

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 13, 2002

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of Contribution Agreement between the State of California and the City of Pasadena for the Construction of I-710 Freeway Interim Traffic Improvements

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution approving Contribution Agreement No. 07-4590 between the City of Pasadena and the State of California, acting by and through its Department of Transportation (Caltrans), for the construction of I-710 Freeway Interim Traffic Improvements and authorizing the City Manager and the Finance Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.
2. Approve a journal voucher decreasing revenue from the Regional Federal Surface Transportation Program in the amount of \$1,800,000 and instead, recognizing revenue from Caltrans Funds in the amount of \$2,182,000 and appropriating it to the 710 Interim Traffic Improvements on South Fair Oaks Avenue – Intelligent Transportation System project (Budget Account No. 75027).
3. Approve a journal voucher recognizing and appropriating \$32,500 from the unappropriated Gas Tax fund balance to the 710 Interim Traffic Improvements on South Fair Oaks Avenue – Intelligent Transportation System project (Budget Account No. 75027).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Pasadena Design Advisory Group has reviewed and recommends approval of the staff recommendation.

BACKGROUND:

On April 13, 1998, the Federal Highway Administration approved a Record of Decision for the I-710 Freeway project. As part of this approval, the State of California, acting through its Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is required to mitigate the impact of traffic on local street systems during the design of the freeway extension.

As part of this process, four Design Advisory Groups (DAGs) were established to consider the specific needs of each community within the freeway extension corridor. A Pasadena DAG was formed to evaluate interim measures using \$1.8 million in federal highway construction funds. The project recommended was the improvement of the traffic signal system on Fair Oaks Avenue between Columbia Street and Orange Grove Boulevard.

The proposed work consists of the installation of vehicle detection at all intersections as well as left turn phasing, changeable message signs (CMS) and closed circuit television (CCTV) at selected locations. In addition, a new fiber optic communications system would be installed for the entire length of the project to facilitate communications between the Traffic Management Center in City Hall and the local traffic signal, CMS and CCTV controllers in the field.

On December 4, 2000, the City Council approved Contribution Agreement No. 4491 between the City and Caltrans to provide \$191,000 for design of this project. Staff has completed the design. In order to proceed with construction, it is now necessary that the City and Caltrans enter into another agreement to provide an additional \$1,991,000 for the construction and inspection of this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Although the previous and proposed Contribution Agreements provide for 100 percent of the design, construction and inspection costs of this project, Federal Aid regulations do not allow for full reimbursement of administrative overhead costs. Therefore, additional local funds are required.

The previously approved Contribution Agreement provided \$191,000 for design. Approval of the proposed Contribution Agreement will provide an additional \$1,991,000 for construction and inspection.

The adopted FY 2001 Capital Improvement Program appropriated \$1.8 million of Regional Federal Surface Transportation Funds and \$32,500 in Gas Tax Funds for a total allocation of \$1,832,500 for this project. The \$1.8 million was erroneously identified as Regional Federal Surface Transportation Funds when, in actuality, they are a combination of federal funds available to Caltrans and other state funds, collectively to be identified as Caltrans Funds. The recommended journal vouchers will correct these

funds, recognize an additional \$382,000 of Caltrans Funds and appropriate an additional \$32,500 of Gas Tax Funds for administrative overhead costs for a new project cost of \$2,247,000.

Respectfully submitted

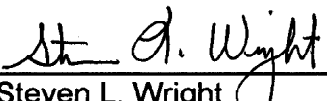

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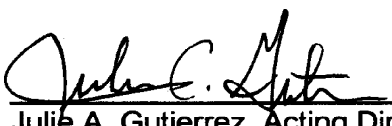
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