

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT  
TO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE  
SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG)  
REGARDING AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR  
GRADE SEPARATIONS AND STATIONS TO THE LIGHT  
RAIL TROLLEY'S BLUE LINE

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2012, per Resolution 2012-118, the City of Chula Vista entered a Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with SANDAG for planned improvements through Chula Vista's light rail trolley and freight rail corridor; 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, the MOU allows SANDAG and their consultants to complete a Project Report & Environmental Document (PR/ED) that will help prepare the Engineer's Construction Cost Estimate and would help expedite completion of the design phase which would be funded as a separate item by SANDAG; and

WHEREAS, this location is the highest ranked grade-separation crossing proposed in the SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

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

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution 2015-248 approving the second amendment to the MOU to perform additional tasks related to the Project Report and Environmental Document (PR/ED) such as additional public outreach, photo simulations and traffic analysis of the various alternatives being considered and extended the expiration date from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2020, in order to coincide with the reversion date of the federal funds; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2017 the City Council adopted Resolution 2017-124 approving the third amendment to the MOU to provide for additional consultant services such as, groundwater monitoring and technical analysis needed for the traffic analysis of the various geometric alternatives for the alternative that lowers Palomar Street under all rail lines prior to determining it as the preferred alternative, but the ground watering task could not be performed

due to additional traffic considerations needed for the technical document to address all concerns that were determined to need addressing as part of the preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, approving the fourth amendment to the MOU will provide for additional SANDAG staff costs, coordination with the adjacent vacant parcel pending development, refine the public outreach efforts based on the preferred alternative that lowers Palomar Street under all rail lines and keeps Industrial Blvd at the current grade without an intersection at Palomar Street determining it as the preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, approving the fourth amendment to the MOU will amend the SANDAG budget by \$141,000 from \$1,034,000 to \$1,175,000 for its efforts related to the Project Report and Environmental Document (PR/ED) so that the consultant costs will be an additional \$80,000 and the SANDAG staff costs will be up to an amount not to exceed \$61,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista that it approves the fourth amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the San Diego Association of Governments for contract number 5004169 regarding environmental document work for the Blue Line Light Rail crossing at Palomar Street, in the form presented, with such minor modifications as may be required or approved by the City Attorney, a copy of which shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and authorizes the Mayor to execute the amendment.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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William S. Valle  
Director of Engineering & Capital Projects

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Glen R. Googins  
City Attorney