



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: AUGUST 16, 2004

ITEM NUMBER: Item Number

**SUBJECT:** AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR CENTERLINE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM

**DATE:** JULY 26, 2004

**FROM:** PUBLIC SERVICES / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

**PRESENTATION BY:** PETER NAGHAVI, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES MANAGER

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Amendment No.1 (Attachment 1) to Cooperative Agreement No.C-3-0209 (Attachment 2) between the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the City for Preliminary Engineering (PE) of the Centerline Light Rail System.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On June 16, 2003, the City Council approved Cooperative Agreement No.C-3-0209 (Attachment 2) between the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the City for Preliminary Engineering (PE) of the Centerline Light Rail System. PE includes the development of precise rail alignment plans and station location details to the 30% engineering level of completion. The agreement clarifies the ongoing working relationship, roles, and responsibilities between OCTA and the City during the PE process in support and development of the Centerline. In addition, the agreement includes provisions for funding related work that may be required of the City to complete the PE process.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Since entering into the agreement, the PE process, including development of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR), has advanced significantly. Major progress has been made in determining the specific rail alignment and related station locations for the Centerline project, including the underground alignment on Avenue of the Arts. In order to be certain that the varied interests of the affected property owners and businesses have been considered, numerous meetings have been and are continuing to be conducted with major stakeholders. As a result of these meetings, alignment options and customized mitigation measures are being developed to address concerns and to ensure a successful fit with local business interests. The City has been greatly assisted in this process by the funding provided by OCTA. This funding has allowed the City to secure a public relations consultant well acquainted with local issues. This "hands on" approach by a local consultant has been a tremendous benefit in dealing successfully with affected businesses.

As the PE process has advanced, it has become necessary to amend the agreement in order to continue the funding provided to the City by OCTA. Amendment No. 1 (Attachment 1) commits OCTA to continued funding of up to \$90,000 for Public Outreach Consulting Services. These funds will enable the City to continue to benefit from the support provided by specialized consultants through the completion of the PE process.

In addition to the increased funding provided by Amendment No. 1, there are other minor administrative modifications that need to be made to the agreement, including defining the terms of the Agreement through December 31, 2004 and changing the name of the contact person at OCTA.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

The City Council could elect to reject amending the agreement. This would preclude the City from receiving any additional funding for Public Outreach Consulting Services and may negatively affect the success of the City in reaching consensus with affected property owners and businesses for the Centerline light rail system.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

There is no fiscal impact to the City directly related to this item. The City will continue to invoice OCTA for costs related to the Centerline project.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved as to form Amendment No.1 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-0209.

**CONCLUSION:**

Amendment No.1 to Cooperative Agreement No.C-3-0209 provides additional funding to the City for public outreach consulting services to assist City staff in developing a consensus with major stakeholders regarding the design of Centerline rail facilities and station area features. Approval of Amendment No. 1 will allow staff to continue its efforts to best integrate Centerline into the South Coast Metro environment.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Amendment No.1 to Cooperative Agreement No.C-3-0209](#)  
2 [Cooperative Agreement No.C-3-0209](#)

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