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TO: Contracts, Operations, Maintenance, and Safety Committee

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery
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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 2 to the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Santa Clarita for the Vista Canyon Multi-Modal Center Project

Issue

Approval is required to execute an Amendment No. 2 to the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Santa Clarita for the Vista Canyon Multi-Modal Center Project.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee recommend the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute and negotiate Amendment No. 2 to the Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Santa Clarita and the Authority, that will provide an additional \$575,148 of City funding, increasing the current budget from \$5,417,281 to a new total of \$5,992,429, for Authority support services to the Vista Canyon Multi-Modal Center 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 completion of the Vista Canyon Station provides new ridership opportunities on the Antelope Valley Subdivision, with regular connectivity to local area public transportation networks.

Background

The City of Santa Clarita (City) has partnered with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and Vista Canyon Ranch, LLC to develop a new Multi-Modal Transit Center as part of the approved transit-oriented development (TOD) at Vista Canyon, located within the eastern Santa Clarita Valley. This development will include housing, shopping and recreational areas, with a new Metrolink station, located at MP 39.9 on the Valley Subdivision, as part of the transit center.

Construction completion is now imminent, with the station opening planned for October 23, 2023. The Authority has undertaken signal and communication system construction, Positive Train Control modifications, provided railroad protective services and supported project coordination. The Authority's support has been integral to ensuring the compliance with Authority standards and safe operation of the railroad.

Discussion

On October 25, 2019, the Board approved the original Construction and Maintenance (C&M) Agreement T3020-CM01 with the City of Santa Clarita for the Vista Canyon Multi-Modal Center, which provided \$5,013,730 of City funding for Authority support services to construction of the project. Through development of the project during construction, and to comply with the introduction of enhanced Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) operational railroad worker protection requirements, additional railroad protective support services have been required over those originally budgeted.

Amendment No. 2 to the C&M Agreement now provides an additional \$575,148 of City funds to cover the cost of the additional railroad protection services through to completion of the project construction, increasing the existing Agreement budget from \$5,417,281 to a new not to exceed total of \$5,992,429.

Budget Impact

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

Next Steps

Upon Board authorization, Amendment No. 2 of the C&M Agreement with the City of Santa Clarita for the Vista Canyon Multi-Modal Center will be executed by both parties.

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