

STAFF REPORT

City of Lancaster

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Date: August 13, 2013

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Cooperative Agreement with the County of Los Angeles and Resolution for Improvements at Avenue J Bridge over Little Rock Creek**

Recommendations:

Approve the Cooperative Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the bridge replacement on the jurisdictionally shared area of Avenue J bridge over Little Rock Creek. Approve the use of \$281,000.00 from Federal Surface Transportation Program-Local Funds for the City's share of the work.

Adopt **Resolution No. 13-48**, authorizing the portion of the Avenue J bridge over Little Rock Creek within the City of Lancaster be included in the System of Highways of the County of Los Angeles for the limited purposes of this project. Concur and adopt the County's environmental findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

Fiscal Impact:

\$281,000.00; sufficient funds are available in the City's Federal Surface Transportation Program-Local Funds that are obligated through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). Associated annual maintenance costs are considered negligible.

Background:

The proposed Cooperative Agreement is for the replacement of the existing timber bridge at Avenue J over Little Rock Creek with a concrete slab bridge. The County shall advertise the project for public bids and will be responsible for construction management. The agreement also provides that the County will assign the City all of its right, title, and interest to the unexpired portion of a one-year warranty granted to the County by the construction contractor performing the improvements following completion of the proposed work. The project cost is estimated at \$3,112,000.00 with the City's share being \$281,000.00.

The resolution authorizes that portions of the Avenue J bridge over Little Rock Creek within the jurisdiction of the City be included in the System of Highways of the County of Los Angeles for the limited purpose of replacing the wood timber bridge with a concrete slab bridge at this location. The City will remain owner of the portions of Avenue J within the City and remain responsible for maintenance activities prior to the start of construction by the County and following the completion and field acceptance of the proposed work.

The County prepared an Initial Study and adopted a Negative Declaration for this project on April 30, 2013, and filed a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code. Staff has reviewed the environmental documents and concurs with the findings.

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Attachments:

Agreement and Assignment of Federal Surface Transportation Program – Local Funds

Resolution No. 13-48

Site Map