



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

February 25, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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SUBJECT: APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMONA AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG), FORMERLY ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST (ACE) CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, REGARDING TRAFFIC SIGNAL WORK FOR “SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS – AT-GRADE CROSSING”, AT PALOMARES AND SAN ANTONIO CROSSINGS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following action:

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Pomona and SGVCOG, formerly ACE, regarding traffic signal work for “Safety Improvements – At-Grade Crossing”, Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-685551; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 and future amendments to this agreement, subject to review by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Approval of Amendment No. 1 will extend the date to August 31, 2019 for the City to complete necessary traffic signal work as agreed upon with the City Council’s adoption of the initial agreement with the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) in November 2017 for the ACE At-Grade Crossing Safety Improvements Project. The agreement allows ACE to reimburse the City for costs incurred to upgrade signal heads at the intersection of Palomares Street at First Street and San Antonio Avenue at First Street. Amendment No. 1 also formally recognizes the recent name change from ACE to San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG).

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION: On November 20, 2017, the City Council adopted a resolution approving an agreement between the City of Pomona and the Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority (ACE) regarding traffic signal work for the ACE At-Grade Crossing Safety Improvements Project and amending the FY 2017-18 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget by updating revenue estimates and appropriating \$25,000 of ACE Reimbursement Funds to “Safety Improvements – At-Grade,” Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-68551.

DISCUSSION:

The ACE At-Grade Crossing Safety Improvements Project will enhance the safety of pedestrians crossing the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks at Hamilton Boulevard, Park Avenue, Main Street, Palomares Street and San Antonio Avenue. As part of this project, the City has agreed to implement traffic signal improvements at two of the five locations that will include the upgrade of three signal heads for southbound Palomares Street at First Street and three signal heads for southbound San Antonio Avenue at First Street. The signal head upgrades are necessary to limit the visibility of the signal indications to reduce confusion for motorist crossing tracks.

The City has procured the materials necessary for the proposed work and was prepared to perform the work before the agreed upon deadline. However, UPRR was unable to provide the required railroad safety flaggers during the scheduled installation. Amendment No. 1 will extend the date to August 31, 2019 by which the City agrees to complete the work and will provide UPRR ample time to schedule the safety flaggers.

On December 19, 2017, SGVCOG formally eliminated ACE as a separate administrative entity of the SGVCOG and fully integrated ACE into the operations of the SGVCOG. SGVCOG assumed all responsibility of ACE, and created a Capital Projects and Construction Committee to oversee the remainder of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Project. All references to ACE as an organization or entity in the agreement shall be deemed to be references to SGVCOG for the purpose of this Amendment No. 1 and any future amendments.

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