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November 14, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments regarding the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the I-710 Freeway Corridor. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Caltrans, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Southern California Association of Governments and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to establish a multi-jurisdictional structure to fund and govern implementation of the EIR/EIS associated with the Locally Preferred Strategy developed through the Major Corridor Study for the I-710 Freeway Corridor. The MOU establishes an I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee and an I-710 Executive Committee, each of which provides for and depends upon the participation of local elected and appointed officials. Mayor Bob Foster co-chairs the EIR/EIS Project Committee with Nancy Ramos, Mayor of the City of Commerce and, along with Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, serves as a member of the I-710 Executive Committee.

The Gateway Cities COG has established an I-710 Fund to finance certain planning and administrative aspects of the project, including advocacy on behalf of the I-710 corridor and administrative costs associated with meetings of the Project Committee, Executive Committee and Community Advisory Committee. To finance this Fund, the COG proposes to assess the cities that choose to actively participate in the planning of improvements to the I-710 Corridor, and are impacted by the I-710 Freeway based on population. As such, the City of Long Beach share has been set at \$37,500.

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This letter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on October 24, 2006, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on October 30, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 14, 2006 to allow the City to enter into an agreement with the Gateway Cities COG as it relates to the environmental study for the I-710 Freeway Corridor.

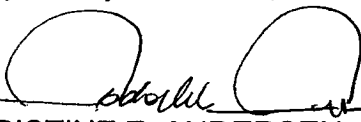
FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of the City's participation in the I-710 Fund for the EIR/EIS is \$37,500. Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Transportation Fund (SR) in the Department of Public Works (PW) to support the City's share. The funding source is Proposition C Local Return monies.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,


for: CHRISTINE F. ANDERSEN
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:


for: GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER