

STAFF REPORT

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Date: December 13, 2011

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **State Transportation Improvement Program Letter of Agreement between the City of Lancaster and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority – LAF3830 (LA11G4T) Downtown Lancaster Gateway & Roundabout Project**

Recommendation:

Approve a Letter of Agreement with the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding of the Downtown Lancaster Gateway & Roundabout project. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

Fiscal Impact:

\$1,818,000.00; sufficient funds are available in Capital Improvements Budget Account Nos. 209-15ST030-924, 210-15ST030-924 and 371-15ST030-924.

Background:

The City submitted the Downtown Lancaster Gateway & Roundabout project in response to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA's) 2009 Call for Projects. This project was submitted under the Transportation Enhancement (TE) mode and was successful in receiving a recommendation for STIP funding through the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

At its August 24, 2011 meeting, the LACMTA Board of Directors recertified its Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 commitment to projects funded through previous Calls for Projects. This action ensures the availability of funds in FY 2011-12 for the Downtown Lancaster Gateway & Roundabout project.

To comply with LACMTA's adopted Timely Use of Funds Policy, LACTMA must fully execute the letter of agreement for STIP funding with the City of Lancaster by no later than December 31, 2011.

A feasibility study was completed by Roundabouts & Traffic Engineering (RTE) in 2007. It was determined that a modern roundabout at the intersection of Lancaster Boulevard and 10th Street West is feasible and an appropriate traffic control device for the intersection. In August 2010, the City entered into a professional services agreement with RTE for geometric design and layout for the roundabout. On September 13, 2011, the City Council directed staff to

proceed with design and construction of the Downtown Roundabout. On September 27, 2011, the City approved a professional services agreement with Penfield & Smith for Civil, Landscaping, and Electrical Design Services for the Downtown Roundabout.

It is anticipated that the Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) documents will be completed by February 1, 2012, which allows staff to submit the “Request for Authorization to Proceed with Construction” to Caltrans. Caltrans’ construction authorization, in the form of an E76 and the execution of a Program Supplement Agreement to the Administering Agency-State Master Agreement No. 07-5419R between the state and the city, will obligate local City funds and up to \$895,300.00 in the LACMTA – 2009 Call for Projects STIP TE funds for the construction phase of this project.

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Attachment:
Agreement