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**BOARD MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Administration and Finance Committee  
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
Board of Directors

**THROUGH:** Michael T. Burns  
General Manager

**FROM:** Carolyn M. Gonot  
Chief Development Officer

**SUBJECT:** Contract Amendment with Parsons Transportation Group for Final Landscape Design and Design Support Services During Construction of the State Route 237/Interstate 880 Interchange Landscaping Project

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the General Manager to amend the contract with Parsons Transportation Group for final landscaping design and design support services during construction of the State Route 237/Interstate 880 Interchange Landscaping Project, increasing the approved contract value by \$300,000 for a new total contract value of \$6,055,139 and extending the contract term through December 31, 2007.

**BACKGROUND:**

The SR 237/I-880 Interchange Project Stage C includes a direct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) ramp from southbound I-880 to westbound SR 237 and from eastbound SR 237 to northbound I-880 and a braided ramp from eastbound SR 237 to southbound I-880 and Tasman Drive off-ramp. The budget for the project is \$51.2 million.

On January 6, 2000, the VTA Board of Directors authorized the execution of a contract with Parsons Transportation Group (PTG) for final design of the SR 237/I-880 Interchange Project Phases C1 and C2 for a total value of \$4,130,000.

Thereafter, several contract amendments have been executed following VTA Board approvals or utilizing the General Manager's amendment authority to establish the total contract value of

\$5,755,139. The various contract amendments were necessary to provide additional design services, including preliminary landscape design development. The most recent contract amendment included preparation of the landscape final design to 65% level and utilized \$148,800 of 1996 Measure B Transportation Improvement Program (MBTIP) funding.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The recommended contract amendment for \$300,000 consists of \$250,000 to complete the final landscape design and \$50,000 for design support services during installation of the landscaping.

Funding for the amendment is to be provided through a cooperative agreement between VTA and the City of Milpitas. The recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute the cooperative agreement is also on the May 4, 2006 VTA Board agenda.

The recommended amendment increases the total contract value to \$6,055,139. The work effort associated with the amendment is anticipated at approximately 2,250 hours for final design services and 450 hours for design support services during construction. Final design services will continue to be completed under cost plus fixed fee contract terms, and design support services during construction will continue to be completed under time and materials contract terms. The contract term through December 31, 2007 will provide services through closeout of the project.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The VTA Board could choose not to approve the recommended amendment to this contract. As an alternative, the VTA Board could direct staff to select another design firm to fulfill the services needed to complete the project. The selection of another firm would likely result in delays in the completion of the project.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The funding to support this recommended contract amendment is derived from a cooperative agreement between VTA and the City of Milpitas. The agreement specifies that the City of Milpitas will provide \$300,000 to complete the landscaping design and design support during construction services. Although not a part of this contract amendment, the cooperative agreement will also provide funding for construction, inspection, project management and administration service to be performed by VTA for this project.

No VTA Transit Enterprise Funds or additional funding from 1996 MBTIP will be used for this work.

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