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Meeting Date: 8/21/2012

Report Type: Consent

Title: Appropriation of Federal Funds for Intermodal Facility, West Pedestrian Tunnel Access Ramps

Report ID: 2012-00693

Location: Downtown Railyards, District 3

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution 1) appropriating \$2,783,330 (Fund 3703) in federal funds to the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility (T15029000) for the construction of Access Ramps to the West Pedestrian Tunnel; and 2) transferring \$188,000 (Fund 6004) from the Parking Facilities Development Project (V15710000) to the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility (T15029000).

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Presenter: None

Department: Public Works Department

Division: Engineering Services Admin

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Attachments:

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City Attorney Review

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Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 8/14/2012 9:17:52 AM



Description/Analysis

Issue: The West Pedestrian Tunnel is a component of the Sacramento Intermodal Facility Track Relocation project currently under construction. A construction contract for the Access Ramps to the Tunnel is anticipated to be awarded in September 2012. This report appropriates federal funding and transfers in parking funds to allow the project to proceed.

Policy Considerations: The action requested herein is consistent with the Sacramento City Code, Title 3 and with the City of Sacramento Strategic Plan goals of achieving sustainability and neighborhood livability.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): The Track Relocation, Phase I of the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility Project is subject to review under both CEQA and NEPA. The City is the CEQA lead agency and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the NEPA lead agency. On June 2, 2009, the City Council approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration under CEQA, and a Notice of Determination was filed on June 8, 2009. On March 27, 2009, FHWA released the Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation Report for public review. FHWA also consulted with the State Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO) in accordance with Section 106 and on August 28, 2009, entered into a Programmatic Agreement, including the City, Caltrans, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as signatories. On August 31, 2009, FHWA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and authorized the City to implement Phases 1 and 2 of the Intermodal project. On March 15, 2010, FRA issued its separate FONSI.

Subsequent minor changes that involve historic resources have been submitted to Caltrans and SHPO per the terms of the Programmatic Agreement. Therefore, all requirements of CEQA, NEPA and Sections 4(f) and 106 under state and federal laws have been met and no further environmental review is required to approve the proposed actions.

Sustainability Considerations: The Access Ramps to the West Pedestrian Tunnel project will provide facilities to accommodate access between the Old Sacramento and the Railyards area. The West Pedestrian Tunnel project will improve operations, safety and convenience for passenger service and goods

movement, as well as facilitate the future development of the Intermodal facility. The improvements are consistent with the City's sustainability goals to provide better accessibility to public transportation.

Other: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Appropriating the federal funding is necessary to proceed with construction of the Access Ramps to the West Pedestrian Tunnel, and transferring in parking funds will allow staff to proceed with the parking lot improvement portion of the project.

Financial Considerations: The Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility Project (T15029000) has a total budget of \$114 million and an unobligated balance of \$23,456,092 as of August 13, 2012. These funds are fully allocated for specific activities related to the project. Increasing the budget by \$2,783,330 (Fund 3703) in federal funds will provide funding to support the construction of the Access Ramps to the West Pedestrian Tunnel.

The Parking Facilities Development Project (V15710000) has a total budget of \$12,619,475 and an unobligated balance of \$11,418,137 as of August 13, 2012. There is sufficient funding available to transfer \$188,000 (Parking Fund, Fund 6004) to the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility Project (T15029000) to provide funding associated with parking improvements as part of the Access Ramps to the West Pedestrian Tunnel.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE): The Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility Project (T15029000) has federal funding and requires conformance with project participation guidelines for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) /Underutilized Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (UDBE) in lieu of the City of Sacramento Emerging and Small Business Enterprise (ESBE) program requirements.



Background Information:

The Track Relocation Project relocates and reconfigures the current Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) mainline and passenger tracks and the passenger platforms to the north between the I Street Bridge and 7th Street. This will improve the mainline heavy rail capacity and reliability for both freight service and passenger rail service. In addition, safety will improve due to the separation of the freight tracks from the passenger platforms and limiting access to the platforms by means of the new passenger and service tunnels. Relocating the existing UPRR tracks will also allow extension of 5th and 6th Streets and provision of the West Pedestrian Tunnel. This will improve access and circulation within downtown Sacramento and facilitate development of the Railyards project.

The West Tunnel Access Ramps will construct ramps and stairways from the new West Pedestrian tunnel to Old Sacramento and the Railyards Central Shops Area. The work also includes ramp water proofing, constructing access improvements, reconstruction of the parking lot, soil and ground water handling, and related work. This will improve the accessibility around Old Sacramento, the Railyards area, and future intermodal station.

The City received \$2,783,333 in federal funding toward construction of the access ramps to the West Pedestrian Bicycle Tunnel that will provide access between the Railyards and Old Sacramento. Part of this project will include alterations and parking lot improvements, for which parking funds are planned to be used.

The project was previously advertised and a total of four bids were received which exceeded the available budget and therefore were rejected on May 29, 2012. The City reevaluated the scope of the project and it is currently being readvertised. A report to award the contract is anticipated in September 2012.



RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDING FOR THE ACCESS RAMPS FOR THE SACRAMENTO INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY WEST PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL (T15029000)

BACKGROUND

- A. The Sacramento Railyards West Tunnel Ramps will construct ramps and stairways connecting the West Pedestrian and Bicycle Tunnel to Old Sacramento and the Railyards Central Shops area, and include parking lot improvements and other site enhancements.
- B. Federal funds in the amount of \$2,783,330 have been obligated for the construction of the access ramps.
- C. Additional local funding is also required to complete the project.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The revenue and expense budgets are increased by \$2,783,330 (Fund 3703) to the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility Project (T15029000) for construction of access ramps to the West Pedestrian Bicycle Tunnel.
- Section 2. A transfer of \$188,000 (Fund 6004) from the Parking Facilities Development project (V15710000) to the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility Project (T15029000) is approved to support parking lot improvements associated with the access ramps to the West Pedestrian Bicycle Tunnel.

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Location Map for SACRAMENTO INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY (SITF) (T15029000)



Map Date: AUG/12; Map Contact: S. Tobin

