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MEETING DATE: October 27, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 21-33-097-00 with Riverside County Transportation Commission for the Moreno Valley/March Field Station Expansion Project

Issue

Approval is required to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Agreement between RCTC and the Authority for the Moreno Valley/March Field Station Expansion Project, that will provide an additional \$788,788 of RCTC funding for Authority support services to the Project.

Recommendation

Contracts, Operations, Maintenance, and Safety Committee recommended (5-0) that the Board authorize the Board to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement 21-33-097-00 between Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Authority, that will increase the funding for capital construction support services for the Moreno Valley/March Field Station Expansion Project by \$788,788, from an existing \$2,663,100 to a new not-to-exceed total of \$3,451,888.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment of:

- **Advancing Key Regional Goals:** We will grow the role of regional rail in addressing climate change, air quality, and other pressing issues by advancing toward zero emissions, making rail a compelling alternative to single-occupant automobiles and advancing equity-focused opportunities for all communities throughout Southern California. The addition of a siding track and a second platform at Moreno Valley / March Field station will reduce congestion and allow for more frequent service upon the Perris

Valley Subdivision.

Background

At the Moreno Valley/March Field Station on the Perris Valley Subdivision between milepost (MP) 72.2 and 74.9, RCTC, in coordination with the Authority, is currently upgrading the existing industrial drill into a 2-mile siding track, constructing a second platform, and extending the existing station platform to accommodate eight (8) car train sets, to improve operational flexibility and allow for future increased service. This subdivision is owned by RCTC, maintained by the Authority and serves Metrolink commuter trains and BNSF Railway freight trains.

The Authority and RCTC executed Cooperative Agreement No. 21-33-097-00 on May 3, 2022, which defines the roles and responsibilities of both parties throughout project construction and provides \$2,663,100 of RCTC funding for Authority project management, oversight and railroad protective services.

Discussion

Through development and delivery of the project, RCTC's contractor's schedule has become extended, requiring provision of Authority support services beyond the original completion date of January 2024, to a now planned completion in May 2024. The current remaining funding will be insufficient to provide Authority support services throughout this time. Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Agreement now provides an additional \$788,788 of RCTC funding for additional Authority staff support, flagging and railroad protection, safety training, cable marking and return to service track inspection through to the forecast completion of the project.

Budget Impact

There is no budget impact since this is a Third Party funded Agreement.

Next Steps

Upon Board Authorization, Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 21-33-097-00 will be executed by both parties.

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