



Agenda Item No. (4)(a)

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of December 19, 2019

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Subject: **AUTHORIZE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT(S) AND/OR TRANSFER(S)**
(a) BUDGET INCREASE IN THE FY 19/20 BRIDGE DIVISION
CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE PHYSICAL
SUICIDE DETERRENT SYSTEM PROJECT (PROJECT #1526)

Recommendation

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends, in concurrence with the Building and Operating Committee at its meeting on December 19, 2019, that the Board of Directors authorize a budget increase in the amount of \$194,868 in the *Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System project (Project #1526)*, to be financed with Cell Site Revenues, to fund the permit fee associated with a four year extension of the National Park Service Special Use Permit for construction Contract No. 2016-B-1, *Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System and Wind Retrofit*.

This matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its December 20, 2019, meeting for appropriate action.

Summary

The approaches of the Golden Gate Bridge and the surrounding areas are located on federal land administered by the Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS), Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's (District) right to build, maintain and operate the Bridge are documented in the original right-of-way permit and its subsequent amendments granted by the federal government to the District. The NPS, as the agency administering the lands around the Bridge, requires the District to obtain a Special Use Permit (SUP) for the right of entry for access, mobilization, staging, construction and site restoration associated with the *Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System and Wind Retrofit* construction.

On October 8, 2015, by Resolution No. 2015-089, the Board of Directors approved entering into a Special Use Permit (SUP) with the NPS associated with the construction of Contract No. 2016-B-1, *Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System and Wind Retrofit*. The original term

of the SUP was for four years and expires December 31, 2019. Because the construction for Contract No. 2016-B-1 will not be completed by December 31, 2019, an amendment extending the term of the SUP is required. Representatives from Engineering and NPS reviewed the SUP and determined that other changes to the permit are also required. Staff and NPS have negotiated an amendment to the SUP and the parties have tentatively agreed to the following amended terms and conditions:

- A. The term of the SUP will be extended four years, from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2023.
- B. The District will continue to pay the NPS an annual permit fee of \$48,717, which will reimburse the NPS for staff costs associated with the NPS oversight of the project for adherence to the permit conditions. This cost will be financed from cellular site lease revenues generated by the District at the toll plaza pursuant to Amendment 21 of the District's 1931 Right-of-Way Permit. Amendment 21 provides that the cell site revenues may be used for projects jointly agreed upon by the NPS and the District.
- C. The NPS contacts will be updated to include the current Superintendent and the current NPS point of contact.
- D. Because of realignment of traffic flow along Alexander Avenue and Conzelman Road, the construction site access roads will be modified to allow access through Fort Baker via Alexander Avenue to Bunker Road, to Moore Road and to Conzelman Road.
- E. Additional traffic and work restrictions will be implemented due to the change in the access route through Fort Baker.
- F. An additional guard shelter and portable restroom will be allowed to be installed due to the change in the access route through Fort Baker.
- G. The Traffic Management Plan will be modified to account for the change in the access route through Fort Baker.
- H. The condition of the modified access route will be surveyed and documented.
- I. The District will be granted the right to allow the contractor to park up to 25 contractor employee vehicles in Fort Baker Construction Area A (under the north back span of the Suspension Bridge).
- J. Limited vegetation and soil removal on the slopes under the North Back Span will be allowed to facilitate installation of the Physical Suicide Deterrent System at that location.

Fiscal Impact

The *Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System* Project (Project #1526) is included in the FY19/20 Bridge Division Capital Budget at a cost of \$192,585,000. A capital budget increase of \$194,868, funded with cell site revenues, is required to fully fund the NPS Special Use Permit fees for the additional four years of the term of the SUP as authorized by Amendment No. 1. The revised total project budget of \$192,779,868 will be funded with \$132.1 million in grants (69% FHWA and MHSOAC), \$60.2 million District funds (31%), \$389,736 in cell site revenues and \$38,725 in donations (less than 1%, combined).