

SBCAG STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Olive Mill and San Ysidro Roundabouts

MEETING DATE: 7/21/2022

AGENDA ITEM: 4C

STAFF CONTACT: Fred Luna

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute a Utility Agreement with Southern California Edison (SCE), similar to the attached, for costs related to relocating its facilities as a result of the Olive Mill and San Ysidro Roundabouts project and authorize payment of SBCAG's share of the costs up to \$177,950.50, upon review and concurrence by legal counsel; and
2. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to in accordance with the Utility Agreement with the SCE Section IV pay a final bill that does not exceed up to 125% of the total amount (\$222,438.13), and to make immaterial amendments that would not result in an increase in funding, based upon review and concurrence with legal counsel.

DISCUSSION:

The Olive Mill Roundabout and the San Ysidro Roundabout are two projects being developed in parallel with progress made on the Highway 101: Carpinteria to Santa Barbara Project. These two projects have been advanced through a partnership between the City of Santa Barbara (City), County of Santa Barbara (County), SBCAG and Caltrans. In 2017, both roundabout projects were identified as necessary traffic mitigation improvements to offset impacts resulting from the Highway 101 project. The County and the City played prominent roles in completing the environmental, preliminary engineering and coastal permitting.

In May 2021, the SBCAG board approved a contract with Mark Thomas and Company for SBCAG to complete the design, right of way and final steps leading to construction. In August 2021, SBCAG entered a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the Olive Mill and San Ysidro projects. The cooperative agreements outlined SBCAG's role as the implementing agency for design and right of way and Caltrans providing the required oversight of the work to be completed by Mark Thomas and Company under contract to SBCAG. The oversight and approval is required for Caltrans to administer the construction phase of both projects under the Construction Manager General Contractor (CMGC) approach. For the construction phase, the two individual projects will be combined into one construction contract.

One part of the work being done by Mark Thomas is to identify any utilities that may be in conflict with the proposed work for the Olive Mill and San Ysidro Roundabouts. The project design team has identified a specific conflict related to facilities owned by Southern California Edison (SCE) in the San Ysidro and North Jameson area.

Since the Olive Mill and San Ysidro Roundabouts are being delivered to construction as one project to improve coordination and efficiencies with construction, the delivery schedule is the same. Work is scheduled to commence on Olive Mill in October 2022. To meet that scheduled

for starting construction, the project design and right of way certification, which includes all utilities agreements, must be completed by August 2022. In September 2022, SBCAG staff plan to bring to the SBCAG board an action related to the construction funding, including a cooperative agreement amendment with Caltrans, who will be performing the construction administration.

Agreement with Southern California Edison (SCE)

The certification of right of way is a milestone in the project development process which is necessary to enable the project to move into construction. Certification requires that all necessary rights related to real property and easements to build the project, as well as any agreements for utility relocations, have been obtained. This effort is being led by SBCAG's design team.

A Utility Agreement (UA) with SCE has been negotiated by the project team to address 50% share of the work to eliminate the conflict of the SCE's facilities. The 50% share of the costs borne by SCE and SBCAG for this project is based on the November 2004 Freeway Master Contract between SCE and Caltrans, which governs the cost liability of relocations to which this is outside State right of way. The Caltrans agreement is used because they are the entity administering construction. The work will be completed in advance of the San Ysidro Roundabout which starts next spring 2023. The total cost for the design and construction work is to be paid by SBCAG to SCE for its share is not to exceed \$177,950.50. Staff is recommending approval of the utility agreement and to authorize the chair to sign the agreement.

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

ATTACHMENT:

A: Utility Agreement with SCE (web posting only)