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MEETING DATE: 9/8/2020

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

- **SUBMITTED TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
- SUBMITTED BY: Oliver Chi, City Manager
- PREPARED BY: Sean Crumby, Director of Public Works

Subject:

Approve and authorize execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for the Pilot Regional Signal Performance Measure Project

Statement of Issue:

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has submitted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the City of Huntington Beach to implement a traffic signal monitoring program for the City's signals along Brookhurst Street. This MOU clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the OCTA and the City with respect to the installation and operation of this monitoring system.

Financial Impact:

The Orange County Transportation Authority will be responsible for all project costs. There is no financial impact to the City.

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works and City Clerk to execute "Memorandum of Understanding No. C-0-2441 Between Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Huntington Beach for The Pilot Regional Signal Performance Measure Project."

Alternative Action(s):

Deny approval of the project and forgo participation in this project.

Analysis:

On March 2, 2018, the City Council approved a Cooperative Agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority to participate in the Brookhurst Street Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project. This project provided operational and infrastructure improvements along

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Brookhurst Street from Fullerton to Huntington Beach. As the construction and initial retiming activities are complete, the project is moving into the operation and maintenance phase.

As part of OCTA's management of this project, they have recommended implementing a monitoring system at each of the corridor's traffic signals in order that the traffic signal operational data can be remotely transmitted to OCTA. The cost of implementation and operation of this monitoring system will be the responsibility of OCTA. This agreement generally gives permission for OCTA to monitor the output from the City's traffic signals, and confirms that the City will continue to maintain the traffic signal system, as it ordinarily would regardless of this program. The City will also be given access to software so that City staff can also monitor the traffic signal output. This monitoring agreement will terminate on June 21, 2021, unless extended with mutual consent of both OCTA and the City.

Public Works Commission Action:

Not required.

Environmental Status:

No impact with approval of the agreement. The study is categorically exempt from CEQA.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and maintain infrastructure

Attachment(s):

- 1. Project Location Map
- 2. Memorandum of Understanding No. C-0-2441 between Orange County Transportation

Authority and the City of Huntington Beach for The Pilot Regional Signal Performance Measure Project