



November 24, 2015

**The Honorable Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, California 94102**

***RE: Authorization of Cooperative Agreement No. 04-2587 with the State of California
(Caltrans) regarding construction support and Caltrans funding of the Van Ness Transit
Improvement Project***

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) requests authorization of behalf of the City, to execute Cooperative Agreement No. 04-2587 with Caltrans regarding construction support and Caltrans funding of the Van Ness Transit Improvement Project, pursuant to Charter Section 9.118(a).

This agreement is required as the Van Ness Corridor is part of the State highway system, and Caltrans requires a cooperative agreement spelling out the obligations of the parties for work performed by another public agency on a State highway within a municipality. This agreement is also required for SFMTA to receive Federal Transit Agency (FTA) Section 5309 Small Starts funding.

Background

The Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project, formerly known as the Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project, will implement the first BRT service in San Francisco, which will improve transit reliability for the 47 and 49 Muni routes and provide reliable transit connections to transfer routes.

The transit service and infrastructure changes are expected to reduce transit travel times by over 30 percent. With the implementation of BRT, ridership is projected to be greater than 60,000 passengers per day by 2035. The 47 and 49 Muni routes currently service approximately 45,000 passengers per day, so this is about a 33 percent increase. Once completed, Van Ness BRT will be an integral part of the Muni "Rapid" network of transit service that will gradually be implemented on all major corridors in San Francisco. The Project will also concurrently promote pedestrian safety and comfort, and enhance the urban design of Van Ness Avenue.

On Nov. 8, 2012, Caltrans, the SFMTA, and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority executed Cooperative Agreement No. 04-2450, for pre-construction work (development of plans, specifications, estimates (PS&E) and right-of-way obligations) for the Project. Such work is

nearing completion.

The proposed Cooperative Agreement No. 04-2587 sets forth the following:

- Caltrans funding contribution (not to exceed \$7,300,000 for Van Ness Avenue pavement rehabilitation and curb-ramp upgrade work)
- Sponsorship percentages (i.e. Caltrans at 4.5 percent, SFMTA at 95.5 percent)
- Funding details, documentation and reporting; invoice and payment procedures
- SFMTA to provide a Quality Management Plan for Caltrans' review and approval
- Caltrans to provide independent quality assurance
- Environmental permit requirements
- Caltrans to provide construction support, including review of change orders affecting its work
- Requirements for Caltrans to issue an encroachment permit (i.e., completion of PS&E, right-of-way certification; verification of full funding; completion of quality management plan)
- Other miscellaneous construction requirements, including for disposal of hazardous materials
- An unlimited indemnification of Caltrans for anything done, or omitted to be done, by the SFMTA and/or its contractors or agents

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed agreement. Should you have any questions, or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact the SFMTA Project Manager Peter Gabancho at (415) 701-4306.

Sincerely,



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Director of Transportation

