REPORT

DATE: June 7, 2007

TO: Administration Committee
Regional Council

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SUBJECT: I-710 EIR/EIS Funding Agreement

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Direct SCAG staff to develop a Funding Agreement with the MTA that would commit SCAG to $3 million—comprising $2 million in direct support and $1 million in "in-kind" activities—over the duration of the project, which is expected to be 43 months.

The direct support would be provided as follows:

Fiscal Year (FY) 2007/2008:	$300,000
FY 2008/2009:	$850,000
FY 2009/2010:	$850,000
Total direct support:	$2,000,000

BACKGROUND:
Pursuant to the I-710 EIR/EIS MOU approved by the Regional Council on September 14, 2006, staff is continuing to work with MTA to develop the Funding Agreement outlining the specific funding terms and mechanisms for this project. At the time of the MOU development, it was envisioned that SCAG would contribute $3 million to this project over three years, composed of $1 million in direct support and $2 million in "in-kind" contributions.

However, based upon recent discussions with MTA regarding the project schedule and SCAG staff availability for "in-kind" work during this RTP cycle, staff will recommend to the Regional Council that SCAG's commitment be $2 million in direct support and $1 million in "in-kind" contributions over three years. This approach would be the most efficient use of SCAG resources to contribute towards this effort and avoid any potential costly delays to the EIR/EIS work. Staff anticipates presenting the TCC and the Regional Council with a Funding Agreement for approval on July 12, 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT:
This action would commit SCAG to $2 million cash over three fiscal years, FY 2007/2008 through 2009/2010. The FY 2007/2008 OWP includes $300,000 towards this commitment. The $1 million in "in-kind" activities will be part of the normal course of SCAG activities during this period.

Reviewed by:

Division Manager

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Department Director

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Chief Financial Officer