



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2006

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT 12-541 BETWEEN THE CITY OF COSTA MESA AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT HARBOR BOULEVARD/I-405 INTERCHANGE

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2006

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 12-541 between the City of Costa Mesa and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the construction of improvements at Harbor Boulevard/I-405 interchange (Attachment 1); and
2. Authorize the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk to execute the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past 2 years, the City has been working with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in finalizing design plans for the Harbor/I-405 Improvement project. This project involves improvements to the east side of Harbor Boulevard between Gisler Avenue and South Coast Drive, and includes removal of the existing embankment under the I-405 freeway bridge, construction of a new northbound Harbor Boulevard to northbound I-405 onramp behind the bridge columns; and reconstruction of the southbound onramp "gore" area from southbound Harbor Boulevard. This will result in four continuous through lanes in each direction on Harbor Boulevard under the I-405 Freeway, as well as for providing improved freeway access.

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

The project is nearing final design with final approvals and permits expected by early 2007. All work within the Caltrans jurisdiction will be completed within the available public right-of-way.

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 construction activities.

The attached cooperative agreement, District Agreement No. 12-541, defines the terms and conditions under which the Project is to be developed. The agreement addresses the construction phase, and designates responsibilities whereby the City will develop the Project through its fiscal allocations. Caltrans will provide quality assurance and necessary encroachment permits at no cost to the City. Staff recommends execution of the agreement to enable the commencement of Project construction.

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 construction phase of the subject improvements. This will result in loss of the Measure M grant funding for the Project.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The construction phase of the project is estimated to cost approximately \$3.4 million. The City has secured OCTA grant funding from the Measure M Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) and Growth Management Area (GMA) programs in the amount of approximately \$1.6 million. The remaining funds will be derived from “Home Ranch” Development Mitigation account. The required funds have been appropriated for the project’s construction phase in the City’s budget.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney’s office has reviewed the attached cooperative agreement. All comments have been incorporated and the City Attorney has approved the document relative to form.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve, 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 construction phase of the improvements at Harbor Boulevard/I-405 Interchange.

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ATTACHMENT: 1 [Cooperative Agreement](#)