

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR GRADE SEPARATIONS AND STATIONS TO THE LIGHT RAIL TROLLEY'S (LRT) BLUE LINE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO MAKE SUCH NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES DEEMED NECESSARY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the City desires to work with SANDAG in order to make rail corridor improvements through Chula Vista; and

WHEREAS, the City and SANDAG each have projects in the RTIP related to making these rail corridor improvements; and

WHEREAS, the projects lie entirely within the jurisdiction of the City of Chula Vista, but technical assistance on a regional level is required of SANDAG for improvements within and adjacent to the rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2012, in order to determine ultimate light rail trolley improvements and make at-grade rail crossing improvements through Chula Vista, the City Council approved Resolution 2012-118 entering into three Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with SANDAG to define funding, cost sharing and roles between City, SANDAG, and SANDAG's consultant team on three Capital Improvement Projects STM-361, TF-383 and TF-319; and

WHEREAS, the initial MOU for STM-361, SANDAG Contract Number 5004169, is for the purposes of preparing an environmental document that will consider project alternatives for grade-separating the Blue Line Light Rail Trolley crossing at Palomar Street and commensurate station improvements; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2014, the City Council approved Resolution 2014-253 extending the initial MOU expiration date from December 31, 2014 to June 30, 2016 in order to complete the environmental document, the final project invoicing, accounting and close out documentation to Caltrans and Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, as of June 2014, the Palomar Street rail crossing is ranked as the County of San Diego's highest priority location for grade-separation; and

WHEREAS, approving the second amendment to the MOU (Second Amendment) will amend the SANDAG budget by \$232,000 from \$750,000 to \$982,000 for additional tasks related to the Project Report and Environmental Document (PR/ED), such as additional public outreach by the consultant, photo simulations, and traffic analysis of the various geometric alternatives being considered; and

WHEREAS, approving the Second Amendment will also extend the expiration date from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2020 in order to coincide with the reversion date of federal funds and allow sufficient time for the project close-out phase with Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Program project (STM-361) budget has sufficient funds to address the additional tasks required by the consultant and SANDAG.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Chula Vista does hereby approve the second amendment to the Memoranda of Understanding with the San Diego Association of Governments for contract Number 5004169 regarding environmental document work for the Blue Line Light Rail crossing at Palomar Street, authorize the City Attorney to make such non-substantive changes deemed necessary for the benefit of the City, and authorize and direct the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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