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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Baldwin Park for the Pacific and Bogart Traffic Signalization Project

Issue

Approval is required to execute an Amendment No. 1 to the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Baldwin Park for the Pacific and Bogart Traffic Signalization Project.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute and negotiate Amendment No.1 to the Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Baldwin Park and the Authority, that will provide an additional \$603,100 of City funding, increasing the current budget from \$3,681,150 to a new total of \$4,284,250, for Authority support services to the Pacific and Bogart Traffic Signalization Project.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment of:

- **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 Pacific and Bogart Traffic Signalization Project will ensure that Authority safety practices, standards and criteria are maintained while railroad and vehicular operational safety is enhanced at the upgraded crossing.

Background

Pacific Avenue in the City of Baldwin Park crosses the Authority's San Bernardino Line at grade at MP 18.71. Directly north of this highway-rail crossing and running parallel to the railroad is Bogart Avenue. The City, in coordination with the Authority, proposes to signalize the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Bogart Avenue, implement advanced preemption, and install pedestrian facilities on the east side of the highway-rail crossing to enhance railroad, vehicular and pedestrian safety at the crossing in compliance with latest Authority standards.

The Authority and the City of Baldwin Park entered into a Construction and Maintenance (C&M) Agreement on March 7th, 2023 that defines the responsibilities of both parties throughout construction of the proposed intersection improvements and provides \$3,681,150 of City funding to allow the Authority to furnish supporting Project Management services, railroad protective services, railroad signal construction, Positive Train Control services, and crossing track rehabilitation services. The City will manage and be responsible for all civil construction while the Authority will implement signal system construction and track rehabilitation and provide oversight to ensure compliance with Authority standards and operational requirements. Project construction commenced August 2024.

Discussion

The City and the Authority now wish to additionally incorporate Wireless Crossing Nearside Station Stop (WCNSS) technology into the crossing improvements. WCNSS is a technology that forestalls crossing gate arms from activating at crossings that are located immediately beyond a station when the train is stopping at the station and not passing through and immediately entering the crossing. This technology provides safety and operational benefits by allowing pedestrian and vehicular traffic to continue using the crossing while the train is stopped at the station rather than having the gates activate unnecessarily.

Amendment No. 1 to the C&M Agreement provides an additional \$601,300 of City funds to allow implementation of WCNSS at the crossing, while also addressing increased signal construction costs through material and labor escalation incurred since the date of the original Agreement.

The City of Baldwin Park approved Amendment No.1 to the C&M Agreement for Pacific Avenue at the City Council Meeting on November 20, 2024.

Budget Impact

There is no budgetary impact as a result of this report since this is a Third Party funded Agreement.

Next Steps

Upon Board Authorization, Amendment No. 1 to the C&M Agreement with the City will be executed by both parties.

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