

# Agenda Report

April 19, 2010

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENTS 082-N AND 083-N, TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT 07-5064R, FOR THE LEFT TURN SIGNAL PHASING AT WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND HILL AVENUE, AND AT LOS ROBLES AVENUE AND UNION STREET, FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. HSIPL-5064(064) AND HSIPL-5064(063), RESPECTFULLY

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find the projects proposed herein to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in accordance with Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c). This exemption includes minor alterations of existing public facilities (including streets) involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, and there are no environmental reviews;
- (2) Adopt a resolution approving the Program Supplement Agreements to Administrating Agency – State Agreement 07-5064 between the City of Pasadena and the State of California, for State Reimbursement of costs for the Left Turn Signal Phasing at Washington Boulevard and Hill Avenue, and at Los Robles Avenue and Union Street, Federal-Aid Project No. HSIPL-5064(064) and HSIPL-5064(063); and
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Program Supplement Agreements for the Left Turn Signal Phasing at Washington Boulevard and Hill Avenue, and at Los Robles Avenue at Union Street, respectfully.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The State of California, acting through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), administers federal transportation funds. These funds are paid to the City of Pasadena pursuant to the provisions of Administrating Agency–State Agreement No.

07-5064 (City of Pasadena Agreement No. 16,298) entered into by the parties on April 3, 1997. To obtain funds for a specific project it is necessary to execute a supplemental agreement for the project after it has been approved for funding by Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration.

In 2008, the City applied and received approval to fund the installation of protected/permissive left-turn traffic signals for the intersections of Washington Boulevard and Hill Avenue, and Los Robles Avenue at Union Street, as part of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The projects also include upgrading the intersection to provide vehicle and pedestrian detection systems that will improve mobility in the area and enhance traffic safety.

On February 11, 2010, and March 11, 2010, the City of Pasadena received two Program Supplement Agreements – one for the Left Turn Signal Phase at the Intersection of Washington Boulevard and Hill Avenue (No. 082-N) and one for the Left Turn Signal Phase at the Intersection of Los Robles Boulevard and Union Street (No.083-N). The Program Supplement Agreements have a sixty-day time frame from the approval date in which all executed documents, including a copy of the adopted resolution, must be received by the State, or the City will risk losing the funds. With the adoption of the resolution, the City can submit to the State the signed Program Supplement Agreements and continue to complete the project in a timely manner.

#### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

This project supports the City Council Strategic Goal to Improve, Maintain and Enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure and to Improve Mobility and Accessibility Throughout the City. This project is consistent with the Mobility Element Policy 3.2 by applying traffic management measures to control vehicular traffic speeds and volumes on local and collector streets within residential neighborhoods to assure safe and orderly traffic flows.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

##### **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Review**

As Federal funds are being used for the proposed intersection improvements, the projects are subject to NEPA review. On September 28, 2009, both projects were determined by the State Acting for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), per Section 6004, NEPA compliance as a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(2). On December 1, 2009, the City of Pasadena submitted a Preliminary Environmental Studies form for NEPA compliance to Caltrans Environmental for Section 106 and 4(f) determination.

##### **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review**

Prior to the NEPA review and compliance through the process stated above, the project for the intersection of Los Robles Avenue and Union Street was subject to CEQA review

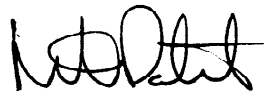
where it was listed as one of the 11 corridors for the 710 Mitigation Project in the City of Pasadena. The Preliminary Environmental Study, which was prepared in September 2003, determined the project to be categorically exempt under CEQA in accordance with Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1), Subsection (c).

The project at Washington Boulevard and Hill Avenue has been reviewed and also qualifies for exemption under CEQA in accordance with Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1), Subsection (c). This exemption includes the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The proposed projects will improve efficiency and safety at the existing intersections. There will be no expansion of the streets or expansion of capacity.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of Program Supplement Agreements 082-N and 083-N, to Administating Agency-State Agreement No. 07-5064, will enable the City to obtain Federal reimbursement of eligible costs (\$241,650). Adequate funds to cover the City's share of costs (\$28,850) for both projects, in the form of Gas Tax and a Highway Safety Improvement Grant, are available in Capital Improvement Program Budget Account No. 75804.

Respectfully submitted,



MARTIN PASTUCHA

Director

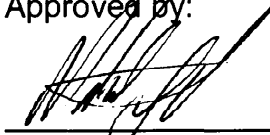
Department of Public Works

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF PASADENA APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENTS 082-N  
AND 083-N TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY – STATE AGREEMENT FOR  
FEDERAL-AID PROJECTS APPROVING A REQUEST FOR  
FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE LEFT TURN SIGNAL PHASE FOR  
WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AT HILL AVENUE AND LOS ROBLES AVENUE  
AT UNION STREET PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena and the State of California, acting through the Department of Transportation, entered into Administering Agency – State Agreement No. 07-5064 on April 3, 1997, regarding Federal-Aid highway projects; and

WHEREAS, the Left Turn Signal Phase for Washington Boulevard and Hill Avenue [Federal-Aid Project Number HSIPL-5064 (064)] and Los Robles Avenue and Union Street [Federal-Aid Project Number HSIPL-5064 (063)] are supplemental projects to this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pasadena that Program Supplement No. 082-N and 083-N to Administering Agency – State Agreement No. 07-5064 between the City of Pasadena and the State of California, acting through the Department of Transportation, for the Left Turn Signal Phase for Washington Boulevard and Hill Avenue Project, and Los Robles Avenue and Union Street, is hereby approved, the City Manager is

authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the City, and the City Clerk is directed to attest his signature and affix the corporate seal of the City thereto.

Adopted at the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the City Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES:

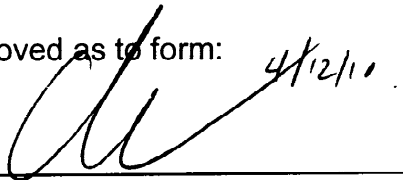
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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MARK JOMSKY, CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

 4/12/10

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