



# **Agenda Report**

## **Fullerton City Council**

**MEETING DATE:** JUNE 2, 2020

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**SUBMITTED BY:** KENNETH A. DOMER, CITY MANAGER

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**SUBJECT:** HARBOR BOULEVARD CORRIDOR – PROJECT P  
REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM – AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST DELAY OF PROJECT DUE TO FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTIES FROM COVID-19

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### **SUMMARY**

Consider a Staff request to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to delay the Harbor Boulevard Corridor - Project P Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program through June 2022, if required due to the fiscal uncertainties of Covid-19.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Resolution No. 2020-XX.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-XX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A REQUEST TO PURSUE A PROJECT DELAY FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA) FOR THE HARBOR BOULEVARD CORRIDOR PROJECT – PROJECT P REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM

### **PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT**

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This delay would allow the City to postpone commitment of matching funds for the project through June 2022. At such time, the City may opt to transfer administrative authority to another participating agency or rescind its participation in the project in its entirety. As a note, the City’s 2019-20 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget allocated \$311,295 of Measure M2 Local Fair Share funds and \$93,000 of Gas Tax funds to cover the City’s 20% match requirement and administrative costs. To date, none of these funds have been spent.

**DISCUSSION**

The Orange County Transportation Authority sponsors projects that develop and maintain corridor-based, multi-jurisdictional signal synchronization along corridors throughout Orange County. The RTSSP is part of the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program (CTFP).

The CTFP allocates funds through an annual competitive call for projects based on scoring criteria. In the original call for projects, the Harbor Boulevard RTSSP was the highest scoring application of five other countywide applications. On August 13, 2018, OCTA approved funding and programmed \$7,695,000 for RTSSP improvements; of which, the Harbor Boulevard RTSSP is slated to receive \$2,174,995 in M2 Regional funds. The City of Fullerton is lead agency on the project in a cooperative agreement with the City of La Habra and Caltrans for the project.

The project encompasses approximately 6.5 miles and involves twenty-nine traffic signals within both cities’ and Caltrans’ jurisdiction. Twenty-one of the signals are in the City of Fullerton. Traffic signal synchronization will be inter-jurisdictional and will be developed for the AM Peak, Midday Peak, PM Peak and weekend periods. Special generators, such as schools and businesses, along with cross traffic, will be considered as part of the project. As part of the project, the City will receive new traffic signal controller / cabinet assembly units, upgrades to Ethernet communication, new closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras, and upgrades to the existing Central System at the Traffic Management Center. New timing and coordination patterns will also be developed



**Legend**

Project Traffic Signal (maintained by)

- Fullerton
- La Habra
- Caltrans



NO SCALE

and implemented at all signalized intersections within the project limits. Ongoing maintenance and operation is included with this project for two years.

Improvements within Fullerton amount to \$1,995,394. Fullerton's 20% match amount is \$399,078.75. As mentioned previously, the 2019-20 budget allocated \$311,295 of Measure M2 Local Fair Share funds and \$93,000 of Gas Tax funds to cover the City's match requirement and administrative costs. To date, none of these funds have been spent. As a result of COVID-19 and the fiscal impacts to the sources of funds for providing the matching grant, Staff recommends approval of a two-year project delay / extension window due prioritization of other projects and/or inability to fully fund the matching requirements due to diminished funding. While this project is important to the City's Traffic Signal System, upgrade or replacement of antiquated equipment, and operational enhancements, there may not be funding or staffing resources available to proceed given Covid19 financial impacts and Fullerton's other road infrastructure needs.

OCTA allows the City to request a one-time delay for this project. This delay will allow the City sufficient time to re-evaluate its capability and interest in continuing the project without final financial commitment. OCTA requires City Council approval for this type of request, and the approval of the attached resolution will provide that.

Should the City decide to proceed with the project in the future, Staff would then issue a Request for Proposal for professional traffic engineering services for design, system integration, construction management and ongoing maintenance for the project. In keeping with OCTA project funding requirements, the City would award a construction contract shortly thereafter.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 - Resolution No. 2020-XX