

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: August 14, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF PASADENA FOR THE SOUTH ACCESS PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO THE SIERRA MADRE VILLA LIGHT RAIL STATION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) for the South Access Pedestrian Bridge to the Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station.

BACKGROUND

On January 23, 2004 and December 8, 2004, the United States Congress appropriated \$582,524 and \$971,779, respectively, in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds under Section 5309 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), for access improvements to the Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station for Federal Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005.

The City is currently unable to receive these federal funds from the FTA because it does not have an agreement with a pass-through agency authorized by the FTA. A pass-through agency is designated recipient of FTA funds. The METRO Board action of October 25, 2001 authorized the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Executive Officer's Designee to enter into agreements with interested cities and local agencies in Los Angeles County for the METRO to act as the pass-through agency for FTA funds on their behalf. The subject MOU will authorize the METRO to prepare and submit a grant application to the FTA on the City's behalf, and enter into a grant agreement with FTA to secure the federal funds.

The project will provide a southern pedestrian bridge over the eastbound lanes of the Route 210 Freeway at the Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station. This bridge will provide a direct and safe approach for pedestrians and bus riders approaching from the south. It will supplement the north pedestrian bridge which provides access to a 1,000-car parking garage, as well as facilitate pedestrians and bus riders approaching from the north.


Environmental documentation was submitted to FTA in early July 2006 with a request to determine Categorical Exclusion (CE) under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). FTA issued their concurrence of the CE determination this month. Barring unforeseen issues, it is anticipated that the right-of-way acquisition process for a portion of the OSH property will be completed in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007. A Combined Project Study Report/Project Report (PSR/PR), a Caltrans' requirement for project approval, is currently underway and it is anticipated that PSR/PR will be approved in FY 2007. The plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) were completed during the Gold Line construction; however, the PS&E will be updated and resubmitted to Caltrans for approval in FY 2007. Construction is scheduled to begin in FY 2008.

The estimated total cost of the project is \$6,500,000, of which \$1,554,303 will be funded under TEA-21 Section 5309. The remaining \$4,945,697 has been appropriated from a combination of Gold Line Surplus Funds and Future Project Reserves (Proposition A/C).

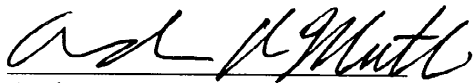
FISCAL IMPACT

Execution of this MOU will enable the City to secure and administer the FTA funds provided under TEA-21 Section 5309 for the South Access Pedestrian Bridge to the Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station, which is currently included and budgeted in the adopted FY 2007 Capital Improvement Program.

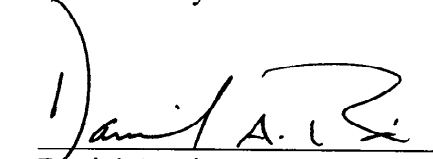
Respectfully submitted:


CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
City Manager

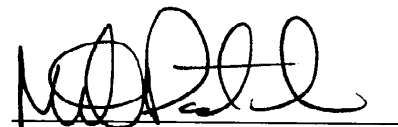
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING OF THE SOUTH ACCESS PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO THE SIERRA MADRE VILLA LIGHT RAIL STATION

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2004 the United States Congress appropriated \$582,524 in Federal Transit Administration funds under Section 5309 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century for access improvements to the Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station for Federal Fiscal Year 2004; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2004 the United States Congress appropriated \$971,779 in Federal Transit Administration funds under Section 5309 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century for access improvements to the Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station for Federal Fiscal Year 2005; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently unable to apply for and receive federal funds from the Federal Transit Administration because the City is not a designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration funds; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board action of October 25, 2001 authorized the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Executive Officer's Designee to enter into agreements with interested cities and local agencies in Los Angeles County for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to act as the pass-through agency for Federal Transit Authority funds on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pasadena and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will authorize the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to prepare and submit a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration on the City's behalf, and enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration to secure the federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the South Access Pedestrian Bridge to the Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station Project is \$6,500,000, of which \$1,554,303 will be funded under Section 5309 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century and the remaining \$4,945,697 has been appropriated from a combination of Gold Line Surplus Funds and Future Project Reserves Proposition A and/or Proposition C;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA:

THAT the City Manager is authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pasadena and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the South Access Pedestrian Bridge to the Sierra Madre Villa Light Rail Station Project.

Adopted at the _____ meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES:


NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

JANE RODRIGUEZ, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



8/7/06

NICHOLAS G. RODRIGUEZ
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