

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Operations Committee**

**January 13, 2023**

**Agenda Item 5a**

**Agreements to Advance the State Route 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project**

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**Subject:**

Request for approvals of agreements to advance the State Route 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project into design phase:

- i. Cooperative Agreement - Integrated Team for Design for SR 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project: Caltrans (\$20,000,000)
- ii. Funding Agreement – Design Phase Funding for the SR 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project: Sonoma County Transportation Authority (\$4,000,000)

**Background:**

State Route 37 (SR 37) extends from US Highway 101 (US 101) in Novato, Marin County to I-80 in Vallejo, Solano County. It is an important regional connection linking the north, east, and west San Francisco Bay sub-regions. The corridor faces several challenges, including traffic congestion, seasonal flooding, environmentally-sensitive ecology, and sea level rise.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is working in partnership with Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA), Solano Transportation Authority (STA), Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA), Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to deliver the SR 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project. With the anticipated completion of the environmental review process, the project is ready to advance into the design phase.

Funding for the next phase of the project is comprised of several sources. Caltrans secured seventeen million dollars from federal funds, and the SCTA secured three million dollars from state funds through Senate Bill 170. The SCTA is also anticipated to receive one million from the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to advance environmental mitigation work on this project during the design phase. In order to expedite and improve the efficiency of the design phase of the project, an integrated team approach is proposed between MTC and Caltrans to proceed with the work, which will be formalized through the establishment of a cooperative agreement. Both the MTC and Caltrans will be co-sponsors of the project, while Caltrans will be the implementing agency. Although staff requests authority for a cooperative agreement with

Caltrans of up twenty million dollars, comprised of the three million in Senate Bill 170 funds to be received from SCTA and the seventeen million dollars in federal funding Caltrans has secured, MTC and Caltrans will need to negotiate the specific roles of each entity as to the design phase of the project. A funding agreement with the SCTA will allow for the transfer of funding from the SCTA to MTC to proceed with the project's design phase.

**Issues:**

None identified.

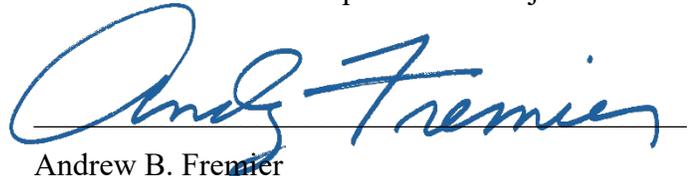
**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Operations Committee authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into the following:

- i. Cooperative Agreement – Integrated Team for Design for SR 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project: Caltrans (\$20,000,000)
- ii. Funding Agreement – Design Phase Funding for the SR 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project: Sonoma County Transportation Authority (\$4,000,000)

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: State Route 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project Presentation Slides



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## Request for Committee Approval

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### Summary of Proposed Cooperative Agreement

Work Item No.: 1237, 2664

Agency: California Department of Transportation.  
Sacramento, California

Work Project Title: State Route 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project

Purpose of Project: To improve traffic flow and peak travel times, increase vehicle occupancy.

Brief Scope of Work: Provide final design services.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$20,000,000

Funding Source: \$17,000,000 (Federal funds from Caltrans)  
\$3,000,000 (State funds from Senate Bill 170 to be received by MTC from Sonoma County Transportation Authority)

Fiscal Impact: No immediate fiscal impact until agreement is executed. Funds are subject to agency budgetary approval process.

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the purposes described above and in the Operations Committee Summary Sheet dated January 13, 2023, subject to budgetary approval.

Operations Committee:

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Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Chair

Approved: January 13, 2023

## Request for Committee Approval

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### Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement

Work Item No.: 1237, 2664

Agency: Sonoma County Transportation Authority  
Santa Rosa, California

Work Project Title: State Route 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project

Purpose of Project: To improve traffic flow and peak travel times, increase vehicle occupancy.

Brief Scope of Work: Provide final design services and environmental mitigation work.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$4,000,000

Funding Source: State funds from Senate Bill 170

Fiscal Impact: No immediate fiscal impact until agreement is executed. Funds are subject to agency budgetary approval process.

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a cooperative agreement with the Sonoma County Transportation Authority for the purposes described above and in the Operations Committee Summary Sheet dated January 13, 2023, subject to budgetary approval.

Operations Committee:

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Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Chair

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