



DATE: April 26, 2016

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: **Agreement Between the City of Mountain View and the County of Santa Clara for Shared Maintenance, Operation, Repair, and Utilities for Traffic Signal System at Rengstorff Avenue and Crisanto Avenue/ Leland Avenue**

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to execute a cost-sharing agreement with the County of Santa Clara for the maintenance, operation, and repair of the traffic signal system at Rengstorff Avenue and Central Expressway.

BACKGROUND

The Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) Signal Preemption Improvement Project includes installation of communications and signal equipment to improve the safety of at-grade Caltrain crossings. One of the projects in the program is the new traffic signal system on Rengstorff Avenue near the Caltrain tracks. The project removed the flashing red beacons and installed a full traffic signal on northbound Rengstorff Avenue, including signaling the intersections at Crisanto Avenue and Leland Avenue. Crisanto Avenue at Rengstorff Avenue was restricted to right turns in and out, and the crosswalk at Leland Avenue was signaled.

ANALYSIS

The new traffic signals operate as one system and are partially located in both County of Santa Clara (Central Expressway) and City (Leland and Crisanto Avenues) jurisdictions. The recommended agreement provides for the following:

- The County of Santa Clara (County) owns and is responsible for maintaining the traffic signal at Rengstorff Avenue and Central Expressway, and the City owns and is responsible for maintaining the traffic signals at Rengstorff Avenue and Crisanto Avenue/Leland Avenue;
- The County will maintain and repair the traffic signals at all three intersections;

- The City will reimburse the County for one-half the cost of maintenance and repair of the traffic signals; and
- The City's annual cost for maintenance will not exceed \$5,000 annually. Except for emergency repairs, the City must provide written authorization for costs exceeding \$5,000 before they are undertaken.
- Either party may terminate the agreement with six months' notice.

Staff requests Council authorization to execute an agreement that includes these provisions because traffic signal maintenance and repairs at this intersection require close coordination between the County and City, and a cooperative agreement will provide more efficient and effective operation.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City's maintenance cost, estimated at a maximum of \$5,000 annually, will be funded from the Public Works Department—Traffic Engineering Section operating budget. There is sufficient funding in the operating budget to absorb the additional expense.

ALTERNATIVES

Do not authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Agreement. The City would then operate the City-owned portion of the system.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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