

# **Board Report**

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CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

SUBJECT: US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

# **RECOMMENDATION**

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Metro (Authority) and US Army Corps of Engineering ("Corps").

# **ISSUE**

As the Metro Projects move forward, the team has identified the need to interact with the Corps to accommodate the project alignments in which coordination efforts would include permits and general coordination. This is the Authority's first interaction with Corps. Therefore, in order to move forward with the general scope, an MOA must be set in place between the Authority and Corps in order to memorialize roles and responsibilities. This MOA shall also be prepared in a manner that would accommodate any future Metro Project that may require services from Corps in order to support those future projects.

### **DISCUSSION**

No other MOA has been executed by both parties, this would be the first MOA executed that would allow both parties to collectively work together to support general utility relocation and coordination efforts. The general intent of the MOA would be to cover the current ongoing Projects as well as future Metro Projects for many years to come.

This MOA describes the roles, responsibilities, and obligations of both parties and specifies the procedures which the Authority and Corps will follow for elements associated with the supports services associated with all of Metro's projects. Such elements include general coordination, providing as builts, relocating utilities, review of designs, streamline processes, meeting accommodations, permitting, construction support services, reimbursements, invoicing, and other general tasks in support of Metro's construction of projects. The Authority and Corps agree that each will cooperate with the other in all activities covered by the MOA. Work performed by Corps

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under this MOA shall be per the agreed upon terms in this MOA.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

Reimbursements will be issued to Corps on an annual basis per the specified terms in the MOA. Reimbursements for said Authority commitments created within the MOA parameters shall only be issued by funded projects and must be within each of the project's respective Fiscal Year or Life of Project (LOP) budgets. These projects will largely be comprised of the Measure R/M projects but can be utilized across all Metro capital projects.

# **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board may choose not to execute this MOA, however not executing this MOA would not solidify each of the parties' roles and responsibilities and would require Metro to follow standard over the counter processes and therefore not benefit from streamlined processes, and other administration benefits identified within the MOA. All of which are essential elements from a successful project standpoint.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - MOA; Corps

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