REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION



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DECEMBER 3, 2007

TITLE

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF FOR THE SANTA ANA TRANSIT VISION AND GO LOCAL PROJECT CONCEPT STUDY PROJECT 06-2502

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APPROVED

As Recommended
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RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. Direct the City Attorney to prepare and authorize the City Manager and Clerk of the Council to execute an amendment to the agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 to conduct the Santa Ana Transit Vision and Go Local Project Concept Study.
- 2. Approve an appropriation adjustment transferring \$350,000 in Gas Tax funds from the Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation project (account no. 59-551-6631, project no. 04-1002) to the Santa Ana Transit Vision and Go Local Project Concept Study (account no. 59-551-6631, project no. 06-2502).

DISCUSSION

On January 17, 2006, the City of Santa Ana entered into an agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff to prepare a Transit Master Plan. Subsequent to that, one contract amendment was executed on February 5, 2007, bringing the total contract amount to \$254,000. The first amendment was to develop the Go Local Project Concept. As of November 2007, PB has completed the following:

- Developed the multi-modal Transit Vision and Master Plan with input and direction from the Santa Ana Council Transportation Committee.
- Identified and refined a preliminary Project Concept from the Transit Vision that has the highest potential to meet the OCTA Go Local Program goals and criteria. The preliminary Project Concept definition includes three components:

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- A modern Streetcar between the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (SARTC) and Civic Center/Bristol Street
- Expansion of the SARTC to support the Transit Vision
- Use of the PE Right-of-way to enhance access into Santa Ana.
- Submitted the Go Local Six Month Project Concept Report to OCTA on September 21, 2007.

The preliminary Project Concept with the three components was presented to the City Council at a study session on October 11, 2007. Public Works staff is continuing to incorporate a regional long-term and short-term transit project. One of the tasks that remain to be completed is a video simulation of the transit vision. The purpose of the video simulation is to:

- Clarify the City's transit vision and be used to attract private partnership for a downtown circulation between the SARTC.
- Provide a tool for community outreach.
- Provide an opportunity for Santa Ana to be competitive with other cities that will be submitting requests to fund Go Local Projects.

To complete the video simulation, the Santa Ana Transit Vision, and Step One of the Go Local Program, staff recommends an amendment to the agreement. The amendment is for \$350,000 and the cost breakdown is as follows:

- 50% to prepare video simulation of the Three Project Concept Components.
- 25% to complete the application for Step One of the Go Local Project.
- 25% for contingency.

Staff is currently identifying additional consultant needs for the three components in Step Two. The City wants to be certain we have the technical expertise to meet the project criteria and to be competitive for funding opportunities.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Upon approval of the appropriation adjustment, Gas Tax funds available in Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation (account no. 59-551-6631, project no. 04-1002) will be transferred to the Santa Ana Transit Vision and Go Local Concept Study (account no. 59-551-6631, project no. 06-2502).

APPROVED AS TO FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS:

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