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SBCAG STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Highway 166/Highway 1 Intersection

MEETING DATE: December 17, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 4D

STAFF CONTACT: Fred Luna

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt Resolution 20-31 (Attachment A) approving a Cooperative Agreement (05-0387) with Caltrans for the Highway 166/Highway 1 Intersection Improvements in the City of Guadalupe and acknowledge appropriation of Measure A funds; and
2. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Cooperative Agreement (05-0387) (Attachment B) with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for their oversight of work to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase for intersection improvements at Highway 166/Highway 1 in the City of Guadalupe. SBCAG is funding the PA&ED phase with \$325,000 in Measure A funds, however this Agreement with Caltrans is at no cost. The Board must approve additional contributions of Measure A or local funds for this project, if required.

DISCUSSION:

On November 19, 2020, the SBCAG Board approved an agreement with the engineering firm Psomas for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the Highway 166/Highway 1 project. SBCAG is required to enter into a cooperative agreement with Caltrans to define the roles and responsibilities of each party and to allow Caltrans to provide oversight for this phase of the work. One of the requirements of the cooperative agreement is for SBCAG to demonstrate that it has appropriated the necessary Measure A funds for the PA&ED phase. This is documented in Resolution 20-31 and is included at Attachment A. The cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the PA&ED phase is included as Attachment B.

In 2008, the Measure A Investment Plan was passed by voters of Santa Barbara County which included a project to improve safety and operations on Highway 166. This project was one of the “named” projects in the North County subregion of Measure A and was to receive an allocation of \$3.0 million in Measure A funds (2008 dollars). In 2012, SBCAG completed an evaluation of project improvements to implement along Highway 166 from Guadalupe to Cuyama, and identified four projects, one of which was to make operational improvements at the intersection of Highway 166/Highway 1 in the City of Guadalupe.

As noted above, work is scheduled to commence on the PA&ED phase. Per the cooperative agreement, for this project SBCAG is the implementing agency and Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Caltrans will also provide oversight of the consultant work. Staff is seeking approval by the SBCAG Board of Resolution 20-31 and Cooperative Agreement 05-0387 which both have been attached.

COMMITTEE REVIEW: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

A – Resolution 20-31

B – Cooperative Agreement (05-0387) with Caltrans (web posting only)

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE SBCAG BOARD TO SIGN COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 05-0387 WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE SBCAG HAS APPROPRIATED MEASURE A FUNDING FOR THE HWY 166/HWY 1 PROJECT.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-31

WHEREAS the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) 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 SBCAG is the designated Local Transportation Authority for Santa Barbara County and thus administers all funds collected as a result of the passage of the “Road Repair, Traffic Relief and Transportation Safety Measure for Santa Barbara County” Transportation Investment Plan (Measure A); and

WHEREAS, included in Measure A was a project called “Highway 166 Safety Improvements”; and

WHEREAS, the SBCAG Board has further defined specific projects to be implemented as part of the Highway 166 Safety Improvements defined in Measure A, one of which is intersection improvements at Highway 166 and Highway 1 (PROJECT) in the City of Guadalupe; and

WHEREAS, SBCAG is defined as the implementing agency for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2020, the SBCAG Board approved an agreement with the consultant firm, Psomas from Roseville, California, to implement the deliverables to complete the PA&ED phase of the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, CALTRANS will be the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the PA&ED phase for the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, SBCAG desires to enter Cooperative Agreement No. 05-0387 with CALTRANS to provide Measure A funding for the PA&ED phase for the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, SBCAG has approved and appropriated Measure A funds for the PROJECT in SBCAG’s Overall Work Plan (OWP) and Budget for FY 20/21.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the SBCAG appropriated Measure A funds for PROJECT in SBCAG's OWP and Budget for FY 20/21; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SBCAG hereby authorizes the SBCAG Chair of the Board of Directors to sign and execute Cooperative Agreement No. 05-0387.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of December 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Marjie Kirn
Executive Director

Gregg Hart, Chair
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Michael C. Ghizzoni
County Counsel



Deputy County Counsel