



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: APRIL 3, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR SUSAN STREET EXIT RAMP PROJECT**

**DATE: MARCH 21, 2007**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION**

**PRESENTATION WILLIAM J. MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

**BY:**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve the attached Maintenance Agreement (Attachment 1) with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Susan Street Exit Ramp project;
2. Authorize the City Manager and/or City Attorney to make minor revisions to the agreement based on final discussions with Caltrans; and
3. Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the above agreement.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The proposed Susan Street Exit Ramp from the northbound I-405 freeway is shown in Attachment 2. It was determined that this ramp 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 Exit Ramp. In April 2002, the Costa Mesa City Council unanimously approved a resolution supporting the construction of the Susan Street Exit Ramp. On March 20, 2007, the City Council approved the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Susan Street Exit Ramp project.

The project is nearing design completion, with final approvals and permits expected by May 2007. The ramp would then be constructed in the summer of 2007.

## **ANALYSIS:**

The proposed Maintenance Agreement is intended to clarify the maintenance responsibilities of Caltrans and the City following the construction of the proposed new offramp to Susan Street. The maintenance responsibilities assigned to the City include the pavement surface at the Susan Street Offramp/IKEA Driveway intersection, landscaping of areas outside of Caltrans right-of-way and certain design provisions to mitigate potential queuing from the offramp. The maintenance of pavement at the intersection and landscaping clauses are standard procedures at ramp intersections and are acceptable to City staff. With respect to ramp queuing, all identified measures

in the Maintenance Agreement have been incorporated in the design of the Susan Street Exit Ramp project. The City and Caltrans will jointly address any further operational issues that may occur following the construction of the project.

Staff and the City Attorney have reviewed and approved the Maintenance Agreement as to form and content. Staff requests City Council approval of the agreement in order to proceed to the construction phase of the project. While staff is requesting that the City Council approve the agreement in its current form, staff also requests City Council authorization of the City Manager and City Attorney to accept minor modifications to the agreement that may be requested by Caltrans, so long as they do not substantially deviate from the main agreement provisions. Although not expected, any major changes requested by Caltrans would be brought back for Council consideration.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

One alternative would be to not approve the Maintenance 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.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

The construction phase of the project is estimated to cost approximately \$1.6 million. C. J. Segerstrom & Sons is funding all construction and construction management costs associated with the project. All identified measures in the Maintenance Agreement to address ramp queuing have been incorporated in the design of the Susan Street Exit Ramp project.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

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

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached Maintenance Agreement delineating responsibilities for Caltrans and City for the Susan Street Exit Ramp. Staff also requests City Council authorization for the City Manager and City Attorney to make minor revisions to the document based on discussions with Caltrans so long as they do not substantially deviate from the main agreement provisions.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Freeway Maintenance Agreement](#)
2. [Susan Street Exit Ramp location](#)

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