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MEETING DATE: April 26, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

SUBJECT: State Route 57 Northbound (Stadium Overhead) Widening Project - Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the California Department of Transportation

Issue

Approval is required to negotiate and execute the Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the California Department of Transportation and the Authority for the State Route 57 Northbound (Stadium Overhead) Widening Project.

Recommendation

Contracts, Operations, Maintenance and Safety Committee recommended (5-0) the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute the Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the California Department of Transportation and the Authority that will provide \$2,299,770 of State funding for Authority support services to the construction of the State Route 57 Northbound (Stadium Overhead) Widening Project.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment:

- **Safety is Foundational:** We will stay on the leading edge by deploying new technologies and processes to enhance the safety and security of our riders, our fellow employees, and the communities we serve. The Authority's support to the construction of the State Route 57 Northbound (Stadium Overhead) Widening Project will ensure that all work will be undertaken in compliance with Authority safety practices, standards and criteria to maintain safe and reliable operation of the railroad below.

Background

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) wishes to widen the north bound lanes of the State Route 57 (SR-57) between Orangewood Avenue and Katella Avenue in the City of Anaheim, Orange County. Northbound SR-57 between Orangewood and Katella is a vital segment of the freeway, providing more than 120,000 daily motorists access to major employment, commercial, academic and entertainment destinations. This corridor is already heavily congested and traffic volume is expected to grow nearly 15% by 2045.

Improvements will incorporate the addition of one new general-purpose lane, widening the inside shoulder to improve sight distance, and provision of an additional exit lane to the northbound Katella Avenue off-ramp.

Discussion

The SR-57 is elevated between Orangewood and Katella and crosses above the railroad tracks on the "Stadium Overhead" structure at Mile Post (MP) 170.8 of the Orange subdivision, on which Metrolink, Amtrak and freight rail services operate below. The proposed project improvements require the "Stadium Overhead" structure to be widened, with associated potential impacts to rail operations and the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC) westbound platform while the overhead widening foundations, piers and deck are constructed above and around.

The Construction and Maintenance (C&M) Agreement between Caltrans and the Authority addresses the roles and responsibilities of both parties through construction and provides \$2,299,770 of State funding for Authority support services to include Project Management, coordination, and provision of Railroad Operational Protection throughout the construction period. Authority support to the project is essential to ensure that all work will be undertaken in compliance with Authority safety practices, standards and criteria to maintain safe and reliable operation of the railroad below.

The total estimated project cost is \$71.8 million with construction estimated to be \$45.3 million. The project is funded with a combination of federal Highway Infrastructure Program, Local Partnership Program formula, and local M2 funds. Design is now at 95% completion, with construction anticipated to commence in 2025.

Upon completion, there will be no future maintenance responsibilities for the Authority associated with the improved structure.

Budget Impact

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

Next Steps

Upon Board Authorization, the C & M Agreement for the State Route 57 Northbound (Stadium

Overhead) Widening Project will be executed by both parties.

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Attachment(s)

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