



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: JUNE 6, 2023

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: RAUL GODINEZ, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT – FOR TECHNICAL STUDYCOSTS REIMBURSEMENT

SUMMARY

Approve Reimbursement Agreement HSR22-58 between the City of Fullerton and California High-Speed Rail Authority (Attachment 1). *Executing the Agreement does not indicate support for the project* but enables the City to obtain reimbursement of City costs associated with technical studies review of high-speed rail.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute Standard Agreement HSR22-58 between the City of Fullerton and California High-Speed Rail Authority for reimbursement of City costs associated with technical studies of high-speed rail.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

The City Manager recommends approval to allow for the reimbursement of any associated City costs associated with review of technical studies.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability.

FISCAL IMPACT

The reimbursement agreement would provide reimbursement should the City incur eligible expenses during preliminary review process including staff, consultant services and attorney time. The established reimbursable cap totals \$245,000. The original

Agreement has expired and the City requires a new agreement to recover City expenses between execution of the agreement and October 31, 2024. This item generates no net fiscal impact to the City.

DISCUSSION

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) oversees planning, design, construction and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. The HSRA intends to run high-speed rail from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds of over 200 miles per hour by 2029. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations along the route shown in the following map:



City Council approved Agreement No. HSR16-26 on February 2, 2016 and subsequently Amendment 1 to the Agreement between the City of Fullerton and HSRA, establishing reimbursement procedures and the maximum reimbursement amount for City costs associated with preliminary review of the segment of the high-speed rail project within City boundaries. The terms of that agreement and amendment have expired and the City requires a new agreement to recover costs incurred to review this project.

The HSRA plan for Orange County includes a confirmed station in the City of Anaheim, corridor enhancements, improvements to accommodate high speed rail through the City of Fullerton as well as a potential station in the City of Fullerton. The City must remain engaged in the review process to review any significant impacts to Fullerton. The Amendment would enable the City to recover its costs for that review as the project progresses to issuance of environmental documents. The following outlines the current Los Angeles to Orange County segment:



Staff notes that authorizing this agreement does not signify support for the high-speed rail project.

The proposed agreement extends the term of involvement through October 31, 2024 and will reimburse Fullerton for engineering and legal costs associated with the next phase of the project. The established reimbursable amount totals \$245,000. The City can amend the agreement if the City incurs additional costs resulting from changes to labor rates or a need for consultant and legal services.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Standard Agreement HSR22-58

cc: City Manager Eric J. Levitt