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DATE: July 5, 2007

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: RICHARD D. THORPE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACTION: APPROVE THE CALTRANS FY08 ANNUAL WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

 Approve the attached California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) FY08 Annual Work Plan (AWP) in an amount not-to-exceed \$650,054; and

2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute the AWP (Attachment A), or substantially the same, on behalf of the Authority.

SUMMARY

This action provides full funding for Caltrans FY08 design review, coordination and construction inspection services for the Project in the amount not-to-exceed \$650,054.

The FY08 Third Party Review budget was approved at the April 2007 Board meeting in a total amount of \$5.48 million. Since that time, Authority staff has been negotiating specific work agreements with each of the agencies who will review and/or have oversight responsibilities on various elements of the Project.

DISCUSSION

During the design and construction of rail transit projects such as the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project, significant support from local jurisdictions is required. This support has been typically obtained via AWP's authorized and funded by the agency responsible for the project's design and construction. The action contained herein provides funding for Caltrans participation in the Project within the limit of the current approved FY08 budget for Third Party Review.

Authority staff's efforts to proactively manage these costs will include: controlling the design review process by conducting pre-reviews and early coordination of design efforts to establish/clarify standards and requirements; reviewing submittals for completeness; ensuring that third party requirements are identified and addressed prior to sending to the third party; reviewing timesheets with each third party organization on a monthly basis to ensure that hours charged are appropriate; and conducting executive and staff level partnering with third parties.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommended action is within the FY08 Third Party Review Budget. Including activities under Metro, approximately \$944K of the \$2.29 million project budget for Caltrans will have been expended through FY07.

NEXT STEPS

The CEO will execute the AWP which funds Caltrans FY08 requirements in order to continue to progress on the Project.

ATTACHMENT(S)

A. Caltrans Annual Work Plan