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DATE: September 5, 2006

TO: City Council

FROM: *Lou Balderama*
City Engineer

SUBJECT: Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Del Norte Boulevard/Highway 101 Interchange Project

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Del Norte Boulevard/Highway 101 Interchange project (Agreement No. A-6736).

DISCUSSION

The Del Norte Boulevard/Highway 101 Interchange Project consists of the replacement of the existing two-lane Del Norte Boulevard overcrossing with a five-lane structure, reconfiguration of the existing Highway 101 on-ramps and off-ramps, and the realignment of City's Camino Avenue and Ventura Boulevard. The City would perform all project preliminary engineering and environmental activities, and would fund 100% of all staff costs. Caltrans would provide quality assurance activities for the project's preliminary engineering work at the State's expense would perform the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review as the lead agency and would approve the environmental document prepared by City.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of the Cooperative Agreement is zero. Each party provides services at its cost and without charge to the other party. The current cost for the Project Report and the Environmental Document is \$475,000 and is funded from the circulation system improvement fees (Project #023113). The State will provide all the quality assurance activities during preliminary engineering, including the CEQA - lead Agency review and approval of the environmental documentation prepared by the City at the State's expense. Staff will return to Council for future project phases.

Note: Agreement No. A-6736 has been provided to the City Council. Copies are available for review at the Circulation Desk in the Library after 6:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting and at the City Clerk's Office after 8:00 a.m. on Monday.