



**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 16, 2005**

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT NUMBER PS-4320-1699, STATE ROUTE 2 (SR 2)
SOUTHERN TERMINUS IMPROVEMENTS- PROJECT APPROVAL
/ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

ACTION: AWARD CONTRACT TO MFA/JONES AND STOKES

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award a two year fixed priced contract, Contract No.PS-4320-1699, to MFA/ Jones and Stokes for preparation of the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) for State Route 2 (Glendale Freeway) Terminus in an amount not to exceed of \$1,103,046.

RATIONALE

In 1995 the Federal government issued an ISTEA 21 grant of \$12 million to improve traffic and pedestrian safety conditions of the SR2 terminus. A PA/ED is required by Caltrans as the next phase of project development for projects that are on state routes and/or state owned rights-of-way (ROW). The PA/ED work will include an Environmental Impact Report, Environmental Impact Statement and supporting conceptual engineering work. The PA/ED will be prepared in compliance with the Caltrans PA/ED requirements and the final documents will require Caltrans' approval and signature.

BACKGROUND

The SR 2 was originally planned and constructed in 1959 to connect with the Hollywood Freeway (SR 101) through the neighborhoods of Silver Lake and Echo Park. In 1962, as a result of local community opposition, the full build-out plan was rescinded and construction was terminated at the present SR 2 terminus near Glendale Boulevard and Duane Street. Since then, commuter traffic coming off of and on to SR 2 has passed through the community primarily along Glendale Boulevard and Alvarado Street, and has contributed to congestion in the neighborhoods.

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In May 2002, staff transmitted the completed Project Study Report/Project Development Support (PSR/PDS) for this project to the Board. The study addressed proposed reconstruction of the southern terminus of the Glendale Freeway in the City and County of Los Angeles. The build alternatives range from widening the ramps in the existing interchange configuration to realigning the ramps to tie into Glendale Boulevard in a new configuration. The Board authorized the CEO to proceed with the next phase of the project development, the preparation of the PA/ED. The Board directed staff to include in the environmental scoping process the alternatives identified in the PSR/PDS process, including the alternative proposed by the Echo Park Community Action Committee.

Metro granted Call for Project funds to the City of Los Angeles for short term improvements to Glendale Boulevard in this area. These short term improvements are almost completed; these improvements however, do not include the type of work needed to reconfigure the SR 2 Terminus. To this end, through the TEA 21 High Priority Highway Project Authorization, \$12 million has been earmarked to upgrade the southern terminus of SR 2 and to address transportation issues and community concerns on Glendale Boulevard. The scope of this funding covers planning and implementation of selected alternative(s) for the SR 2 Freeway Terminus improvements to increase transportation efficiency and pedestrian access as well as to enhance green space/open space in the SR 2 Freeway Terminus area. The duration of the PA/ED is expected to be 24 months.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding of \$703,000 is included in the FY06 Budget in project # 420004, task # 02.01.02, Cost Center 4320. This contract is funded through a TEA-21 High Priority Highway Projects Authorization with matching funds being provided by both the City of Los Angeles and a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects grant. Since this is a multi-year contract, the cost center manager and Chief Planning Officer will be accountable for budgeting the cost in future years, including any option exercised. In FY 2001-02, \$500,000 was expended to complete the PSR/PDS.

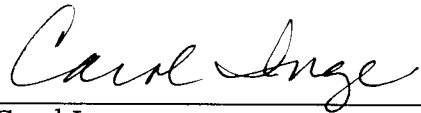
ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

If technical work is not performed the Federal grant will be in jeopardy and existing improvements to Glendale Blvd. will not realize their full potential.

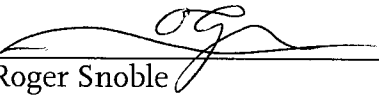
ATTACHMENT

1. Contract Value Status Summary
2. (Attachment Title)

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