



**CALIFORNIA
HIGH-SPEED RAIL
AUTHORITY**

BRIEFING: August 2, 2012, BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #2

TO: Dan Richard and Authority Board Members

FROM: Thomas Fellenz, Chief Counsel

DATE: July 26, 2012

RE: Approval of Caltrans Inter-Agency Agreement for the Relocation of Highway 99

Background/Discussion:

The High Speed Rail Authority will be required to realign State Highway Route 99 (SR 99) in the City of Fresno from Ashlan Avenue to Clinton Avenue and use this portion of the existing state highway right of way (approximately 2.5 miles in length) to construct a portion of the high speed train system. The State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) owns and operates this section of the State Highway and has indicated it can perform the work for the plans, specifications and estimate, right of way services (acquisition of approximately 50 parcels), and construction activities for the roadway improvements for the SR 99 realignment, as well as removal of the existing SR 99 infrastructure and preparation of sub-ballast for the High Speed Rail project within the 2.5 miles section, currently part of the State rights of way. Caltrans will perform this work using a design bid build project delivery method. Caltrans will advertise and award the construction project for this work to a private construction contractor and provide construction inspection services. The Authority will fund all activities. Public Utilities Code section 185036 allows the Authority to enter into contracts with private or public entities for the design and construction of high speed train facilities. These contracts may be separated into individual tasks or segments or may include all tasks or segments. The Authority is requesting approval to enter into an interagency agreement to contract for the above services with Caltrans.

The total estimate costs for the Caltrans services, the costs of property acquisition and corresponding construction project is \$225,900,000.

Recommendations:

Approve the proposed resolution allowing the High Speed Rail Authority CEO to enter into an interagency agreement with Caltrans for performance of the plans, specifications and estimate, right of way services, and construction activities for the roadway improvements for the SR 99 realignment, as well as removal of the existing SR 99 infrastructure and preparation of sub-ballast for the high speed Rail project within the 2.5 miles section currently part of the State rights of way, including the advertising and awarding of the construction project for this work to a private construction contractor and the performance of construction inspection services.

Attachments:

Resolution HSRA # 12-23