



DATE: June 13, 2017

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: **Shoreline Boulevard/101 NB Off-Ramp Modifications, Project 15-39 – Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a Resolution Approving Cooperative Agreement No. 04-2646 Between the City of Mountain View and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for Improvements to the State Highway System Per Streets and Highways Code Sections 114 and 130, for Caltrans' Review of the Project Initiation Document (Project Study Report/Project Report) and Environmental Documentation Clearance Phases for the Shoreline Boulevard/101 NB Off-Ramp Modifications, Project 15-39, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute it, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).
2. Authorize the City Manager to amend the cost of the Cooperative Agreement up to a total amount not exceeding \$300,000, if needed.

BACKGROUND

The Shoreline Boulevard/101 Off-Ramp Modifications will increase capacity and reduce delay for vehicles exiting southbound Highway 101 at Shoreline Boulevard. Because the proposed improvements modify a Caltrans facility, the City is required to follow Caltrans project development procedures and enter into a cooperative agreement so Caltrans can provide design oversight and Independent Quality Assurance (IQA) during design of the project. Without such an agreement, Caltrans will not approve the design or issue a permit for construction.

ANALYSIS

The recommended agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of Caltrans and the City for project development work. Government Code Section 65086.5 authorized Caltrans to review and approve the Project Initiation Document (PID) prepared by local

agencies as reimbursed work. Caltrans responsibilities include review and approval of the PID (Project Study Report/Project Report) prepared by the City, provision of relevant Caltrans proprietary data and maps for the project area, participation in project development team meetings, and provision of IQA of work performed by the City and its consultants. The City is responsible for all project costs, including preparation of preliminary design, environmental documents, and the PID. The City is also responsible for reimbursement to Caltrans for staff time and other costs related to the project.

The culmination of this phase of work will be an approved environmental document, a signed Project Study Report/Project Report, and Caltrans approval of a preferred design alternative allowing the project to proceed to final design. If Council approves the recommended actions, staff anticipates completion of this phase by summer 2018.

Approval of the cooperative agreement is not considered a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 15378, so no CEQA action is required.

FISCAL IMPACT

Shoreline Boulevard/101 NB Off-Ramp Modifications, Project 15-39, is funded with \$2.02 million from the Shoreline Regional Park Community Fund.

Caltrans staff have reviewed the project description and evaluated the level of efforts needed and has prepared an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. This amount is estimated, and actual costs will be charged to the City. Staff also recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to amend the contract to an amount not to exceed \$300,000 should costs be higher than estimated. Staff considers this amount typical for a project of this size, and sufficient funds are available in the project for these activities.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Decline to approve the Cooperative Agreement and suspend design of the project.
2. Decline to authorize the City Manager to amend the contract. Amendments would then be brought to the City Council for approval.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution

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