

Board Report

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SUBJECT: FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR SR-57/SR-60 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Funding Agreement #920000000M500201 for \$29,525,000 with San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) for support services for the SR-57/SR-60 Interchange Improvements.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Metro, in collaboration with Caltrans, SGVCOG, and the Cities of Diamond Bar and Industry, is leading improvements to the SR-57/SR-60 Interchange to alleviate operational deficiencies and improve mobility and safety along both roadways. The funding agreement will enable Metro to complete utility coordination, right-of-way acquisition and procurement and construction management services for the proposed project.

BACKGROUND

In September 2018 the Metro Board awarded a contract for consulting services for preparation of Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) for the proposed improvements (File # 2018-0238/Item 47 - Attachment A). Now that the PS&E phase is underway, it is Metro's intention to perform utility coordination/relocation and right-of-way acquisition parallel to the development of final design to improve efficiency and reduce schedule and cost risk.

DISCUSSION

The SR-57 and SR-60 are major freeways and important interregional transportation and goods movement corridors in Los Angeles County. They meet in the Cities of Industry and Diamond Bar in the San Gabriel Valley and share the same alignment for over one mile. This segment experiences severe congestion because of high truck volumes and numerous weaving movements between the SR-57 and SR-60 and traffic entering and exiting Grand Avenue.

In order to facilitate expeditious development and implementation of the SR-57/SR-60 Interchange Improvements project, Metro is entering into an agreement with the SGVCOG to perform support File #: 2018-0798, File Type: Agreement

services for utility coordination and right-of-way acquisition during the PS&E Phase and construction management services during the Bid & Award and Construction Phase.

SGVCOG is uniquely qualified to perform support services for utility coordination, right-of-way acquisition and construction services via their experienced personnel from the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority. Since 1998 the ACE Construction Authority, now the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, has been performing right-of-way acquisition and construction phase services for numerous grade separation projects in the San Gabriel Valley and coordinating with the same utility companies as those that will be involved with the SR-57/SR-60 Improvements project.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

The proposed action has no adverse impact on safety of Metro's patrons, employees or users of these facilities. Caltrans highway safety standards are followed in the design and construction of the proposed improvements and exceptions to the standards will be incorporated in accordance with Caltrans and Federal highway Administration (FHWA) procedures.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Measure M Expenditure Plan allocates \$205 million in Measure M (Highway 17%) funding for the SR-57/SR-60 Interchange Improvements (Line 18 of the Expenditure Plan).

Of the \$29,525,000 projected cost of services to be provided by the SGVCOG, \$7,925,000 for preconstruction costs have been set aside for FY19, FY20 and FY21, using Measure M (Highway 17%) and Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funds from SB1.

The FY19 budget includes \$12 million in Highway Program Cost Center 4720, in Project 475002 SR-57/SR-60 Interchange Improvements, Task 5.3.100, Account 50316 (Professional/Technical Services). Staff will manage within the current FY19 budget to administer the project for ROW acquisition(s) and preconstruction efforts.

Since this is a multi-year project, the Project Manager, the Cost Center Manager, and the Senior Executive Officer, Program Management - Highway Program will be responsible for coordinating the programming and budgeting costs in future fiscal years.

Impact to Budget

The source of funds to date for this project is Measure M (17%) Highway Funds and TCEP funds from SB1. These funds are not eligible for bus and rail operating capital expenditures. No other funds have been considered. Staff will continue to pursue additional funding opportunities as they become available.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed project is consistent with the following Metro Vision 2028 Strategic Plan Goals:

Goal 1: Provide high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling by alleviating the current operational deficiencies and improving mobility along the mainline and the SR 57/SR 60 interchange.

Goal 2: Transform LA County through regional collaboration by partnering with Caltrans and the SGVCOG and the Cities of Diamond Bar and Industry to identify needed improvements and taking the lead in developing and implementing the Project.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board may elect not to approve the execution of this Funding Agreement. However, this alternative is not recommended. Awarding the Funding Agreement will allow for completion of the pre-construction activities and project readiness for construction, which in turn, will allow for implementation of the much-needed improvements at the SR-57/SR-60 Interchange.

NEXT STEPS

Upon Board approval, staff will issue Funding Agreement #920000000M500201 to SGVCOG to perform utility coordination, right-of-way acquisition and construction services for improving the SR-57/SR-60 Interchange.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - File # 2018-0238 (Item 47) September 27, 2018 Board Report

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