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Memorandum

Agenda Item 2c

TO: Operations Committee

DATE: April 4, 2014

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 6032

RE: Funding Agreement - Freeway Service Patrol Overtime Services: California Highway Patrol (\$110,000)

This Memorandum requests Committee approval of a three-year funding agreement with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in the amount of \$110,000 to provide overtime services for the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) program.

Summary

In the past, MTC SAFE has funded supervisory services provided by the CHP for the FSP program when CHP experienced a funding shortfall. Such funding is beyond the scope of the FSP memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the partner agencies (MTC SAFE, CHP and CalTrans) but was provided on a temporary basis through a separate agreement that expires on June 30, 2014; this agreement funds the overtime hours that CHP field supervisors and dispatchers incur to oversee the FSP tow operators.

Currently, CHP is working on a staffing study to support an increase in its statewide allocation for FSP operations that will allow CHP to cover its own personnel cost. In the meantime, staff proposes a new agreement that would span FY 2014-15 through FY 2016-17 and fund: 1) field supervision by CHP officers for weekend FSP service; 2) additional field supervision by CHP officers on tow operator proficiency training days; and 3) a dedicated CHP dispatcher, only in FY 2014-15, to service Sunday beat shifts. Staff estimates that \$110,000 in SAFE funds will be required as follows: \$50,000 in FY 2014-15, \$35,000 in FY 2015-16 and \$25,000 in FY 2016-17.

Regardless of whether CHP is successful in acquiring additional funding, as a result of the staffing study, the proposed new funding agreement between MTC SAFE and CHP will not be renewed. Rather, any additional funding will be agreed upon and documented in a revision to the MOU.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that this Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a three-year funding agreement with the California Highway Patrol in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 to provide Freeway Service Patrol overtime services.



Steve Heminger

SH: SP

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement

Work Item No.: 6032

Agency: California Highway Patrol (CHP)

Work Project Title: CHP/MTC SAFE Overtime Agreement

Purpose of Project: Provide funding for CHP overtime field supervision and dispatch operations.

Brief Scope of Work: Fund CHP field supervisors and dispatchers to provide oversight on FSP beats with weekend service and enhanced supervision on training days, as needed.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$110,000

Funding Source: SAFE

Fiscal Impact: \$50,000 is proposed in FY 2014-15 budget; \$35,000 and \$25,000 are subject to approval of the FY 2015-16, and FY 2016-17 budgets, respectively.

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with CHP for the services described above and in the Executive Director's memorandum dated April 4, 2013 and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside funds for such funding agreement in an amount of \$50,000 for FY 2014-15, \$35,000 for FY 2015-16, and \$25,000 for FY 2016-17, all subject to approval of future budgets.

Operations Committee:

Jake Mackenzie, Chair

Approved: Date: April 11, 2014

SH: SP

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