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metro.net**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
February 15, 2012****SUBJECT: CALTRANS DISTRICT 7 FUNDING AGREEMENT****ACTION: AUTHORIZE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A
FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS DISTRICT 7****RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for FY 2011-12 through FY 2013-14 for project delivery support services for the I-710 South Corridor Project EIR/EIS (Project).

ISSUE

Measure R designated \$590 million for I-710 mainline, ramp, and interchange improvements located within in the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) area. Metro is currently working with Caltrans and five other partners to advance and complete the I-710 South Project EIR/EIS. Caltrans is supporting the delivery of the EIR/EIS by providing preliminary engineering and technical studies for the northerly segment of the Project, including the I-710/I-5 Interchange. In order to provide and complete the preliminary engineering studies and technical studies needed for this portion of the project, Caltrans will require funding support. As the lead Project Partner in the environmental phase of the Project, Metro intends to support Caltrans with funding to complete the needed preliminary engineering and technical studies. Board authorization is needed to enter into a funding agreement with Caltrans.

DISCUSSION

The I-710 South Corridor Project extends 18 miles, from Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach to State Route 60. As part of the I-710 South Corridor Project EIR/EIS, Caltrans is providing preliminary engineering and technical studies for the northern segment of the Project, from the I-710/I-5 Interchange to SR-60. However, due to limited State funding resources, Caltrans is unable to continue the engineering work for this segment of the project. As the I-710 South Corridor Project reaches the milestone of releasing

the draft environmental document for circulation, it is imperative that the preliminary engineering work on the I-710/I-5/interchange continues to advance for this segment. Caltrans has completed preliminary engineering on various improvement alternatives for the I-710/I-5 Interchange; however, further refinement, analysis and community participation will be required to screen these alternatives.

Metro has worked with Caltrans to develop a scope of work and a work plan for the completion of the remaining engineering efforts for the I-710/I-5 interchange. The additional funding will allow these tasks to be completed, thereby allowing advancement of the environmental document for the I-710 South Corridor Project.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

The Funding Agreement with Caltrans District 7 will have no impact on safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding of \$2 million is included in the FY11 budget in Cost Center 4710 (Highway Capital), Account 50316 (Services Professional/Technical), Project 460316 (I-710 South and/or Early Action Projects). Since the performance of the contract will extend beyond FY12, the cost center manager and the Executive Director, Highway Program, will be responsible for project budgeting in future years.

Impact to Budget

The source of funds for this project will be from Measure R 20% Highway Funds. No other sources of funds were considered as these have been identified for this project. These funds are not eligible for bus and rail operating and capital expenditures.

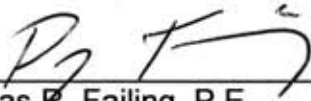
ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

If the Board chooses not to enter into the Funding Agreement, there may be delays to the completion of I-710 South Corridor Project EIR/EIS as more time will be required to conduct preliminary engineering advancement for the I-710/I-5 South Bound interchange. Cost and schedule impacts will be experienced, along with the deferral of mobility and air quality benefits associated with this Project.

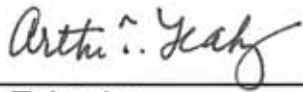
NEXT STEPS

If authorized by the Board, staff will finalize and process the necessary agreement.

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