

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: February 23, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/LETTER OF AGREEMENT APPROVAL FOR GOLD LINE PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENTS ON HALSTEAD STREET

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement (MOU/LOA) for the Gold Line Pedestrian Enhancements on Halstead Street, superseding and replacing the original MOU/LOA for the Blue (Gold) Line Pedestrian Enhancements dated March 19, 2003.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2005, Federal Project STPLER 5064(034) was advertised consisting of improvements on Colorado Boulevard between Northup Avenue and Halstead Street, and on Halstead Street between Rosemead Boulevard and the 210 Freeway. Two bids were received, both of which were higher than the total budget for the project. As a result, on March 21, 2005, the City Council approved staff's recommendation to reject bids, separate the project into two projects, and authorize the City Manager to call for new bids.

Federal Project STPLER 5064(034) was revised to include only the Colorado Boulevard improvements. These improvements consisted of the installation of pedestrian lighting, benches, and trash receptacles. This project was advertised in January 2007, and construction was completed in April 2008. The remaining portion of the original project, the improvements on Halstead Street between Rosemead Boulevard and the 210 Freeway, was assigned a new federal number by Caltrans – STPLER 5064(039). This project consists of the installation of pedestrian lighting, benches, and trash receptacles, and the planting of new trees and is known as the Goldline Pedestrian Enhancement Project. Due to lack of additional funding, this project was placed on hold until other funding sources were determined.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) recognized the fact that construction costs of various types of projects have escalated, resulting in a funding shortfall, and has given agencies the opportunity to apply for supplemental funding. On August 31, 2006, the City applied for additional funding for the Goldline Pedestrian Enhancement Project.

On January 17, 2007, the METRO Planning and Programming Committee recommended approval for supplemental funding for this project, and on January 25, 2007, the METRO Board of Directors approved the supplemental funding for Pasadena's Goldline Pedestrian Enhancement Project.

The Halstead Street improvements project was advertised on August 16, 2007, and bids were received. Staff discovered, through another project that was running concurrently, that there were inconsistencies in the Special Provisions for all project specifications that needed to be corrected. As a result, a recommendation to reject all bids was approved on November 19, 2007, so that staff could revise the Special Provisions. The project will be re-advertised when the City receives authorization from Caltrans Local Assistance for the supplemental funds.

On May 14, 2008, the City was notified by Caltrans Division of Local Assistance that their request to allocate the approved supplemental funds at the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting, held on June 2008, was on the Agenda. On the day of the meeting, the CTC denied the approval of these supplemental funds. Concurrently, METRO staff contacted the City and agreed to fund this project under a revised MOU/LOA where these funds would not require a CTC approval. The amended and restated MOU/LOA was received in late fall of 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the Amended/Restated Call for Projects Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement will enable the City to obtain funding through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to construct and complete this project. Adequate funds are available in Budget Account No. 75059 to cover the City's share of project costs.


Respectfully submitted,


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