



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council **Item No. _____**

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Amendment and Addition to the California High Speed Rail Authority agreements

MEETING DATE: June 18, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- (1) Authorizing execution of Amendment 1 to extend the City's agreement with the California High Speed Rail Authority to January 21, 2021;
- (2) Authorizing Amendment 1 to extend Southstar Engineering and Consulting, Inc.'s agreement with the City to January 21, 2021, and
- (3) Authorizing Mott MacDonald, LLC to provide civil engineering and design services, pursuant to their on-call agreement, with a contract term of June 4, 2019 to January 21, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

The High Speed Rail (HSR) was one of the key components of the adopted American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 that was made by the U.S. Congress and President Obama.

In 2008, the California High Speed Rail, also known as the High Speed Train System, was approved by voters under Proposition 1A allocating almost \$10 billion to HSR. Proposition 1 authorizes the State to issue \$9.95 billion in bonds to construct a high speed rail network linking Northern and Southern California with trains capable of reaching 220 mph.

The California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is tasked with all planning, design, environmental impact and operational phases of the statewide rail network. Plans call for the route to initially link San Francisco and Sacramento through the Central Valley with Los Angeles and San Diego via Riverside and Ontario. Los Angeles would serve as a major terminus.

The proposed segment from Los Angeles to Anaheim will be constructed along the BNSF corridor which passes through the City of Commerce. Although the impacts caused by the proposed alignment have been lessened, there will still be impacts to Commerce residents, businesses, and infrastructure. Staff has been coordinating with CHSRA to minimize any potential impacts to Commerce businesses and residents.

ANALYSIS:

CHSRA entered into a reimbursement agreement with the City where the costs to perform technical engineering review of the proposed alignment will be reimbursed by the CHSRA. The reimbursement also covers staff and consultant costs associated with identifying potential conflicts with the City's infrastructure, as well as any other costs, and to coordinate communications with CHSRA.

On June 21, 2016, Council approved the City's agreement with the California High Speed Rail Authority with a budget amount of \$400,000. The contract term was from January 1, 2016 through June 1, 2019. The City brought on-board, as its subconsultants, Southstar Engineering & Consulting, Inc. to conduct environmental and engineering services, and JM Diaz, Inc. to perform civil engineering design services.

Under City staff direction, Southstar has completed significant analysis of all plans and technical memos provided by the CHSRA team. They attended and represented the City's interests at the monthly technical advisory committee (TAC) meetings. To date, with City of Commerce staff direction, Southstar has developed technical concepts and recommendations at several high priority/focus areas, such as Washington Boulevard, where significant right-of-way parcel acquisition is anticipated, near the Metrolink existing station, and the adjacent crossing over Eastern Avenue as well as a proposed station relocation at the I-5 freeway. All of these focused on improving connectivity throughout the City. This was presented in late 2018 and was approved by the City Council. Since that time, Southstar wrote the City's technical memorandum to CHSRA recommending the concepts that the City Council approved as well as highlighting all of the comments to the plans, noting responses to the CHSRA's disposition of the comments.

The civil engineering and design component of the agreement had not been started. Staff recommends that the City retain the services of Mott MacDonald, LLC to perform this task with an estimated budget of \$80,000. Mott MacDonald, LLC is already on the general civil engineering services on-call consultant list.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation.
2. Reject staff recommendation.
3. Provide further direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City budget as the CHSRA will reimburse the City and its consultants for its time to review the impacts of the High Speed Rail project on the City.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

The issue before the Council is generally applicable to the following Council's strategic goal; *Create and pursue opportunities for collaboration and regional partnerships to maximize resources and address regional issues*, as identified in the 2016 Strategic Plan.

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Reviewed by: Vilko Domic, Finance Director

Approved as to form: Norma Copado, City Attorney

Respectfully submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Amendment 1 with California High Speed Rail Authority

Amendment 1 with Southstar Engineering & Consulting, Inc.

Mott MacDonald's proposal