

Agenda Report

November 4, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FOOTHILL BOULEVARD FROM ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD TO MICHILLINDA AVENUE

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) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Class 1, Section 15301, minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the County of Los Angeles to improve a section of Foothill Boulevard, jurisdictionally shared by the City of Pasadena and the County of Los Angeles.

BACKGROUND:

The County of Los Angeles has proposed an agreement with the City of Pasadena as a cooperative project to improve the roadway, existing median islands, and traffic signals on Foothill Boulevard between Rosemead Boulevard and Michillinda Avenue, which is jurisdictionally shared by the County and Pasadena. The north side of the street, including half of the median islands, is in Pasadena's jurisdiction.

The proposed work includes resurfacing of Foothill Boulevard with rubberized asphalt concrete pavement; installation of pavers in the existing median islands; construction of curb ramps; replacement of damaged concrete sidewalk; and modification and synchronization of the traffic signals on Foothill Boulevard at Rosemead Boulevard, Foothill Boulevard at Interstate 210 on/off ramps, and Foothill Boulevard at Michillinda Avenue.

The agreement requires the County to prepare the plans, specifications and cost estimates for the project. In addition, the County will administer and provide construction inspection of the project.

The agreement also specifies that both Pasadena and the County will contribute toward the total project cost estimated to be \$2,961,000, which includes engineering, administration and construction. Pasadena will fund a total of \$470,000 from the Preventive Maintenance – Asphalt Streets project. The County will implement a Transportation Signal Synchronization Program as part of the project by utilizing Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority grant funds and Highways-Through-Cities funds to bring State and County owned traffic signals in the project area to current standards. The County's share will be \$2,491,000. Pasadena will reimburse its share of the project when the project is completed and acceptable to both agencies.

The tentative project schedule anticipates that construction will begin in fall 2014 and be completed by spring 2015.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The project is consistent with the City Council goals to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure and improve mobility and accessibility throughout the City. It also supports the Public Facilities Element of the General Plan by maintaining public facilities to enhance the quality of life of the community. Further, by using recycled rubber tires in paving material, this project complies with the Green City Action Plan – Waste Reduction to achieve zero waste to landfills by 2040.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The City's Environmental Administrator recommends that the City Council determine the proposed project to be exempt under CEQA in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Class 1, Section 15301, minor alterations 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:

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,961,000 and the City's share is estimated at \$470,000. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing FHWA grant funding in the Preventive Maintenance – Asphalt Streets FY 2014 – 2018 CIP project (Budget Account 73901).

The following table represents a contract summary of the City's share.

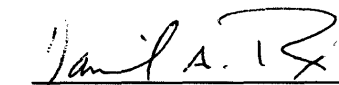
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| Preliminary Engineering | \$ 104,440 |
| Estimated Construction | \$ 283,310 |
| Contingency | \$ 28,330 |
| Contract Administration/Inspection | \$ 53,920 |
| Total Fiscal Impact | \$ 470,000 |

Respectfully submitted,



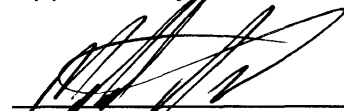
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