



DATE: December 11, 2017

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

FROM: Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Caltrans Cooperative Agreement for the Design of the Highway 101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) B1-Phase 2 and A4 Contracts, Agenda Item No. 6a

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a Cooperative Agreement associated with the design of the Highway 101 MSN B1 Phase 2 and A4 contracts with Caltrans.

BACKGROUND

The Marin-Sonoma Narrows Project is widening approximately 17 miles of US 101 from four to six lanes by adding carpool lanes in each direction, creating a controlled access freeway and upgrading the highway to current freeway standards from Route 37 in Novato (Marin County) to Old Redwood Highway in Petaluma (Sonoma County). It is part of the overall regional plan to provide continuous carpool lanes through Marin and Sonoma Counties.

In addition to the carpool lanes, new interchanges and frontage roads are being built to remove unsafe access from private properties and local roads. The project also includes continuous Class I and Class II bikeways between Novato and Petaluma.

With Sonoma County Transportation Authority's (SCTA) two remaining MSN projects ready for construction and the State's Senate Bill (SB) 1 providing upcoming transportation funding for projects like the Narrows, it is imperative that TAM begins design of the last two major segments (B1 Phase 2 and A4) in Marin to position itself for additional advance design funding, as well as key construction funding, to complete the entire corridor. The design work is for the final completion of both the northbound and southbound HOV Lane through Marin County. For this reason, the Board authorized initial design work and awarded a contract to BKF Engineers in August 2017.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In order to collaborate and obtain Caltrans' oversight on the initial design and environmental revalidation effort for the B1 Phase 2 and A4 contracts, TAM must enter into a cooperative agreement with Caltrans. This is a conventional and typical agreement with Caltrans which outlines roles and liabilities of each party as the design work progresses.

TAM enters into a cooperative agreement with Caltrans each time there is a formal relationship to carry out a project. In this case, there is no cost by Caltrans to oversee the design effort.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION

There is no cost to the recommended action, with no funds TAM has authorized being extended to Caltrans, other than the financial commitment of \$700,000 to BKF Engineers that was engaged to begin the design effort.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the MSN B1 Phase 2 and A4 contracts.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution authorizing TAM to enter into a Cooperative Agreement

TAM RESOLUTION NO. 2017-___

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY OF MARIN AUTHORIZING THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF
MARIN TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE DESIGN OF THE
MSN B1-PHASE 2 AND A4 PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) has been a partner with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) during the implementation of the Phase 1 and 2 of Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Widening Project in Marin County; and,

WHEREAS, Partners are authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement for improvements to the state highway system (SHS) per the California Streets and Highways Code sections 114 and 130; and,

WHEREAS, the MSN B1-Phase 2 and A4 projects (PROJECT) will complete the construction of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on U.S. 101 through Marin County; and,

WHEREAS, In order for an agency other than Caltrans to perform work on or for a state highway system, the State requires that the agency enter into a cooperative agreement which defines the work, establishes the responsibilities and financial commitments of each partner; and,

WHEREAS, TAM is a funding partner contributing an initial fixed amount (\$700,000) toward the PROJECT; and,

WHEREAS, Caltrans is responsible for overseeing all work for the PROJECT; and,

WHEREAS, TAM staff will negotiate a Cooperative Agreement with fair terms to both parties that protects the interests of TAM, recognizing oversight will be no cost to TAM and,

WHEREAS, County Counsel will review the agreement to verify that there is nothing of significant concern; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into a Cooperative Agreement and necessary amendments with the California Department of

Transportation to provide initial design support and environmental revalidation of the MSN B1-Phase 2 and A4 Projects.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Transportation Authority of Marin held on the 11th day of December 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners:

NOES: Commissioners:

ABSENT: Commissioners:

Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Chair
Transportation Authority of Marin

ATTEST:

Dianne Steinhauser
Executive Director