

STAFF REPORT
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Date: April 14, 2015

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Carlyle S. Workman, Public Works Manager

Subject: **Approve Increase in the Contract Amount for Measure R “Highway Equity” Program/Project Management Services**

Recommendations:

Approve increase in contract amount for Measure R “Highway Equity” Program/Project Management Services with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. of Los Angeles, California, by \$1,016,593.00 and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

Fiscal Impact:

\$912,110.00 bringing the total contract amount to \$2,757,973.00 (including original contract 6% contingency); sufficient funds are available in Capital Improvements Budget Account Nos. 210-15BR004-924, 210-15BR005-924, 210-15BR006-924, and 210-15BR007-924.

Background:

On September 19, 2012, Metro approved the SR-138 [SR-14] project list and funding allocations for Measure R SR-138 [SR-14] Capacity Enhancements that included \$65 million dollars in “Highway Equity” funding of five (5) interchange improvement projects in Lancaster. These projects include improvements to the interchanges and adjacent local streets at Avenue M, Avenue L, Avenue K, Avenue J, and Avenue G. Allocation will fully fund all phases (Planning, Environmental, Design and Construction) of each project.

On December 10, 2013, City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. of Los Angeles, California, in the amount of \$1,741,380.00 for Program/Project Management Services of Measure R “Highway Equity” Funds, together with a six percent (6%) contingency of \$104,483.00.

The Professional Services Agreement for Program/Project Management Services approved on December 10, 2013, and executed on January 23, 2014, provides the City with Consultants that will serve as an extension of staff and allow the City to acquire the expertise required to design interchange and local street improvements that promote complete streets, provide context sensitive solutions and bring a sense of place and arrival to travelers, as well as the assistance needed to process documents through the various units within Caltrans in a timely and cost effective manner.

City staff and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in concert with Caltrans District 7 Executive Branch, has agreed that developing programmatic studies and employing programmatic services, rather than individually for each project, will provide a more economical and consistent evaluation of the corridor. The following programmatic studies and services have been identified:

1. Traffic Forecasting
2. Hydrology
3. Environmental Setting/Existing Conditions
 - a. Community and Neighborhoods
 - b. Biology
 - c. Cultural Resources
4. Corridor Aesthetics
5. Public Outreach

This programmatic, corridor wide approach to complete these tasks will provide consistency and reduce the redundancy of completing similar work and/or overlapping work required to complete each individual interchange, allow the team to have access to this information earlier than if completed with each project, and save time and money that can be used to install additional infrastructure improvements. Performing the Biological Study this spring for the corridor allows us to provide data to the individual interchange project Consultants as soon as they are ready to address rather than having to delay for the next spring season. Furthermore, this will reduce the effort and associated costs required to develop, review, and approve these elements for each of the individual interchange project Consultants as they process through Caltrans. We have already confirmed acceptability of the traffic forecasting method and target build out year with Caltrans for the corridor, saving time, money and effort each of the individual interchange project Consultants would have had to expend if their individual forecasting models and assumptions were submitted one at a time.

In addition to the corridor wide approach, City staff and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. have proposed and developed a streamlined Planning Phase project initiation document (PID) process to expedite delivery and reduce the effort required to complete the Caltrans required Project Study Report – Project Development Support (PSR-PDS) PID. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. has been instrumental in writing the “skinny” PSR-PDS PID outline and assisting the City in negotiating, with Caltrans, the minimum information required to ensure a reduction in processing time through Caltrans of approximately three (3) months. Because they have intimate knowledge of which standard PSR-PDS PID sections and items need not be addressed and to what extent other sections may be reduced, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is the best qualified Consultant to ensure that the City realizes the savings in time and associated costs as they prepare the Avenue J Interchange and Avenue L Interchange streamlined PIDs.

Staff recommends Council approve a contract increase of \$1,016,593.00. The optional services shown in the attached Exhibit A: Scope of Services will be authorized by staff as needed.

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Attachments:

Exhibit A: Scope of Services (on file in the City Clerk Department)
Agreement, Executed January 23, 2014