



# AGENDA REPORT

**Department:** Engineering/Public Works  
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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023  
**Approved by:** Brad Raulston, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:**

Memorandum of Agreement between the California Department of Transportation and the City of National City for the preparation and approval of the environmental document for the I-5/SR-15/Harbor Drive 2.0 Connected Corridor project.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing City Manager or Designee to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the California Department of Transportation and the City of National City for the Preparation and Approval of the Environmental Document for the I-5/SR-15/Harbor Drive 2.0 Connected Corridor Project.

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:**

Not Applicable.

**EXPLANATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) desires to enter into a 5-year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of National City (City) for the preparation and approval of the environmental document for the I-5/SR-15/Harbor Drive 2.0 Connected Corridor project in anticipation of future funding to be identified. The former Mayor of the City of National City, Alejandra Sotelo-Solis has expressed strong support for this project (see attachment).

This project proposes to introduce connected all-day and off-peak dedicated truck lanes and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies along Harbor Drive and connecting arterials to I-5 and SR-15 in San Diego and National City to address community concerns of truck traffic in residential communities while improving connections and travel times between the Working Waterfront, I-5 and SR-15, and intermodal freight facilities. The proposed ITS improvements will support the development of a connected and sustainable freight corridor, improve access and circulation, manage truck travel on designated routes, and expand transportation mobility options for the working waterfront.

The attached MOA outlines the terms and responsibilities of both parties where the City will participate as a member of the Project Development Team. Contribution from the City will be in the form of in-kind staff resources, as the MOA requires that the City actively participate in the entire process as a reviewer. Caltrans is also requesting that the City contribute to this project by issuing encroachment approvals.

Staff has reviewed the MOA, and is in agreement with the terms.

Staff recommends Council adopt the resolution authorizing City Manager or designee to execute MOA between Caltrans and the City of National City.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

No matching City funds required at this time.

**RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Health, Environment, and Sustainability

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

This is a project under CEQA and requires the preparation of an Initial Study. CCR15063.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:**

Agenda Report posted within 72 hours of meeting date and time in accordance with Brown Act.

**ORDINANCE:**

Not Applicable

**EXHIBITS:**

Exhibit A - Agreement

Exhibit B – Letter of Support

Exhibit C - Resolution