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NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 9

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Approval of Amendment No. Seven to Professional Services Agreement with Dokken Engineering for the West Coast Highway Intersection Improvements and Pedestrian Bridge - (Contract No. 8020-5)

ABSTRACT:

The City of Newport Beach has a Professional Services Agreement with Dokken Engineering to develop concepts and design for a potential pedestrian/bicycle bridge over West Coast Highway at Superior Avenue. The term of the agreement is set to expire on December 31, 2025. Staff requests City Council approval of Amendment No. Seven to extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2027.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Approve Amendment No. Seven to Professional Services Agreement with Dokken Engineering for Superior Avenue overcrossing and parking lot project final design and engineering services (Contract No. 8020-5) to extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2027, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amendment.

DISCUSSION:

In 2016, during the initial planning phase of the proposed improvements at the intersection of West Coast Highway and Superior Avenue, the proposed project scope included the following main components:

- 1. A new pedestrian bridge overcrossing Superior Avenue
- 2. A new larger public parking lot
- 3. Widening West Coast Highway to improve traffic flow through the intersection
- 4. A new pedestrian bridge overcrossing West Coast Highway

Due to permitting and grant funding constraints, the proposed improvements were split into two distinct projects. The first project, Superior Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge and Parking Lot (Project No. 15T09), included constructing the pedestrian bridge overcrossing Superior Avenue and the new larger Sunset View Park public parking lot in addition to several other ancillary improvements. The construction of this project was substantially completed on September 27, 2024. Staff is currently developing the preliminary design for the second project, which is West Coast Highway Intersection Improvements and Pedestrian Bridge project (Project No. 21R16). The second project will include widening West Coast Highway at this intersection and a second pedestrian bridge overcrossing West Coast Highway.

The City entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Dokken Engineering on November 19, 2019, to prepare the construction documents for Project No. 15T09. Upon securing Orange County Measure M2 grant funding for Project No. 21R16, the City approved Amendment No. One on August 25, 2020, to complete the environmental and design services for the second project. Subsequently, the City approved amendments two through six to complete various design and construction support tasks for Project 15T09.

The term of this Professional Services Agreement with Dokken Engineering is set to expire on December 31, 2025. To avoid forfeiting the Orange County Measure M2 grant funding, staff recommends approving Amendment No. Seven to further extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This proposed amendment is an extension of time only, no additional funding is being added to the contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Location Map
Attachment B – Amendment No. 7