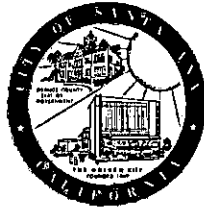


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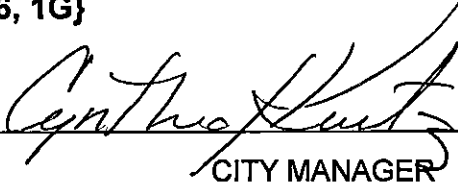


CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

JULY 5, 2017

TITLE:

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDA NOS. 1 AND 2 TO THE SANTA ANA-GARDEN GROVE FIXED GUIDEWAY REA/FEIR OC STREETCAR (SCH# 2010051060) (PROJECT NO. 17-6766) (NONGENERAL FUND) {STRATEGIC PLAN NOS. 3, 2C AND 4B; 6, 1G}


CITY MANAGER

CLERK OF COUNCIL USE ONLY:

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- As Recommended
- As Amended
- Ordinance on 1st Reading
- Ordinance on 2nd Reading
- Implementing Resolution
- Set Public Hearing For _____

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt a resolution approving Addenda Nos. 1 and 2 to the Santa Ana-Garden Grove Fixed Guideway Project REA/FEIR (SCH# 2010051060).

DISCUSSION

On January 20, 2015, City Council adopted a resolution certifying the Santa Ana – Garden Grove Fixed Guideway Project Revised Environmental Assessment/Final Environmental Impact Report (REA/FEIR) (SCH# 2010051060) (Exhibit 1). Subsequent to the adoption of the REA/FEIR, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) became the lead agency for the implementation of the project.

In July 2016, Addendum No. 1 (Exhibits 2 and 3) to the REA/FEIR was prepared by OCTA to address minor design modifications to the project resulting upon 30 percent completion of design engineering. This environmental re-evaluation, which included noise and vibration, cultural and historic, visual impact, and traffic analysis, concluded that the design modifications would not result in any new significant environmental effects that were not previously analyzed as part of the approved REA/FEIR. A second addendum, Addendum No. 2 (Exhibits 4 and 5), was prepared in February 2017 to address additional minor design modifications that were identified upon advancing to 60 percent completion of design engineering. Similar to Addendum No. 1, Addendum No. 2 concluded that there were no new significant environmental effects that were not previously analyzed as part of the approved REA/FEIR. A summary of design modifications that were analyzed in the two addenda are listed below:

- Shifted track alignment to the center of the former Pacific Electric ROW (PE ROW) to avoid noise and vibration impacts to adjacent residential properties;
- Expanded project footprint to include minor street and sidewalk improvements, resulting in an expansion of the Project Area of Potential Effects for Cultural and Historic Resources environmental analysis;
- Modified train operating speed (45 to 44 miles per hour) in the PE ROW;
- Implementation of additional traffic signal priority along the project route at the Main Street, Broadway, and Bristol Street intersections; and
- Revised location of Traction Power Substation No. 4 to the north side of the parking structure at SARTC formerly proposed at the northeast corner of Santa Ana Boulevard/North Garfield Avenue.

Staff recommends the City Council adopt the resolution (Exhibit 6) approving the two addenda to the REA/FEIR in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Approval of this item supports the City's efforts to meet the following Strategic Plan Goals:

1. Goal #3 – Economic Development, Objective #2 (create new opportunities for business/job growth and encourage private development through new General Plan and Zoning Ordinance policies), Strategy C (support business development and job growth along transit corridors through the completion of critical transit plans/projects including: The Fixed Guideway Project, Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center Master Plan, Complete Streets and General Plan Circulation Element update).
2. Goal #3 – Economic Development, Objective #4 (continue to pursue objectives that shape downtown Santa Ana into a thriving, culturally diverse, shopping, dining, and entertainment destination), Strategy B (create a comprehensive program to manage parking that includes innovative strategies to provide parking, create revenue and enhance accessibility in the downtown).
3. Goal #6 - Community Facilities & Infrastructure, Objective #1 (establish and maintain a Community Investment Plan for all City assets), Strategy G (develop and implement the City's Capital Improvement Program in coordination with the Community Investment and Deferred Maintenance Plans; e.g., transit vision, street car, fixed guideway project, SARTC master plan, Bristol Street widening, neighborhood streets, traffic improvements, park facilities, sport fields, soccer fields, senior centers, bike master plan, etc.).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

On January 20, 2015, by Resolution No. 2015-004 and following a duly noticed public hearing, the City Council certified the Revised Environmental Assessment/Final Environmental Impact Report for the Santa Ana-Garden Grove Fixed Guideway Project, otherwise known as the "OC Streetcar" project. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15164(d) requires City Council to adopt a resolution approving any addenda to the Final Environmental Impact Report.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal Impact associated with this action.



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Exhibits 1-6 are available at <https://cosa.sharefile.com/d-s3ef015180864de3a>:

1. Santa Ana-Garden Grove Fixed Guideway Project REA/FEIR
2. Addendum One - Executive Summary
3. Addendum One - Technical Studies
4. Addendum Two - Executive Summary
5. Addendum Two - Technical Studies
6. Resolution

