



Caltrans Services Memorandum with Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority

Consent

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**Attachments:** Yes

**Referring Committee:** Transportation

**Issue:**

Staff will present a memorandum from Caltrans documenting its commitments to the Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority (CARTA).

**Request:**

Approve

**Recommendation for Board:**

The Transportation Committee unanimously recommended that the SACOG Board of Directors accept the Caltrans Services Memorandum and its incorporation as an addendum to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for CARTA.

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That the committee recommend that the SACOG Board of Directors accept the Caltrans Services Memorandum and its incorporation as an addendum to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for CARTA.

**Background:**

In January 2024, CARTA was established through an Agreement (Attachment A) between SACOG, YoloTD, and Caltrans. Section 6.4 of the Agreement states:

*CALTRANS has agreed to provide the Authority, including both the current Project and future Joint Facilities, with the following services in connection with the implementation and operation of Joint Facilities: Transportation Management Center services; access to the CALTRANS Freeway Service Patrol Contract; maintenance services; engineering services; access to the CALTRANS communications network; and expedited review of closures and permits. Within 180 days of the effective date of this agreement, CALTRANS shall provide the Authority with a memorandum detailing the scope, terms, and condition of services to be provided to the Authority. Upon acceptance by all other initial Members, the memorandum shall become an incorporated addendum to this Agreement.*

To meet the requirements of Section 6.4 of the Agreement, Caltrans has submitted a memorandum (Attachment B) that outlines, in writing, their commitment to provide Transportation Management Center,

Freeway Service Patrol, maintenance, engineering, permitting, oversight, and communications network services to CARTA. This memorandum was originally submitted to CARTA staff on May 17, 2024, meeting the 180-day deadline. Following the initial submission, Caltrans has further refined the memo to reflect feedback from CARTA member agency staff and from the CARTA Board of Directors.

Specifically, member agency staff and CARTA Directors requested that the memorandum include more specific information about the costs and benefits of Caltrans' commitments, particularly as compared to other tolling authorities. The final memorandum (Attachment B) more clearly specifies Caltrans' actions, the costs to CARTA for those actions, and how those costs compare to what Caltrans provides other agencies.

The Agreement requires the memorandum to be accepted by CARTA and all "Initial Members", including SACOG and Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD). The CARTA Board accepted the memorandum at their October 17, 2024, meeting and the YoloTD Board accepted the memorandum at their November 18, 2024, meeting.

**Discussion/Analysis:**

Staff believe the memorandum meets the requirements of Section 6.4 of the JPA agreement and addresses the concerns expressed by the SACOG Board of Directors in January. Caltrans' contributions to CARTA will save between \$2.5 and \$5.9 million in CARTA's first five years of operating Yolo 80. Staff recommend acceptance of the memorandum (Attachment B).

Because the memorandum has previously been accepted by the CARTA and YoloTD Boards, acceptance by the SACOG Board of Directors is the final required action to incorporate the memorandum as an amendment to the Agreement.

**Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

Included in the Overall Work Program/Budget

**List of Attachments:**

Attachment A: CARTA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

Attachment B: Caltrans Services Memorandum