

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

333 West Ocean Boulevard • Long Beach, CA 90802

March 7, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for consulting services with Gill V. Hicks & Associates, Inc., (Consultant) to facilitate development of proposed I-710 freeway improvements, in an amount not to exceed \$75,750 for a term of February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007. The City and Port of Long Beach will share the cost of services equally. (District 2)

DISCUSSION

For the past year, the City of Long Beach Department of Public Works and the Port of Long Beach have used the services of Gill V. Hicks & Associates, Inc., to advance the development of I-710 freeway improvements approved by the City Council, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). Implementation of the proposed improvements involves many financial, environmental, technical, and political components. On January 17, 2006, the Board of Harbor Commissioners authorized the Executive Director to renew the Consultant's contract, which would be jointly directed by the the City and the Port. The action requested herein would authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Long Beach.

The Consultant work under this contract will include refining the list of near-term emission reduction strategies for the I-710 corridor, as required by the MTA Board of Directors, and assist in obtaining approval of the recommended emission reduction strategies; assisting in the development of the scope of work for the environmental document(s); furthering development of concepts for public-private partnerships as a means of supplementing funding for I-710 improvements; and promoting the project through the State Goods Movement Action Plan, the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan, and the Regional Transportation Plan.

The term of the contract would be from February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin and Budget Management Officer David Wodynsky on February 27, 2006.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on March 7, 2006, is requested in order to execute the contract retroactively to February 1, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of the contract is not to exceed \$75,750. The City will be responsible for up to one-half of the total cost (\$37,875). Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Transportation Fund (SR 182) in the Department of Public Works (PW) to support the City's share of the cost. The funding source is Transportation Management Program Funds.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE F. ANDERSEN DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:

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GERALD R. MILLER CITY MANAGER