

City of Los Alamitos

Agenda Report Consent Calendar

July 19, 2010
Item No: 8B

To: Mayor Marilyn M. Poe and Members of the City Council

Via: Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager

From: David Hunt, City Engineer
Steven Mendoza, Director of Community Development

Subject: Approval of the Revised Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-0655 with Orange County Transportation Authority for Traffic Management Services for the West County Connectors Project

Summary: The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has requested that the City of Los Alamitos enter into the revised Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-0655 to fund costs incurred by the City for traffic management-related services, and identify responsible parties for any identified traffic mitigation required in conjunction with OCTA's West County Connectors Project.

Recommendation: Approve the attached revised Cooperative Agreement between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Los Alamitos for the West County Connectors Project. This new agreement will supersede the previous agreement between the City and OCTA.

Background

The West County Connectors Project will connect the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on the Garden Grove Freeway with those on the San Diego Freeway and the San Gabriel River Freeway, via two elevated structures. The project will eliminate the need for HOV lane users on the Garden Grove Freeway to cross general purpose lanes to connect to the HOV lanes on the San Diego and San Gabriel River Freeways. Construction for the project will begin this summer and is expected to be completed in early 2014. OCTA provided City Council with a project update on May 17th of this year.

The first agreement was initially approved by City Council on August 17, 2009. This agreement was signed by OCTA on May 27, 2010. On June 9, 2010 we received the request to sign a new agreement. OCTA sent the revised agreement because they needed additional terms to be added, and to satisfy the federal funding requirements which stipulate that signatures be obtained after the funding was secured. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the changes to the agreement.

Discussion

OCTA has determined that the project will not involve major detours through the City. However, some overnight closures at the interchanges may necessitate detouring traffic on Los Alamitos Boulevard and Katella Avenue.

As a result of the proposed detouring and potential community impacts, OCTA requires affected agencies to enter into a Cooperative Agreement (**Attachment 1**) to set out responsibilities and provide funding for any City expenses. The Cooperative Agreement provides for the following;

- OCTA is responsible to monitor and manage the project.
- OCTA is to prepare a Transportation Management Plan that will address traffic handling requirements.
- OCTA is to reimburse the City for actual costs for police, staff and City consultant services for work incurred resulting from the project.
- OCTA will reimburse City for incurred costs up to \$62,000. OCTA authorization would be required to exceed the Agreement estimate.
- OCTA will implement a public awareness campaign.
- City will review and concur on the Transportation Management Plan.
- City to issue no fee permits for work done in the City.

The Agreement provides for City review and input on any proposed detour route through the City. The agreement obligates OCTA to pay for cost impacts associated with City time and consultant services relating to the detours. Cost can be modified by mutual agreement should there be significant changes resulting from unforeseen impacts. Staff recommends approval of the Cooperative Agreement between OCTA and the City of Los Alamitos for the West County Connectors Project.

Fiscal Impact

Implementation of the Agreement is cost neutral as all costs for staff and City consultant time and services are paid for by the project.

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Attachment: 1) OCTA Cooperative Agreement No. C-9-0655