



ITEM ID: 2025-372-0

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MEETING DATE: December 12, 2025

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

SUBJECT: Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Laguna Niguel for the Crown Valley Parkway Overpass Widening Project

Issue

Approval is required to negotiate and execute the Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Laguna Niguel and the Authority for the Crown Valley Parkway Overpass North Side Widening Project.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute the Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Laguna Niguel and the Authority that will provide \$1,539,885 of City funding for Authority support services for the Crown Valley Parkway Overpass Widening 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 Crown Valley Parkway Overpass 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

Crown Valley Parkway is an arterial road that serves as an interchange with the I-5 Freeway, being one of the main east-west routes between the Cities of Laguna Niguel and Mission Viejo. The City of Laguna Niguel wishes to widen the north side of the existing Crown Valley Parkway Overpass structure, located at MP 193.2 above the Orange Subdivision, to improve traffic flow in the vicinity. The original structure was constructed in 1967, with the south side widened in 2011-2012. The north side widening will add an additional traffic lane, with sidewalk and protective barrier rail and fencing improvements. New structural columns to support the bridge widening will be founded within the railroad right of way.

Discussion

The City has completed the design phase of the project, obtained full construction funding through OCTA M2 ACE and Local Funds and is now preparing to bid the project for construction commencing in 2026. This Construction and Maintenance (C&M) Agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of both parties throughout the construction phase of the project, and the ongoing City maintenance requirements upon construction completion, to ensure that Authority engineering standards and railroad operational safety practices are enforced. To this effect, the Agreement provides total City funding of \$1,539,885 for Authority support services, of which the City shall fund \$556,100 directly to the Authority for provision of Project Management, coordination and construction oversight and direct its construction contractor to pay directly to the Authority's Flagging and Training Services Provider an estimated cost of \$983,785 for railroad protection services.

To ensure that the Authority does not incur any costs utilizing Authority finances throughout the term of the Agreement, upon execution, the City shall deposit \$278,050 with the Authority, being 50% of the funds available directly for Authority support, with the second 50% (\$278,050) being deposited with the Authority upon expenditure of 50% of the first deposit.

Upon commencement, construction is expected to take eighteen months to complete, with no future maintenance responsibilities for the Authority associated with the improved structure.

The City Council approved execution of the C&M Agreement at their November 18, 2025 council committee meeting.

Budget Impact

There is no budgetary impact as a result of this report since this is a Third Party funded Agreement. Cash flow impact will be mitigated by an advance deposit as described in the discussion section.

Next Steps

Upon Board Authorization, the C&M Agreement for the Crown Valley Parkway Overpass Widening Project will be executed by both parties.

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Attachment(s)

[Presentation - C&M Agreement - Crown Valley OH Widening](#)