

# Agenda Report

December 6, 2010

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Department of Public Works  
**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT 081-N TO ADMINISTER AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT 07-5064R FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING OF CIVIC CENTER/MID-TOWN DISTRICT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. RPSTPLE-5064(048)**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that, on July 23, 2009, the project herein was found to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) Existing Facilities, of the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3. This exemption includes minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing, and there are no changed circumstances or new information which would require further environmental review; and
2. Adopt a resolution approving a Program Supplement Agreement to Administer Agency-State Agreement 07-5064R between the City of Pasadena and the State of California, for State Reimbursement of costs for the Preliminary Engineering of Civic Center/Mid-Town District Public Improvements, Federal-Aid Project No. RPSTPLE-5064(048), Program Supplement Agreement No. 081-N.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The goal of the Civic Center/Mid-Town District Public Improvements Project is to design and implement pedestrian and transportation enhancements within the public spaces of Pasadena's historic Civic Center District. This area includes Centennial Square, Holly Street, Garfield Avenue Promenade including the Civic Auditorium and Central Library forecourts, Thurgood Marshall Street, and Colorado Boulevard. These improvements will include streetscape and walkway elements such as street and sidewalk paving, landscaping and street trees, lighting, signage, graphics, street furniture and gateway

elements. The City of Pasadena has obtained funding via a Surface Transportation Improvement Program grant (STIP) in the amount of \$400,000 with a local match of \$51,824 for the preliminary engineering of Civic Center/Mid-Town District Public Improvements. An additional \$2,432,000 in federal funding has been committed for construction of this project, with a local match of \$900,000.

The State of California, acting through Caltrans, is administering the STIP funds. These funds are paid to the City of Pasadena pursuant to the provisions of the revised Administer Agency State Agreement No. 07-5064 (City of Pasadena Agreement No. 16,298) entered into by the parties on April 3, 1997. Through this revised Agreement, Program Supplements, thereafter, are indicated as 07-5064R. To obtain funds for a 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 (FHWA).

On November 9, 2010, staff received the Program Supplement for the Preliminary Engineering of Civic Center/Mid-Town District Public Improvements. The Program Supplement must be executed by the City and returned to Caltrans within 60 days. The deadline to return the executed Program Supplement including a copy of the City's adopted resolution is January 9, 2011. The project was awarded to EC Construction on November 8, 2010, and construction is scheduled to begin in February 2011 with an estimated completion date of July 2011.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

This project is consistent with the City Council goal to Improve, Maintain and Enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure Item 10. A finding of compliance with the General Plan was previously made and is shown on page 2.11 of the FY 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program.

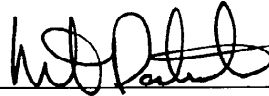
**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

On July 1, 2009, the City's Environmental Administrator determined the project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in Section 15301 (c), Existing Facilities, of the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3. This exemption includes minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing. A Notice of Exemption for the project was filed with Los Angeles County Clerk on July 23, 2009. There are no changed circumstances or new information which would require further environmental review.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

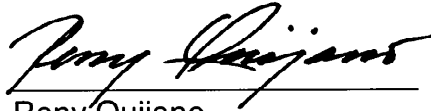
This project is now fully funded. Approval of the Program Supplement Agreement 081-N to Administer Agency State Agreement No. 07-5064R will enable the City to obtain Federal reimbursement of eligible costs. The reimbursement will be up to \$400,000 for preliminary engineering costs, upon completion of the project. The required \$51,824 of matching funds is available in the form of PCDC funding in Capital Improvement Program project 73200 – Civic Center/Mid-Town District Public Improvements.

Respectfully submitted,



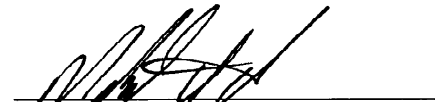
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City Manager

**RESOLUTION NO.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT 081-N, TO ADMINISTER CITY-STATE AGREEMENT 07-5064R, FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING OF CIVIC CENTER/MID-TOWN DISTRICT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. RPSTPLE-5064(048)

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pasadena as follows:

1. That, on July 23, 2009, the project herein was found to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) Existing Facilities, of the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3;
2. That Program Supplement Agreement 081-N to administer City-State Agreement 07-5064R between the City of Pasadena and the State of California for state reimbursements of costs for the preliminary engineering of Civic Center/Mid-Town District Public Improvements, Federal Aid Project No. RPSTPLE-5064(048), presented herewith, is approved;
3. That the City Clerk is authorized and directed to execute the Certificate on the Supplement showing the City's approval of said Supplement.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pasadena on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

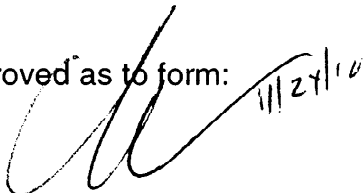
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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MARK JOMSKY, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



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Nicholas George Rodriguez  
Assistant City Attorney