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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding between the Authority and SBCTA for the Design Phase of the Lilac to Sycamore Double Track Project

Issue

Approval is needed to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with SBCTA to advance the Design (PS&E) Phase of the Lilac to Sycamore Double Track Project.

Recommendation

Contracts, Operations, Maintenance, and Safety Committee recommended (5-0) that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Authority and San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) for a not-to-exceed amount of \$11,847,590 that establishes the roles and responsibilities and provision of funding for the Design (Plans, Specifications, & Estimates - PS&E) Phase of the Lilac to Sycamore Double Track Project.

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 Lilac to Sycamore Double Track Project will provide operational flexibility, improve service reliability and allow for more frequent service on the Metrolink San Bernardino Line.

Background

In 2017, SBCTA developed the Lilac to Sycamore Double Track Project (Project), which is a capacity improvement project on a segment of the Metrolink San Bernardino Line within the City of Rialto.

The Project consists of the addition of approximately 0.7 miles of second main line track between Control Point Lilac and just before Sycamore Avenue. The Project will also add a second side platform on the south side of Rialto Station.

Within the Project's limits, existing grade crossings will be upgraded to SCRRRA's current grade crossing safety standards, thus making the grade crossings quiet-zone-ready, in addition to making them "smart crossings" with the introduction of near-side signal technology to significantly reduce gate-down time at these grade crossings.

SBCTA served as lead agency for the Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED) Phase for Project, which was completed in October 2018.

Discussion

The Authority and SBCTA have agreed that the Authority will lead, and SBCTA will support, the Design (PS&E) phase of the Project, and that the Project will become a component of the Authority's SCORE Program.

The MOU will provide a not-to-exceed total amount of \$11,847,590 of SBCTA Local Sales Tax Funding (Measure I) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funding to the Authority for the delivery of the Design (PS&E) phase of the Project.

Budget Impact

This item has no impact on the Budget. It is a third-party project. All funding for the Design (PS&E) phase of the Project is provided by SBCTA through Local Sales Tax Funding (Measure I) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds.

Next Steps

Upon Board Authorization, the MOU will be negotiated and executed between the Authority and SBCTA. SBCTA is also requesting approval to negotiate and execute this MOU at its October 2024 Committee meeting.

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