



Agenda Report

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SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Cooperative Agreement between Orange County Sanitation District and the City of Fountain Valley for installation of a traffic signal and authorize its execution and implementation.

BACKGROUND

The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) is currently constructing a new headquarters complex in the City of Fountain Valley. The headquarters complex has been designed and permitted to provide appropriate access for all staff from Ellis Avenue. OC San identified an additional opportunity to improve site access and safety by installing a new traffic signal at the intersection of Mount Langley Street and Ellis Avenue. OC San and the City of Fountain Valley began discussions to come to the subject agreement, which contains the following material terms:

- OC San shall be responsible for the design and construction of the traffic signal project at OC San's cost.
- The City of Fountain Valley shall cooperate with OC San to expedite review of the design; issue needed permits at no cost to OC San or its construction contractor; inspect the construction; and, upon completion, accept ownership and maintenance of the traffic signal.

The design and construction of the new traffic signal, contingent upon approval of this agreement, will be executed under OC San project number FR1-0020, Traffic Signal Installation at Ellis Avenue and Mt. Langley Street Intersection.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

- Protect OC San assets
- Commitment to safety & reducing risk in all operations
- Maintain collaborative and cooperative relationships with regulators, stakeholders, and neighboring communities

PROBLEM

Access to the new headquarters is predominantly from Pacific Street or Bandilier Circle via Ellis Avenue. Staff who want to exit the headquarters complex and head east on Ellis Avenue or north on Euclid Street, will need to exit onto Pacific Street, turn left, and drive around to Ward Street, via Lawson River Avenue, and travel to Talbert Avenue or Ellis Avenue. OC San currently has a policy that staff working in OC San's Mt. Langley Building cannot make an unprotected left-hand turn onto Ellis Avenue due to potential safety issues.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Construct a new traffic signal at the intersection of Ellis Avenue and Mt. Langley Street via the Cooperative Agreement to allow for a protected left-hand turn onto Ellis Avenue.

TIMING CONCERNS

Delaying this Cooperative Agreement may impact how quickly the new traffic signal can be designed and constructed.

RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION

Absent the Cooperative Agreement, a new traffic signal will not be constructed near the new OC San headquarters complex.

PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

CEQA

Under this agreement, OC San shall be designated as lead agency for the traffic signal construction under CEQA.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Under this agreement, OC San shall be responsible for costs associated with the design and construction of the traffic signal. The construction cost for the traffic signal is approximately \$850,000. Total project cost is approximately \$1,900,000. Contingent on approval of this agreement, appropriate funding will be identified, and authorization will comply with the authority levels of OC San's Purchasing Ordinance.

ATTACHMENT

The following attachment(s) may be viewed on-line at the OC San website (www.ocsan.gov) with the complete agenda package:

- Cooperative Agreement
- Presentation