



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Bill Robeson, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director

BY: Jill McPeck, Capital Improvement Project Manager

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Updated Freeway Maintenance Agreement with the State of California for the Portion of State Highway Route (SR) 101 within the City of Arroyo Grande

DATE: February 22, 2022

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Approve an updated Freeway Maintenance Agreement for the portion of State Highway Route (SR) 101 within the City of Arroyo Grande to include permanent storm water improvements within the SR-101 right-of-way for the area of Oak Park Boulevard and El Camino Real.

IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:

The updated Freeway Maintenance Agreement will not result in increased costs to the City. Staff time will be needed to process the updated Freeway Maintenance Agreement and Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

1) Adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Freeway Maintenance Agreement for the portion of State Highway Route (SR) 101 within the City of Arroyo Grande; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to forward the Resolution, Freeway Maintenance Agreement, and Letter of Self Insurance to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

BACKGROUND:

During a rain event at the end of December 2019, a catch basin on El Camino Real east of Oak Park Boulevard did not drain properly and caused the roadway to flood. Investigations following the rain event revealed that a previous repair (20+ years ago) to the storm drain pipe running from the catch basin to a maintenance hole on Oak Park Boulevard had failed, creating a plug in the pipe and was causing subsurface erosion around the maintenance hole. In January 2020, the Council approved an emergency repair project to complete temporary measures to avoid further subsurface erosion under

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Oak Park Boulevard. In January and February 2020, staff worked diligently with its design consultant and contractors to complete the temporary measures and to reopen a travel lane on Oak Park Boulevard that had been temporarily closed. These temporary measures lead to the need for City crews to pump water during rain events from the catch basin on El Camino Real to an uphill drainage inlet.

In parallel with these efforts, staff continued to work with the design consultant in developing a permanent solution for the storm water within the area. After evaluating several alternatives, it was determined that the most cost effective and least disruptive solution is to convey the storm water within the SR-101 right of way to a box culvert to which a pipe conveying the storm water was previously connected.

ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:

In order to construct the permanent solution, an encroachment permit from Caltrans is necessary. As a prerequisite to issuing an encroachment permit for the City to install the storm drain system from the City right-of-way into the SR-101 right-of-way, Caltrans is requiring the City to update its Freeway Maintenance Agreement.

The updated Freeway Maintenance Agreement incorporates the proposed storm drain system and supersedes the two previous Freeway Maintenance Agreements dated June 8, 1966 and October 26, 1966. The Freeway Maintenance Agreement restates and documents the roles and responsibilities between Caltrans and the City for SR-101 within the City. The Freeway Maintenance Agreement documents the City's maintenance responsibility for items such as pavement surfaces, sidewalks, drainage systems, lighting, signage and graffiti removal. It is not anticipated that the revised Freeway Maintenance Agreement will require additional City expenditures or resources beyond what is already included in the current Agreement, with the exception of maintenance of the anticipated improvements necessary to remedy the El Camino Real/Oak Park drainage issues.

The Freeway Maintenance Agreement presented with this staff report has been prepared in coordination with Caltrans and has been reviewed and approved as to form by the City Attorney. Adoption of the Resolution authorizes the Mayor to execute the Freeway Maintenance Agreement for the portion of SR-101 within the City of Arroyo Grande.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following alternatives are provided for the Council's consideration:

1. Approve staff's recommendations to 1) Adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Freeway Maintenance Agreement for the portion of State Highway Route (SR) 101 within the City of Arroyo Grande; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to forward the Resolution, Freeway Maintenance Agreement, and Letter of Self Insurance to Caltrans;

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2. Do not approve staff's recommendations and request further information;
3. Modify staff's recommendation and approve; or
4. Provide other direction to staff.

ADVANTAGES:

Updating the Freeway Maintenance Agreement will allow for the construction of permanent storm water improvements in the area of Oak Park Boulevard and El Camino Real, and will eliminate roadway flooding and the need for City crews to pump storm water away from the area water during rain events.

DISADVANTAGES:

None identified at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

No environmental review is required for this item.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND COMMENTS:

The Agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City's website in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

Attachment:

1. Proposed Resolution and Freeway Maintenance Agreement with Arroyo Grande, SLO 101 PM 12.0 to 14.6
2. Exhibit A to Proposed Resolution