

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



JAIME E. MOORE
FIRE CHIEF

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 26-019

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Jaime E. Moore, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (TRAFFIC DETOUR) #07-5357 WITH CALTRANS

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) has been notified that the Vincent Thomas Bridge (VTB) will be undergoing seismic retrofit and maintenance work which will result in the full closure of the bridge for a period of 16 months, starting in late 2026. This will result in traffic being detoured and impact various City departments, including those that provide public safety services. The City of Los Angeles will enter into an agreement between the State of California, acting through its Department of Transportation, referred to as CALTRANS.

The LAFD has determined that the cost to provide one Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance for the 16 months, November 1, 2026 through February 29, 2028, will cost up to \$2,529,326. This funding will cover the cost of the staff working overtime which will be reimbursement by CALTRANS.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the agreement with CALTRANS.
2. Transmit the agreement with CALTRANS to the Office of the Mayor for review and approval, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 in order to Authorize the Fire Chief to:
 - a. Accept the reimbursements to be made by CALTRANS which cover the period of November 1, 2026 through February 29, 2028 in the amount of \$2,529,326;
 - b. Execute any documents necessary to accept the grant on the City's behalf.
3. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Deposit funds received into Fire Department's General Fund 100, Revenue Source Code 5301 - Reimbursement From Other Funds.

- b. Authorize the LAFD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and authorize the Controller to implement the instruction.

FISCAL IMPACT

The LAFD has determined that the total cost for the Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance which will be staffed on variable staffed overtime for 16 months is \$2,529,326. The time period is November 1, 2026 through February 29, 2028 which covers Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28. Funds will be requested in the impacted Proposed Budgets which would then be reimbursed to the City by CALTRANS.

CONCLUSION

The Los Angeles Fire Department will continue to provide essential public safety in the affected area during the Vincent Thomas Bridge upgrades by assigning a BLS ambulance during the November 1, 2026 through February 29, 2028 timeframe.

Board Report prepared by Jason Getchius, Battalion Chief, Emergency Operations and Sandra Ocon, Chief Management Analyst, Administrative Services Bureau.

Attachment

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COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (TRAFFIC DETOUR)

This AGREEMENT, executed on and effective from _____, is between the State of California, acting through its Department of Transportation, referred to as CALTRANS, and:

City of Los Angeles, a body politic and municipal corporation or chartered city of the State of California, referred to hereinafter as CITY.

CALTRANS and CITY are individually referred to as PARTY and collectively referred to as PARTIES.

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RECITALS

1. Under California Streets and Highways Code (SHC) Section 93, CALTRANS is authorized to construct and maintain detours as may be necessary to facilitate movement of traffic where State Highways are closed or obstructed by construction or otherwise.
2. The temporary closure of the Vincent Thomas Bridge on State Route 47 (SR-47), from post mile R0.4 to post mile 2.1, to implement the Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement project, referred to herein as CALTRANS PROJECT requires the detouring of State Highway traffic onto various streets within the City of Los Angeles. This traffic redirection shall be referred to herein as DETOUR.
3. CITY shall provide the necessary support, within existing available resources, as requested by CALTRANS, to assist with the DETOUR. PARTIES are planning to enter into four (4) agreements for CALTRANS to reimburse CITY for its costs incurred in the operation of the DETOUR.
4. To implement DETOUR effectively, CITY needs to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance, staffed with two Emergency Technicians (EMT) firefighters on Terminal Island for the duration of the 16-month Vincent Thomas Bridge full closure.
5. This AGREEMENT (Agreement 3) is for CALTRANS to reimburse the costs incurred by the CITY's Fire Department (LAFD) as specified in this AGREEMENT.
6. PARTIES are also entering into agreement (Agreement 1) to reimburse the costs incurred by the CITY's Department of Transportation for the costs incurred for Traffic Control Officers and timing signal adjustments during operation of DETOUR.
7. PARTIES are also entering into agreement (Agreement 2) to reimburse the costs incurred by the CITY's Police Department (LAPD) for the costs incurred in enforcement and expeditious incident management during the operation of DETOUR.
8. PARTIES are also entering into agreement (Agreement 4) to reimburse the costs incurred by the CITY's Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) to observe flow and quickly identify incidents.

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9. Agreement 1, Agreement 2, and Agreements 4 are together referred to as OTHER AGREEMENTS.
10. PARTIES hereby set forth the terms and conditions under which DETOUR is operated, maintained, financed and vacated by CALTRANS after it ceases operation of DETOUR.

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11. CALTRANS has rights under SHC Section 93, to direct State Highway traffic into DETOUR which will serve as a detour for State Highway until CALTRANS PROJECT is complete and can safely pass highway traffic. No encroachment permit will be required from CITY for CALTRANS to operate DETOUR.
12. CALTRANS shall prepare plans and specifications, install temporary signing, pavement delineation, and pavement overlay as specified in the DETOUR plans and the CITY will review and provide comments on plans and specifications prepared and issue the required permits.
13. In lieu of the requirement under Streets and Highways section 93 to maintain the detour, CALTRANS will pay CITY as provided in this AGREEMENT and OTHER AGREEMENTS.
14. CALTRANS will remove DETOUR signage/pavement delineation and re-application of pavement delineation to restore original flow of traffic after CALTRANS PROJECT completion.
15. CITY will resume normal maintenance of the various streets in City of Los Angeles after CALTRANS ceases the DETOUR operation.
16. CALTRANS shall properly vacate DETOUR in accordance with the terms of this AGREEMENT, by issuing written notice to CITY informing that CALTRANS intends to cease operation of DETOUR.
17. CITY will invoice CALTRANS monthly invoices for the prior month's actual expenditures. CALTRANS will pay CITY using SHOPP funds within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of such billing.

CITY will furnish CALTRANS with a detailed final accounting statement upon completion of DETOUR and all work incidental thereto. CITY will refund or invoice

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CALTRANS within forty-five (45) calendar days as necessary in order to satisfy the financial commitments of this AGREEMENT.

CALTRANS will pay CITY within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of a detailed final accounting statement. CALTRANS' financial obligations under this AGREEMENT shall not exceed \$2,529,326 unless CALTRANS authorizes a greater amount in a formal amendment to this AGREEMENT.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

18. All portions of this AGREEMENT, including the Recitals section, are enforceable.
19. All CALTRANS' obligations and commitments under the terms of this AGREEMENT are subject to the appropriation of resources by the Legislature, State Budget Act authority, and programming and allocation of funds by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).
20. Notwithstanding the terms of this AGREEMENT, PARTIES agree to abide by the funding guidelines for all contributed funds that are programmed and allocated by the CTC.
21. PARTIES understand that this AGREEMENT is in accordance with and governed by the Constitution and laws of the State of California. This AGREEMENT will be enforceable in the State of California. Any PARTY initiating legal action arising from this AGREEMENT will file and maintain that legal action in the Superior Court of the county in which the CALTRANS district office that is signatory to this AGREEMENT resides, or in the Superior Court of the county in which the CALTRANS PROJECT is physically located.
22. PARTIES will first attempt to resolve AGREEMENT disputes through communication amongst the PARTIES. If they cannot resolve the dispute themselves, CALTRANS' District Director and CITY's Manager will attempt to negotiate a resolution. If PARTIES do not reach a resolution, PARTIES' legal counsel will initiate mediation. PARTIES agree to participate in mediation in good faith and will share equally in its costs.

Neither the dispute nor the mediation process relieves PARTIES from full and timely performance in accordance with the term of this AGREEMENT. However, if any

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PARTY stops fulfilling its obligations, any other PARTY may seek equitable relief to ensure that the CALTRANS PROJECT continues.

Except for equitable relief, no PARTY may file a civil complaint until after mediation, or forty-five (45) calendar days after filing the written mediation request, whichever occurs first.

23. If a PARTY receives a public records request pertaining to DETOUR, that PARTY will notify PARTIES within five (5) working days of receipt and make PARTIES aware of any disclosed public records.
24. The obligations assumed by CALTRANS under this AGREEMENT and OTHER AGREEMENTS fulfils all obligations imposed upon it, including but not limited to those under SHC 93, such as:
 - a) CALTRANS obligation towards all reasonable expenses incurred in constructing and maintaining DETOUR during such operation;
 - b) For all reasonable additional expenses incurred in maintaining DETOUR in the CITY during such operation;
 - c) The costs of restoring the DETOUR to its former condition upon completion of such usage.
25. PARTIES designate their respective representative through whom all communication between PARTIES, relative to this AGREEMENT, shall be channeled:

CALTRANS

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100 S. Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
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Email: rimma.tebeleva@dot.ca.gov

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Jason Getchius, Battalion Chief
Address:
638 S. Beacon Street, Suite 374

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San Pedro, CA 90731
Telephone: (310) 548-2531
Email: jason.getchius@lacity.org

26. Should any portion of DETOUR be financed with federal funds or state gas tax funds, all applicable laws, regulations, policies and guidance relating to the use of such funds shall apply notwithstanding other provisions of this AGREEMENT.
27. Upon completion of all work under this AGREEMENT, ownership and title to all materials, equipment and appurtenances installed will automatically be vested in CITY within CITY's right-of-way and no further agreement will be necessary to transfer ownership to CITY.
28. Nothing in the provisions of this AGREEMENT is intended to create duties or obligations to or rights in third parties not parties to this AGREEMENT or affect the legal liability of either party to the AGREEMENT by imposing any standard of care with respect to the maintenance of State highways different from the standard of care imposed by law.
29. Neither CALTRANS nor any officer or employee thereof is responsible for any injury, damage, or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by CITY, its contractors, sub-contractors, and/or its agents under or in connection with any work, authority, or jurisdiction conferred upon CITY under this AGREEMENT. It is understood and agreed that CITY, to the extent permitted by law, will defend, indemnify, and save harmless CALTRANS and all of its officers and employees from all claims, suits, or actions of every name, kind, and description brought forth under, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation, or other theories and assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by CITY, its contractors, sub-contractors, and/or its agents under this AGREEMENT.
30. Neither CITY nor any officer or employee thereof is responsible for any injury, damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by CALTRANS, its contractors, sub-contractors, and/or its agents under or in connection with any work, authority, or jurisdiction conferred upon CALTRANS under this AGREEMENT. It is understood and agreed that CALTRANS, to the extent permitted by law, will defend, indemnify, and save harmless CITY and all of its officers and employees from all claims, suits, or actions of every name, kind, and description brought forth under, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation, or other theories and assertions of liability

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occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by CALTRANS, its contractors, sub-contractors, and/or its agents under this AGREEMENT.

31. This AGREEMENT will terminate when DETOUR ceases to be operated as such detour and when all parties execute a CLOSURE STATEMENT to terminate this AGREEMENT. CLOSURE STATEMENT is a document signed by parties that verifies the completion of all obligation included in this AGREEMENT and in all amendments to this AGREEMENT.

However, all indemnification, document retention, audit, claims, environmental commitment, legal challenge, hazardous material, operation, maintenance and ownership articles will remain in effect until terminated or modified in writing by mutual agreement.

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SIGNATURES

PARTIES are authorized to enter into this AGREEMENT and have delegated to the undersigned the authority to execute this AGREEMENT on behalf of the respective agencies and hereby covenants to have followed all the necessary legal requirements to validly execute this AGREEMENT. By signing below, the PARTIES each expressly agree to execute this AGREEMENT electronically.

The PARTIES acknowledge that executed copies of this AGREEMENT may be exchanged by facsimile or email, and that such copies shall be deemed to be effective as originals.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____
For Gloria Roberts
District Director
Date: _____

By: _____
Jaime E. Moore, Fire Chief
City of Los Angeles
Date: _____

By: _____
Meera Danday, Attorney
Department of Transportation
Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
HYDEE FEDSTEIN SOTO City Attorney

By: _____
Stephanie Cao, Deputy City Attorney
Date: _____

VERIFIED OF FUNDS & AUTHORITY:

By: _____
District Budget Manager
Date: _____

ATTEST:
PATRICE Y. LATTIMORE, City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy City Clerk

**CERTIFIED AS TO FINANCIAL TERMS &
POLICIES:**

By: _____
Darwin Salmos
HQ Accounting Supervisor
Date: _____

Date: _____