



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: APRIL 3, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR SUSAN STREET EXIT RAMP PROJECT

DATE: MARCH 22, 2007

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 12-567 between the City of Costa Mesa and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the construction of the I-405/Susan Street Exit Ramp project (Attachment 1).
2. Approve Reimbursement Agreement between C. J. Segerstrom & Sons and the City of Costa Mesa for the funding of construction of the I-405/Susan Street Exit Ramp project (Attachment 2).
3. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the above agreements.

BACKGROUND:

The Home Ranch Environmental Impact Report (EIR) included the analysis of adding a Susan Street connection from the triple offramp serving South Coast Drive, Fairview Road and Harbor Boulevard from the northbound I-405 Freeway. The proposed Susan Street offramp is shown in Attachment 3. It was determined that this offramp, while not required as part of the project, would improve existing and future traffic circulation at the adjacent I-405/Harbor Boulevard and I-405/Fairview Road interchanges and other surface intersections in the vicinity. As part of the Development Agreement for Home Ranch, C. J. Segerstrom & Sons have agreed to fully fund the design, right-of-way and construction of the new Susan Street offramp.

In April 2002, the Costa Mesa City Council unanimously approved a resolution supporting the construction of the Susan Street Exit Ramp.

Over the past 5 years, staff has been working with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and C.J. Segerstrom & Sons in finalizing design plans for the Susan Street Exit Ramp project. The project is nearing design completion, with final approvals and permits expected by May 2007. All work will be performed within the Caltrans and Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) jurisdiction, as well as on right-of-way dedicated to the City by C. J. Segerstrom & Sons and IKEA.

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. As the subject improvement will connect to the existing I-405 Freeway, collector/distributor and therefore, a cooperative agreement is required to establish roles and responsibilities of each agency. As Caltrans only enters into a contract with public entities, the City, in turn, needs to enter into a similar agreement with C. J. Segerstrom & Sons to transfer the funding and other obligations to the developer. Attachment 1 is the agreement for construction services between the City and Caltrans, and Attachment 2 is the City's reimbursement agreement with C. J. Segerstrom & Sons.

Staff requests City Council approval of both agreements in order to proceed to the construction phase of the project.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

One alternative would be to not approve the cooperative agreement and the reimbursement agreement. However, this alternative would preclude the City's ability to continue with the construction phase of the I-405/Susan Street Exit Ramp project. This will also result in loss of significant funds expended by the developer to date on this project. Further, this alternative reverses the earlier City Council resolution supporting the Susan Street Exit Ramp.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The construction phase of the project is estimated to cost approximately \$1.2 million. C. J. Segerstrom & Sons is funding all construction and construction management costs associated with the project. No City funding is involved, other than staff time to administer the project.

LEGAL REVIEW:

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

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached agreements and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign. This will facilitate the construction phase of the I-405/Susan Street Exit Ramp project, with full funding being provided by C. J. Segerstrom & Sons.

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2. [Reimbursement Agreement with C.J. Segerstrom & Sons](#)
3. [Susan Street Exit Ramp location](#)

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