



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR STAIR
REPLACEMENT AT TRANSPORTATION CENTER

SUMMARY

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the City of Fullerton propose to enter into a cooperative agreement for the Fullerton Transportation Center Stair Replacement Project. The Agreement authorizes OCTA to implement the project, with OCTA's current budget at \$1.295M. City's contribution is initial design work and project inspections. The stairs are part of the bridge structure crossing the railroad tracks.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Mayor to execute the cooperative agreement with OCTA in a form approved by the City Attorney.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

OCTA will be funding the construction portion of the project, including applicable inspection, testing, railroad (BNSF) flagging costs, etc. Per the agreement, OCTA will directly manage and pay its project costs. The City is contributing the costs to design the stair replacement (complete), provide design support during construction and any required City inspections. To date, the City has spent approximately \$26,000 on design related items. The design support and inspection costs have been appropriated and are

expected to be in the range of \$30,000. OCTA has budgeted approximately \$1.3M for this project.

DISCUSSION

The City has an agreement with OCTA to maintain the facilities at the Train Station, including the stairs at the bridge structure that cross the railroad tracks. Due to the ongoing maintenance needs of the stairs, in April 2019, the City initiated a study of the existing structural conditions of the stairs. The results of the study indicated that the structural supports of the stair treads (stringers), landings and handrails were in acceptable condition but replacement of the stringers was recommended to address the potential for water intrusion and related maintenance (see photo).

Based on the recommendations of the study, the City authorized preparation of construction plans that would replace the stringers as a way to determine the actual scope of work required and associated cost. The plans were completed in April 2020.

Based on the construction plans and cost to replace the stringers, it is the City's position that the work recommended is not considered a maintenance activity and therefore should not be the responsibility of the City. In addition, the City does not have the funds to undertake the project. The City approached OCTA with the recommendations and after discussions, OCTA agreed to fund construction of the stair replacement.

As part of the agreement to fund construction, OCTA is requesting the City enter into a cooperative agreement. This agreement requests the City contribute the design costs, provide costs related to design support during construction, staging area and costs related to applicable / required City inspections.

OCTA has bid the project and is scheduled to award on September 28, 2020 with a Notice to Proceed anticipated for October 26, 2020. Project completion is anticipated by Summer 21. During construction, OCTA is required to provide access for Transportation Center patrons. It is anticipated access to the bridge structure will be provided via the existing elevators.



Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Cooperative Agreement