

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** November 17, 2008
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 18,139 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE PASADENA SR 710 MITIGATION PROJECT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 18,139 with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) to extend the Pasadena SR 710 Mitigation Project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to June 30, 2009.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2000, the United States Congress passed transportation bill H.R. 5394, which funded transportation projects throughout the nation. The bill specifically earmarked \$46 million to the cities of Pasadena, South Pasadena, and Los Angeles for surface transportation improvements to mitigate traffic congestion in the SR 710 Corridor resulting from the freeway gap. The total allocation to the City of Pasadena is \$24.5 million.

On June 17, 2002, the City Council approved a list of eight projects recommended by the Pasadena SR 710 Design Advisory Group and supported by City staff for funding under transportation bill H.R. 5394. The total cost estimate of the SR 710 Mitigation projects is \$27,675,000 of which \$24,500,000 (88.53 percent) is funded under H.R. 5394. The local match of 11.47 percent in the amount of \$3,175,000 is provided by a combination of funds from METRO and the City of Pasadena.

On December 16, 2002, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an MOU with METRO to provide 10 percent of the required match from Proposition C funds. The original MOU required expending the funds granted under the MOU by December 31, 2006.

The start of construction of the eight projects was staggered to keep disruption to traffic, residents and businesses to a minimum and extended the time to complete the projects beyond the original MOU. The City has regularly apprised METRO staff of revised project schedules and METRO has worked with the City to revise their documents to reflect our timeline.

In July 2006 the METRO Board of Directors authorized an extension of two years to June 20, 2008, for the Pasadena SR 710 Mitigation Projects. This action enabled the City to continue to expend funds toward completion of the projects, and a contract amendment was authorized by City Council on November 6, 2006.

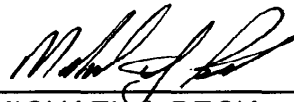
To date, seven of the eight projects included in the SR 710 Mitigation Project have been completed. Completion of the remaining Traffic Control and Monitoring System – ITS Phase II project is anticipated for Spring 2009.

The METRO has authorized an extension to the MOU to June 30, 2009, for the Pasadena SR 710 Mitigation Projects. This action will enable the City to continue to expend funds to complete the last of the eight projects, and is subject to the execution of amendment to the existing MOU.

FISCAL IMPACT:

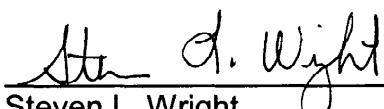
Execution of this amendment to the MOU will allow the City to continue to administer the funds provided by METRO for the SR 710 Mitigation projects, which are currently included and budgeted in the adopted Capital Improvement Program.

Respectfully submitted,



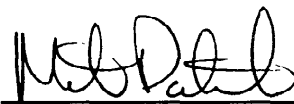
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