

## SBCAG STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Santa Claus Lane Bikeway Project

**MEETING DATE:** September 16, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM** 5D

**STAFF CONTACT:** Fred Luna

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with MNS Engineers for services related to providing design, right of way, permitting and other services related to the Santa Claus Lane Bikeway Project with an increase of \$280,000 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$1,083,100 without a change in the period of performance ending June 30, 2023.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Santa Claus Lane Bikeway Project (Project) will close a gap in the California Coastal Trail (CCT) connecting Santa Claus Lane (County of Santa Barbara) to Carpinteria Avenue (City of Carpinteria). The project has been identified in local and regional plans over the years and is broadly supported by local agencies and the California Coastal Commission. The project was also identified in Local Coastal Program amendments approved by both the City of Carpinteria and the County of Santa Barbara in relation to the adjacent Highway 101: Carpinteria to Santa Barbara improvements.

The project is primarily located in Caltrans right of way adjacent to Highway 101 but has connections in property owned by the City of Carpinteria and the County of Santa Barbara. Caltrans is the lead agency for environmental and will be identified as the applicant for any coastal and regulatory permits. SBCAG is the implementing agency and has funded work to date to complete the environmental document and preliminary engineering. In February 2020, the SBCAG board approved a contract to retain MNS Engineers to complete the Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) and Right of Way (ROW) phases, which includes all detailed design, development of contract packages, coordination with the CMGC contractor and adjacent 101 projects, utilities, right of way and permits. SBCAG and Caltrans have utilized funding from Senate Bill 1 (SB1) from the Local Partnership Program (LPP) to fund pre-construction work matched by Measure A funds. Furthermore, SB1 funds from the Solutions for Congested Corridor funds program are being used for the construction of the project. This funding sources is intended to fully fund the construction now. The delivery of the Project is being coordinated with the on-going construction of the Highway 101: Padaro (4B) project which commenced construction in June 2021. Caltrans will be administering the construction of the project which will require a future cooperative agreement between SBCAG and Caltrans. An existing cooperative agreement between SBCAG and Caltrans (05-0361) is in place for the PS&E and ROW phases that was approved in February 2020.

### MNS Engineers Amendment No. 1

MNS Engineers was retained by SBCAG following a qualifications-based selection process for this Project. The agreement for the PS&E and ROW phases was approved in February 2020. This Amendment No. 1 is being proposed to address additional costs in the pre-construction phase to accommodate the following work tasks (partial list of additional work) that were not anticipated when the original contract was put in place.

Coastal Permitting: Development and management of approval process and issuance of two coastal permitting packages through local agencies (City of Carpinteria and County of Santa Barbara) rather than a single package originally anticipated to Coastal Commission as part of original jurisdiction.

Regulatory Permitting: Investigation of options and making of recommendations to Project team of off-site mitigation packages to address riparian and wetland mitigation. Includes meetings with agencies, regulatory agency coordination, and development of agreements.

Field work and development of a foundation report to support the recommendation for a sheet pile wall between bike lane and the UPRR right of way. Originally was anticipated to be completed by Caltrans forces or use of existing information that was not specific enough to develop recommendations.

CMGC Coordination: Following approval of the contract with MNS, Caltrans and SBCAG agreed to include the Project into the CMGC suite to better coordinate with work on Highway 101: Carpinteria and Highway 101: Padaro.

Design Plans: During the coordination with the CMGC contractor and the County of Santa Barbara related to the Santa Claus Lane Streetscape project, the PDT approved the integration of one key feature from the County's project into the Project to improve overall construction and coordination on public improvements. A proposed turnaround at the intersection of Santa Claus Lane, Sandpoint Drive and the southbound 101 on ramp will be included in the construction of the Project. This requires additional design plans and coordination.

Staff is recommending that SBCAG approved and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 with MNS Engineers which is included as Attachment A. The total value of Amendment No. 1 is \$280,000. The period of performance would continue to extend through June 30, 2023. The above referenced additional scope elements will be implemented via a new task order which based upon the agreement can be executed by the Executive Director.

*The above recommended actions are not a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality (CEQA) Act under CEQA Guidelines section 15378.*

### **ATTACHMENT:**

A: Amendment No. 1 with MNS Engineers (web posting only)