

# Agenda Report

April 27, 2015

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT 097-N TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT NO. 07-5064R, FOR METRO GOLD LINE AT-GRADE CROSSING MOBILITY ENHANCEMENTS, FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. CML 5064(083)**

## **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;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Program Supplement Agreement for the Metro Gold Line At-Grade Crossing Mobility Enhancements Project in the City of Pasadena; and
3. Adopt a resolution approving the Program Supplement Agreement No. 097-N to Administering Agency-State Agreement No. 07-5064R between the City of Pasadena and the State of California, for State reimbursement of costs for the Metro Gold Line At-Grade Crossing Mobility Enhancement, Federal-Aid Project No. CML-5064(083), Program Supplement Agreement No. 097-N.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Pasadena has obtained Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funds in the amount of \$620,000 for the design of eight Gold Line intersection upgrades and six intersections for software programming upgrades. This will provide a more intelligent cohesive system integrating all 14 intersections with the light rail schedule and vehicle demand throughout the Gold Line area.

The 14 intersections that will be improved through this grant project are as follows:

Intersection Traffic Signal Upgrades

Arroyo Parkway at California Boulevard  
Fair Oaks Avenue at Del Mar Boulevard  
Marengo Avenue at Del Mar Boulevard  
Marengo Avenue at California Boulevard  
Marengo Avenue at Glenarm Street  
Raymond Avenue at Del Mar Boulevard  
Raymond Avenue at California Boulevard  
Raymond Avenue at Glenarm Street

Software Programming Upgrades

Arroyo Parkway at Cordova Street  
Arroyo Parkway at Bellevue Drive  
Arroyo Parkway at Fillmore Street  
Marengo Avenue at Cordova Street  
Raymond Avenue at Pico Street  
Raymond Avenue at Fillmore Street

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 Administating 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.

On March 24, 2015, staff received a Program Supplement for preliminary engineering for the Metro Gold Line At-Grade Crossing Mobility Enhancements Project. The Program Supplement Agreement 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 May 22, 2015.

The project has an anticipated advertisement date of March 31, 2016 and will be constructed in early 2017.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The project is consistent with the City Council's goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure. The project is consistent with Mobility Element Policies 2.7 and 4.1 by promoting improvements for pedestrians to support vibrant and active streets and major places of activity, developing and implementing appropriate traffic management measures and improved directional signage to keep traffic on designated major multimodal corridors, and accommodating the needs of users along the corridors and the needs of multimodal and peak-hour travelers. Furthermore, the project is consistent with policy 4.4 by designing intersections and operating multimodal corridors to achieve safe intersections for all modes of travel, particularly for pedestrians and bicycles.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Review

As Federal funds are being used for the proposed pedestrian improvements, the project is subject to NEPA review. On December 16, 2014, the City of Pasadena submitted a Preliminary Environmental Studies form for NEPA compliance to Caltrans for Section 106 and 4(f) determination. NEPA review was approved on December 19, 2014.

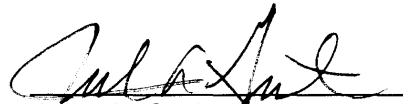
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review

This project is also subject to CEQA review. It is recommended that City Council find the proposed project to be exempt under CEQA in accordance with Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1), Subsection (c), and a Notice of Exemption will be prepared and filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk by September 2015. 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:**

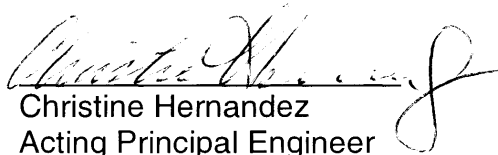
Approval of Program Supplement Agreement No. 097-N to Administering Agency-State Agreement No. 07-5064R will enable the City to obtain Federal reimbursement of eligible costs in the amount of \$620,000. The City's required local match of \$80,300 is available in the Pasadena Light Rail Train Tracking and Network Monitoring System (budget account 75517) CIP project, which has a current balance of \$1,287,380. This project (budget account 75517) is one of several projects under the larger Gold Line Phase I-Project Enhancements (budget account 75506) CIP project.

Respectfully submitted,



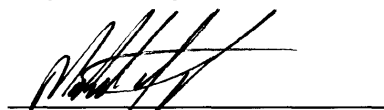
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