



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 5, 2004

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT 12-490 BETWEEN THE CITY OF COSTA MESA AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT HARBOR BOULEVARD/I-405 INTERCHANGE

DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2003

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: WILLIAM J. MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Cooperative Agreement 12-490 between the City of Costa Mesa and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for improvements at Harbor Boulevard/I-405 interchange (Attachment 1); and
2. Authorize the Mayor and the Deputy City Clerk to execute the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The improvements at Harbor Boulevard/I-405 interchange are designated as part of the General Plan Circulation Element, which was adopted by the City Council in January 2002. The improvements consist of removing the existing embankment and constructing a tie-back wall along northbound Harbor Boulevard under the I-405 Freeway behind existing columns. This will enable construction of a dedicated onramp lane to northbound I-405 Freeway behind the columns. The existing onramp lane will then be converted to 4th northbound through lane on Harbor Boulevard. Modification to the northbound onramp is also required in order to conform to the new alignment.

At the November 17, 2003, City Council meeting, a design and environmental services contract for the Project was awarded to CH2M Hill.

ANALYSIS:

The Streets and Highways Code Section 130 requires that a cooperative agreement be executed for improvements to facilities that are within the jurisdiction of Caltrans. Since the subject improvements on Harbor Boulevard under I-405 Freeway and the northbound onramp are within Caltrans right-of-way, a cooperative agreement needs to be executed to establish responsibilities for oversight of the environmental and design activities. A separate cooperative agreement with Caltrans will be prepared for construction support activities prior to initiation of construction phase.

The attached cooperative agreement, District Agreement No. 12-490, defines the terms and conditions under which the Project is to be developed. The agreement addresses the environmental and engineering design phase, and designates responsibilities whereby the City will develop the Project through its fiscal allocations. Caltrans will provide environmental and design oversight at no cost to the City. Staff recommends execution of the agreement to enable the commencement of Project Development.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

One alternative would be to not approve the cooperative agreement. However, this alternative would preclude the City's ability to commence with the environmental and design phase of the subject improvements. This will result in loss of the recently secured Measure M grant funding for the Project.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There are no fiscal impacts with this item. Caltrans is willing to provide the necessary quality assurance of environmental and design activities at no cost to the City.

A budget adjustment was approved on November 17, 2003, authorizing \$615,158 for environmental and design services on the Project. The City has secured Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) grant funding covering 50% of the Project costs, which were derived from the Measure M fund, totaling \$307,579. The remaining 50% of the costs were derived from the OCTA Growth Management Area (GMA) funds.

Right-Of-Way and construction phases of the project will be funded by a combination of Measure M MPAH and GMA program funds, as well as existing City Trip fee funds.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney's office has reviewed the attached cooperative agreement and has approved the document as to form.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor and the Deputy City Clerk to sign the attached cooperative agreement between the City of Costa Mesa and Caltrans. This will facilitate commencement of the environmental and design phase of improvements at Harbor Boulevard/I-405 Interchange.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Cooperative Agreement 12-490](#)

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