

Date: October 1, 2007Committee Meeting Date: October 18, 2007Board Meeting Date: November 1, 2007**BOARD MEMORANDUM**ACTION DISCUSSION INFO

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

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns
 General Manager

FROM: Jack J. Collins
 Chief Engineering & Construction Officer

SUBJECT: Construction Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for Route 87 Highway
 Planting Project

Policy-Related Action: No**Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No****RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the General Manager to execute a Construction Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) covering the construction of the Route 87 Highway Planting Project; and authorize an increase to the current VTP 2030 Highway Improvement Program Capital Budget appropriation for fiscal year 2008 from \$4,196,000 to \$4,620,000.

BACKGROUND:

Caltrans requires a Cooperative Agreement for any project proposed to be funded and/or constructed by an outside sponsoring agency on the State Highway System. The agreement is intended to clearly establish the roles and responsibilities of the sponsor agency (VTA) and the State of California. The 1996 Measure B Transportation Improvement Program (MBTIP) included the Route 87 North HOV Lanes and the Route 87 South HOV Lanes Projects. The roadway improvements were completed in 2007 using Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bonds. This project is a follow-on project to provide landscape and irrigation.

The Route 87 Highway Planting Project will provide replacement and supplemental planting for Route 87, between the limits of Route 85 and Julian Street (not including the Route 280 Interchange) in San Jose. The scope of work includes landscape planting; automatic irrigation; permanent erosion control; and a three-year plant establishment and maintenance period. The Board of Directors at its May 4, 2000, meeting approved a Master Cooperative Agreement covering the design phase of the 1996 MBTIP highway projects, which included Route 87 landscaping as one of the projects. The Board of Directors approved a Master Cooperative Agreement covering the right-of-way acquisition activities at its April 5, 2001, meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The Construction Cooperative Agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of VTA and Caltrans. It specifies that VTA will advertise, award and administer the construction contract for the Project and that Caltrans will perform quality assurance oversight. The Construction Cooperative Agreement identifies \$2.52 Million in federal (STP) funds and \$2.1 Million in Measure B swap funds to cover construction capital and support costs.

The landscape design is nearing completion and VTA anticipates awarding the construction contract in early 2008.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no practical alternatives to the recommended action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact due to this recommendation. However construction of this project will require an adjustment to the current VTP 2030 Highway Improvement Program Capital Budget for fiscal year 2008. The current FY 2008 project appropriation of \$4,196,000 will increase by \$424,000 to \$4,620,000. As discussed above, sufficient federal and Measure B swap funding has been identified for this increased appropriation level.

Operating Budget Impact: There is no VTA operating impact associated with this work, since VTA will turn over the project to Caltrans for maintenance after the plant establishment period is complete.

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