

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 6, 2006

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 (MTA) to extend the Pasadena SR 710 Mitigation Project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) two years to June 30, 2008.

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 MTA and the City of Pasadena.

On December 16, 2002, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an MOU with MTA 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.

In September 2004, staff finalized a schedule for the eight SR 710 Mitigation projects. The revised schedule reflected the objective to keep disruption to

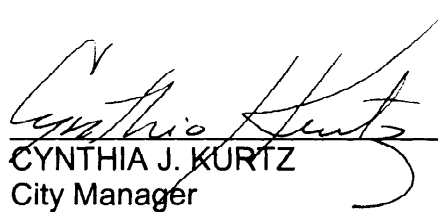
traffic, residents, and businesses at a minimum, and restrict construction along two parallel thoroughfares at the same time. The revised schedule staggered the eight project start dates, and extended the time to complete the projects beyond the original MOU. The City has regularly apprised MTA staff of revised project schedules, and MTA has worked with the City to revise their documents to reflect our timeline.

In July 2006 the MTA Board of Directors authorized an extension of two years to June 30, 2008 for the Pasadena SR 710 Mitigation Projects. This action enables the City to continue to expend funds to complete the projects, and is subject to executing an amendment to the existing MOU by November 30, 2006.

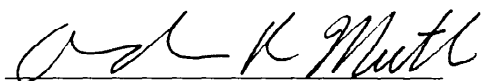
FISCAL IMPACT

Execution of this MOU will allow the City to continue to administer the funds provided by MTA for the SR 710 Mitigation projects, which are currently included and budgeted in the adopted FY 2007 Capital Improvement Program.

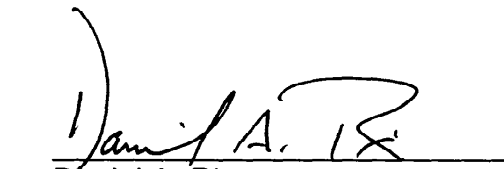
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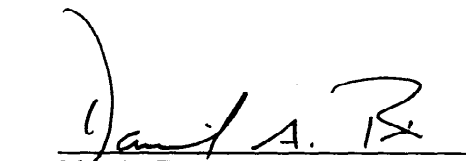
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