REPORT

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TO: Administration Committee

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SUBJECT: Approval to Add Funds to Sole Source Contract with Lindell L. Marsh

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve funding of $30,000 to be added to the current contract with Lindell L. Marsh, Attorney at Law, for his support for Federal, State, and Local Collaboration on Goods Movement.

BACKGROUND:

At the January 12th Regional CEO's meeting, the executive directors agreed to continue Lindell L. Marsh's contract in support for Federal, State, and Local Collaboration on Goods Movement. This is a joint program aimed at executing a Southern California National Freight Gateway MOU with all the key federal, state and local agencies. SCAG was requested to administer the contract on behalf of the county transportation commissions.

The RC approved a Sole Source contract (information item October 5, 2006) for Lindell L. Marsh, Attorney at Law, for support for Federal, State, and Local Collaboration on Goods Movement. Lindell L. Marsh is a sole proprietor providing professional services to coordinate collaboration on Goods Movement issues. Mr. Marsh was selected for a sole source contract due to him being the originator of the MOU approach and having laid the groundwork for improved collaboration. Mr. Marsh has a strong understanding of the laws, regulations, and institutions comprising our fragmented system of governance (e.g., as reflected in NEPA, CEQA, Environmental Laws and Regulations, FACA, various Executive Orders, etc.). He has an understanding of the practices and working relationships with the public agencies. He has a working knowledge of the underlying substantive concerns (e.g., concerns that are related to economics and projects, the environment and communities). Furthermore, Lindell L. Marsh has a sense of the practice of group innovation (how to assist the group of fragmented organizations and interests involved to collaboratively innovate).

A Notice to Proceed for Contract 07-027-C1 was issued on September 14, 2006 with completion on June 27, 2007 for the total amount of $35,000. The contract is jointly funded by MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG, and VCTC that contributed $5,000 each, and SCAG that contributed $10,000.

Lindell L. Marsh has performed well thus far in coordinating with the various stakeholders and funding partners on Goods Movement issues and has formulated a MOU. However, the task of executing the MOU remains. Consequently, SCAG on behalf of its funding partners seek to continue Lindell L. Marsh's efforts on a sole source basis with additional funding of approximately $30,000.

Although addition of these funds will essentially double the amount of the current contract, it is the recommended course of action in order to expedite the process, allow for administrative efficiency, and seamless continuation of the same level of effort type service being performed by Mr. Marsh.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Minimal. The various funding partners have committed to $5,000 each for a total of $30,000.

Reviewed by:

Division Manager

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Department Director

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Chief Financial Officer