



City of Chula Vista

Staff Report

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-001 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING A FREEWAY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AND SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) FOR SELECT MAINTENANCE TASKS AT LOCATIONS WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROUTE 125 (SR-125)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

City staff has been negotiating a maintenance agreement with SANDAG for certain local street maintenance tasks located within the California Department of Transportations (Caltrans) right-of-way along the SR-125 corridor through the City of Chula Vista. SANDAG is the franchisee for Caltrans. The City staff recommends Council approval of the proposed Maintenance Agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Development Services Director has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378(b) (2) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the proposed maintenance agreement consists of a continuing administrative action involving the City's obligation for maintaining local streets that cross SR-125. Therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c) (3) of the State CEQA Guidelines the activity is not subject to CEQA review.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable

DISCUSSION

On December 31, 1990, Caltrans entered into a Development Franchise Agreement with a franchisee to develop, operate and maintain SR-125.

On April 16, 2002 the City Council adopted Resolution 2002-119 (Attachment # 1) approving the agreement with Caltrans franchisee, San Diego Expressway Limited Partnership (SDELP) to facilitate development of SR-125 through the City of Chula Vista. This agreement describes duties and procedures each will follow in developing SR-125. Since SR-125 is on Caltrans right of way, the agreement stated that operations and maintenance of the SR-125 facility at underpasses and overpasses shall be allocated between the Parties in accordance with Caltrans standard procedures.

In 2011, SANDAG became the Caltrans franchisee for the SR-125 facility. SANDAG and City staff developed the proposed Maintenance Agreement (Attachment # 2) based on similar agreements the City has with Caltrans for crossings at Interstate 5, 805 and State Route 54.

The Maintenance Agreement clarifies obligations and the division of maintenance responsibilities between parties at each location a local street crosses the Caltrans right-of-way. In general, the City will be responsible for all roadways and appurtenances that are located within the areas that are outlined in Exhibit "A" of the agreement. Exhibit "B" of the agreement identifies the ten traffic signal systems (on/off-ramp location) which will be operated and maintained by the City, while SANDAG pays for all the electrical energy costs.

DECISION MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council and has found no property holdings within 500 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any Councilmember, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City's Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. The State Route 125 maintenance agreement supports the Strong and Secure Neighborhood strategy. The SR-125 maintenance agreement helps provide clear maintenance functions and responsibilities for the public infrastructure within the State right-of-way areas along the SR-125 corridor. Ensuring adequate maintenance of public infrastructure is a key City function in providing a safe and efficient roadway system for residents, businesses and visitors.

CURRENT YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of the proposed agreement will provide clear direction on the responsibility for maintaining roadway related infrastructure so that the useful life of the infrastructure can be extended. Local roadway landscaping located along the center island raised medians and parkway areas (between the curblane and sidewalk area) are currently maintained by the respective local open space landscaping districts since these roadways and landscaping districts were in place prior to the construction of SR-125. Landscaping areas behind the back of sidewalk are the responsibility of SANDAG. There is no additional impact to the Transnet Fund as sufficient funding is available in TF350 (Signal Optimization) and TF366 (Signal Maintenance) to cover staff costs associated with traffic signal maintenance. Street sweeping, pavement marking and signage on the local streets is provided by Public Works' operating budgets resulting in no additional impacts to the General Fund. Pavement marking and signage related to the toll road are the responsibility of SANDAG.

FISCAL IMPACT

Upon execution of the agreement, future traffic signal maintenance and roadway sweeping and striping will require only routine, normal maintenance of the surrounding City streets and traffic signals. Funding sources for City maintained areas include Transnet and Gas Tax. Drainage maintenance and landscaping costs shall be borne by the original and previously established Landscape Maintenance Districts. Certain expenses that are the responsibility of SANDAG will be paid for by SANDAG.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 2002-119 dated April 16, 2002

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2. Maintenance Agreement between City and SANDAG with Exhibits A, B & C.

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