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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

SUBJECT: Funding Agreement between the Authority and LACMTA (Metro) for the Ramona Gardens/City Terrace Rail Line Beautification Project

Issue

Approval is needed to negotiate and execute a Funding Agreement with LACMTA to advance the Ramona Gardens/City Terrace Rail Line Beautification Project in support of the SCORE Marengo Siding Project.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a Funding Agreement between the Authority and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a not-to-exceed amount of \$950,000 that establishes the roles and responsibilities and provision of funding for the Ramona Gardens/City Terrace Rail Line Beautification 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, employees and the communities we serve. The Project will increase public safety, improve aesthetics, and reduce noise levels by providing a solid barrier between the sidewalk and railroad.

Background

The Ramona Gardens Community is located adjacent to the I-10 Freeway, the Metro El Monte Busway, and the Metrolink San Bernardino Line adjacent to Chelsea Street in the City of Los Angeles. At present, there is an existing wall both east and west of Chelsea Street along the railroad right-of-way, but immediately adjacent to Chelsea Street there is a 400-ft wall gap where only fencing exists along the railroad right-of-way. The fencing is dilapidated and in need of replacement.

In 2022, LACMTA was awarded \$1.7M of funding under the Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) for the Ramona Gardens/City Terrace Rail Line Beautification Project (Project). The Project would replace the existing fencing with a solid wall and increase maintenance and beautification efforts at this location adjacent to Chelsea Street.

Since 2019, the Authority has been developing the SCORE Marengo Siding Extension Project, which would extend the existing railroad siding track within the existing railroad right-of-way by 0.63 miles. A portion of the SCORE Marengo Siding Extension Project would be constructed within the existing railroad right-of-way adjacent to Chelsea Street where the Project is also located.

In 2023, LACMTA approached the Authority to partner on the implementation and delivery of the Project. Under the partnership, the Authority would both construct the wall and undertake the increased maintenance and beautification efforts as a component of the Authority's SCORE Marengo Project. On the street-facing side of the wall, LACMTA, in coordination with City of Los Angeles, would procure an artist to paint a mural on the wall.

Discussion

In order to align grant funding deadlines with the Authority's SCORE Marengo Project construction schedule, the Project's scope of work under the CCLGP grant had to be amended. In March 2025, LACMTA, Authority, and CCLGP staff reached an agreement on an amended scope of work to be completed by December 31, 2025.

Under this revised scope of work to be completed by December 31, 2025, the Authority will procure prefabricated wall panels, deliver and store the wall panels in an Authority maintenance yard. LACMTA, in coordination with City of Los Angeles, will procure an artist to paint a mural on the wall panels inside the Authority's maintenance yard. Upon completion of the mural on the wall panels, the Authority will secure and store the wall panels inside the Authority's maintenance yard. Further, the Authority would increase the maintenance and beautification work at the Project location (e.g. graffiti and litter removal) to every two (2) weeks until the grant deadline of December 31, 2025.

At a time after December 31, 2025, the wall's foundation and structure will be constructed as a component of the Authority's SCORE Marengo Project. Upon completion of the wall's foundation and structure, the painted wall panels will be installed on-site.

Budget Impact

This item has no impact on SCRRA's Budget. LACMTA has agreed to fully fund this third-party project agreement by reimbursing the Authority.

Next Steps

Upon Board Authorization, the Funding Agreement will be negotiated and executed between the Authority and LACMTA.

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