

COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

RESOLUTION NO. 67 – 2015

Adopted October 20, 2015

APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY, FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DESIGN SERVICE FEES FOR THREE TRANSIT BOARDING ISLANDS FOR THE FOLSOM STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$99,750; TRANSBAY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

WHEREAS, The Transbay Redevelopment Project Area (the “Project Area”) was adopted in 2005 with the purpose of redeveloping 10 acres of property owned by the State of California (the “State-owned parcels”) in order to generate funding for the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (“TJPA”) to construct the new Transbay Transit Center (the “TTC”); and,

WHEREAS, The Transbay Redevelopment Project Area Implementation Agreement (the “Implementation Agreement”) is an enforceable obligation that requires the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (“OCII”), as the Successor Agency (the “Successor Agency”) to the former San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (the “Former Agency”), to among other things, “execute all activities related to the implementation of the Transbay Redevelopment Plan, including but not limited to, activities related to major infrastructure improvements” (Section 2.1 (d) of the Implementation Agreement at p. 4). On April 15, 2013, the California Department of Finance (“DOF”) determined “finally and conclusively” that the Implementation Agreement, along with other Transbay-related documents, is an enforceable obligation that will not require additional DOF review in the future, although expenditures under the Implementation Agreement are subject to continuing DOF review; and,

WHEREAS, In July 2011, the Former Agency entered into an agreement with CMG Landscape Architecture (“CMG”) to complete design documents for select elements of the 2006 Transbay Streetscape and Open Space Concept Plan (“Concept Plan”) including the underutilized areas under the off-ramps (“Under-Ramp Park”) and streetscape improvements to Folsom and Essex Streets; and,

WHEREAS, Through a series of public workshops and Transbay Citizens Advisory Committee (“CAC”) meetings, as well as extensive research and analysis, the Design Team prepared detailed conceptual designs for the Under-Ramp Park (“Park Conceptual Designs”) and Schematic Designs for the Folsom Streetscape Improvement Project (“Folsom Schematic Designs”). Both design packages were approved by the Commission on June 4, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (“MTA”) is the agency responsible for the transit network within the City and County of San Francisco,

including Folsom Street. Due to the increase in transit demand from the Transbay and Rincon Hill neighborhoods, MTA desires to bring new bus service to the neighborhood. After planning sessions with the local community, MTA desires to construct three transit boarding islands along Folsom Street. MTA would like the transit boarding islands to be constructed as quickly as possible and requests OCII to coordinate their design and construction with the Folsom Street Improvement Project. MTA will be responsible for funding the design costs, and the eventual construction of the boarding islands; and,

WHEREAS, OCII has executed a Contract with CMG to design and document the three transit boarding islands, and will be reimbursed by MTA for these costs. Approximately \$33,000 has been spent to date by CMG on this work and SFMTA acknowledges the work, associated expenses, and reimbursement subject to execution of an Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”). OCII will bill MTA, and receive payment from MTA, for all CMG costs pursuant to the MOU between OCII and MTA. A copy of the MOU is on file with the Secretary of the Commission; and,

WHEREAS, The reimbursement amount pursuant to the MOU is not to exceed \$99,750. The MOU may be terminated by OCII or MTA with 30 days’ notice, subject to MTA payment of applicable OCII costs incurred through the termination date; and,

WHEREAS, Approval of the MOU with MTA will allow for the completion of planning studies for portions of the Transbay Streetscape and Open Space Plan. These activities would have no resultant significant impacts on the physical environment, and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15262; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure hereby approves a Memorandum of Understanding between OCII and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for reimbursement of design services for the Folsom Streetscape Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$99,750, that is substantially in the form of the MOU lodged with the Secretary of the Commission.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting of October 20, 2015.



Commission Secretary