

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: August 9, 2004

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: Resolution approving a Construction Agreement between the City of Pasadena and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the State Route 710 Mitigation - Raymond Avenue to SR 110 Connector and California Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Raymond Avenue Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution approving a Construction Agreement between the City of Pasadena and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the State Route 710 Mitigation - Raymond Avenue to SR 110 Connector and California Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Raymond Avenue projects.

BACKGROUND:

The Raymond Avenue to SR 110 Connector and the California Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Raymond Avenue projects are two of the eight projects included in the State Route (SR) 710 Mitigation Project, which was approved by City Council on June 17, 2002. The eight SR 710 Mitigation projects, federally funded through Transportation Bill H.R. 5394 in October 2000, were selected based on their potential to improve mobility in those areas identified as impacted by the gap in the 710 freeway.

The project scope for the Raymond Avenue to SR 110 Connector project includes the widening of Glenarm Street from Fair Oaks Avenue to Arroyo Parkway/SR 110, the construction of an at-grade free-right-turn lane onto southbound SR 110 from eastbound Glenarm Street, and construction of an auxiliary lane along southbound SR 110 from Glenarm Street to the State Street Off-Ramp. The widening of Glenarm Street will require modifications to the Metro Gold Line crossing, California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") Number 84P-8.14, located on Glenarm Street between Arroyo Parkway/SR 110 and Raymond Avenue.

The project scope for the California Boulevard Right Turn Lane at Raymond Avenue project includes the widening of the north side of California Boulevard between Raymond Avenue and Arroyo Parkway to construct an exclusive westbound to northbound right turn lane. The widening of California Boulevard will require modifications to the Metro Gold Line crossing, CPUC Number 84P-8.71, located on California Boulevard between Arroyo Parkway and Raymond Avenue.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("LACMTA") maintains and operates the Metro Gold Line light rail system crossing California Boulevard and Glenarm Street at grade in the City of Pasadena. The Construction Agreement is required because both projects will include work within LACMTA right-of-way and will impact Metro Gold Line operations during construction. The California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans") and the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") typically require that any necessary agreements between a local agency and an impacted railroad authority be in place prior to approval of the Construction Authorization. The Construction Authorization, in the form of FHWA form E-76, will obligate the project funds. The Request for Authorization for Construction package must be submitted to Caltrans by mid August 2004 in order to obtain the appropriate approvals and obligate the project funds prior to the September 30, 2004 lapse deadline.

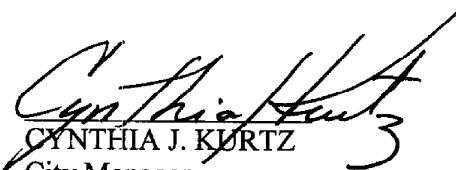
The Construction Agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of the City and LACMTA for the design and construction stages. The primary roles and responsibilities of the City under the proposed Construction Agreement are as follows:

- Prepare and process an application to the CPUC for authorization to widen the crossings.
- Prepare the detailed plans and specifications required to widen the crossings.
- Hire a construction contractor and execute a contract to widen the crossings in compliance with LACMTA requirements.
- Pay LACMTA actual costs of items of work performed by LACMTA including, but not limited to design oversight, design review, factory testing of equipment, construction support and field inspection.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funds in the amount of \$1,663,000 in Budget Account 73203 and \$6,732,000 in Budget Account 73204 are available to complete the respective projects.

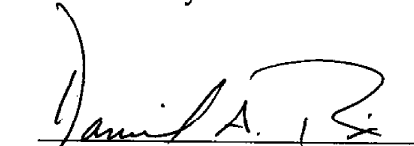
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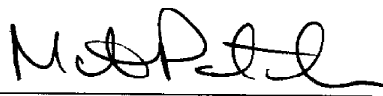
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