

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2009

Adopted May 5, 2009

AUTHORIZING A LETTER AGREEMENT WITH THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$154,220, FOR COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF PROPOSED ZONE ONE STREETScape CHANGES AS IDENTIFIED IN THE TRANSBAY STREETScape AND OPEN SPACE PLAN; TRANSBAY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

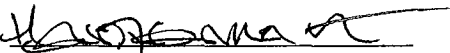
1. On November 21, 2006, the Agency Commission adopted Resolution No. 153-2006 approving the Streetscape and Open Space Plan ("Streetscape and Open Space Plan") for the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area ("Project Area"). The purpose of the Streetscape and Open Space Plan is to guide future public improvements in the Project Area.
2. Since adoption of the Streetscape and Open Space Plan, Agency staff has worked collaboratively with the Planning Department of the City and County of San Francisco ("Planning Department") on the potential future public improvements, including the design of various streetscape changes in the Project Area, which is separated into Zone One, under the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco's ("Agency") jurisdiction, and Zone Two, under the Planning Department's jurisdiction.
3. The Planning Department has contracted with Environmental Science Associates ("ESA") to complete an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") for the proposed Transit Center District Plan for Zone Two of the Project Area. Agency and Planning Department staff agree that including the proposed Zone One streetscape changes in the traffic analysis that is being conducted for the EIR would facilitate comprehensive review of all approved, pending and proposed street network improvements in this part of the City.
4. Agency staff has determined that a coordinated traffic assessment would avoid duplicative work and would result in substantial time and cost savings for the Agency.
5. The Planning Department has submitted a proposed Letter Agreement ("Letter Agreement") to have ESA complete environmental review of the Zone One streetscape changes for an amount not to exceed \$154,220. Agency staff has reviewed the proposed tasks and budget and finds them to be acceptable. Funds are available in the current Agency budget for the Letter Agreement.

6. Staff has determined that the Agency can use the Transit District Plan Final EIR as a Responsible Agency under CEQA for future project-specific approvals in Zone One.
7. The Letter Agreement is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 as it funds planning and feasibility studies and would not independently create a significant effect on the environment.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Executive Director is authorized to enter into a Letter Agreement with the Planning Department of the City and County of San Francisco, in an amount not to exceed \$154,220, for completion of environmental review of proposed Zone One streetscape changes as identified in the Streetscape and Open Space Plan for the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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