

Agenda Report

October 28, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT NO. 07-5064R, FOR DETECTION OF BICYCLES AT SIGNAL CONTROLLED INTERSECTIONS PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the project 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. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Program Supplement Agreement for Detection of Bicycles at Signal Controlled Intersections Project; and
3. Adopt a resolution approving Program Supplement Agreement No. 093-N to Administrating Agency-State Agreement No. 07-5064R between the City of Pasadena and the State of California, for State reimbursement of costs for Detection of Bicycles at Signal Controlled Intersections Project, Federal-Aid Project No. CML-5064(079).

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. 07-5064R (City of Pasadena Agreement No. 19,323) entered into by the parties on April 3, 2007. 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 the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) 2009 Call for Projects, the LACMTA Board of Directors, at its meeting on September 24, 2009, authorized the programming of funds to the City of Pasadena for Detection of Bicycles at Signal Controlled Intersections. The project consists of the installation of new video detection cameras, loop detectors, pull boxes, controller equipment upgrades, conduit, conductors, and other miscellaneous appurtenant work.

The estimated cost for installation of the improvements is \$2,494,505. Project design began in FY 2013, and construction is scheduled to begin in FY 2015. Between the design and construction phases, the City will complete environmental review and necessary federal project submittal requirements.

On September 11, 2013, the City received a Program Supplement for preliminary engineering of Detection of Bicycles at Signal Controlled Intersections project. The Program Supplement Agreement has a 60-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 Agreement 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.

Further, the project is consistent with Mobility Element Objectives 4.4 by designing the intersections and operating multimodal corridors to achieve safe interactions for all modes of travel, particularly for pedestrians and bicycle users.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Review

As Federal funds are being used for the proposed bicycle corridor improvements, the project is subject to NEPA review. On June 7, 2013, 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 NEPA review and compliance through the process stated above, this project is subject to CEQA review. The City's Environmental Administrator recommends that City Council determine the proposed project to be exempt under CEQA in accordance with Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1). 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.

FISCAL IMPACT:


Approval of Program Supplement Agreement No. 093-N to Administering Agency-State Agreement No. 07-5064R will enable the City to obtain Federal reimbursement of eligible costs in the amount of \$53,000. Adequate funds to cover the City's required match, which total \$13,000 for the project in the form of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds, are available in Capital Improvement Program project - Detection of Bicycles at Intersections Controlled by Traffic Signals (budget account 75043).

Respectfully submitted,



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