Katella Avenue Interchange Improvement Project (Project). The Project is Project M in the Measure M2 (M2) freeway program. In the updated Next 10 Delivery Plan, adopted by the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) in November 2023, the Project is listed as one of the M2 freeway projects to be complete by 2030. The design and right-of-way (ROW) phases are nearing completion.

The Project will modify interchange ramps and provide operational improvements along Katella Avenue between Civic Center Drive and Coyote Creek Channel in the City of Los Alamitos.

On October 11, 2021, the Board authorized Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3740 between OCTA and Caltrans for ROW support services, ROW acquisition, and utility relocation for the Project.

Caltrans is the implementing agency for ROW activities on the Project, including utility relocations. Beginning in early 2022, Caltrans initiated coordination with impacted utility owners to obtain conceptual plans and estimated costs for utility relocations. Utility plans and cost estimates have since been refined in parallel with the final plans, specifications, and estimates for the Project. The original estimated amount for utility relocations was based on historical data from past projects with similar utility conflicts. However, Caltrans has indicated that updated utility relocation costs are higher. Therefore, additional funding, in the amount of \$510,600, for utility relocation is required. Final utility agreements with the respective utility owners are necessary prior to the Project being advertised for construction bids.

This is project M in the Next 10 Delivery Plan, and the use of additional M2 funds is consistent with the Board-approved Capital Programming Policies to support Next 10 Delivery Plan projects.

The revised Capital Funding Program Report is consistent with Board approval of the actions outlined in this report (Attachment A). This report provides a summary of Board-approved funding for each of the OCTA highway projects.

Fiscal Impact

As part of this cooperative agreement, funding for Caltrans' services for the ROW phase is included in OCTA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Budget, Capital Programs Division, Account No. 0017-9082-FM003-1O5, and will be funded through M2 funding.

Summary

Staff requests Board approval for the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-3740 between OCTA and Caltrans, to increase the funds, in the amount of \$510,600, for utility relocation. This will increase the maximum obligation of the cooperative agreement to a total contract value of \$3,030,800. Staff is requesting authorization for the use of up to \$510,600 in additional M2 funds for the Project.

Attachment

- A. Capital Funding Program Report

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