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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Subject: Public Works – Approve Administering Agency-State Master Agreement, Adopt **RESOLUTION** Authorizing Program Supplement, Appropriate Funds, Adopt Categorical Exemption, Approve Plans and Specifications, and Award a Public Works Agreement for Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements, T-171 (Lomita Boulevard at Madison Street). Expenditure: \$707,267 (Non-General Fund).

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## RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

1. Approve Administering Agency-State Master Agreement No. 07-5249S21 for State-Funded Projects between the City of Torrance and the State of California; and
2. Adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing and directing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute and attest to Program Supplement No. A168 to Administering Agency-State Master Agreement No. 07-5249S21 for the Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements, T-171 (Lomita Boulevard at Madison Street), HSIPSL-0549(033); and
3. Appropriate \$537,790 of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant funds to the Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements, T-171 (Lomita Boulevard at Madison Street); and
4. Adopt a finding of categorical exemption per staff determination, pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the guidelines implementing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements, T-171 (Lomita Boulevard at Madison Street); and
5. Approve the plans and specifications for Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements, T-171 (Lomita Boulevard at Madison Street) (B2024-09) project; and
6. Award a Public Works Agreement to PTM General Engineering Services, Inc. of Riverside, CA (B2024-09), in the amount of \$615,015 and authorize a 15% contingency in the amount of \$92,252, for construction of Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements, T-171 (Lomita Boulevard at Madison Street), for a two-year period beginning December 17, 2024 and ending December 16, 2026.

## FUNDING

Funding Source	Amount
Highway Safety Improvement Program (Non-General Fund)	\$ 537,790.00
Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements, T-171 – Prop C (Non-General Fund)	\$ 169,477.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 707,267.00</b>

## DISCUSSION

The City identified the intersection of Lomita Boulevard and Madison Street (Attachment 1) as a top safety priority due to the collision history and difficulty of making left-hand turns onto and off of Madison St. Staff conducted a traffic signal warrant analysis for the intersection and submitted an application to the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 10 Call-for-Projects in September 2020. The grant application was successful and the City was approved to receive \$537,790 in HSIP grant funds. The proposed project will improve safety at the intersection and circulation along Lomita Boulevard with the installation of a new traffic signal with contactless pedestrian pushbuttons, curb ramps, and crosswalks.

State HSIP funds in the amount of \$537,790 are available on a reimbursement basis. No local match is required, however the HSIP grant funds will be supplemented with local funds to cover cost increases due to inflation since the time of the grant funding application and to increase the available contingency for construction.

HSIP funds are administered by the state of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). For the City to ensure eligibility for reimbursement of state funds, the City must approve the Master Agreement (Attachment 2), adopt a Resolution (Attachment 3), and execute and attest to the Program Supplement (Attachment 4). The Program Supplement is a project-specific supplement to the City's Master Agreement for State-funded projects. The Master Agreement and Program Supplement outline the terms and conditions required for the City to receive the state funds.

The project was advertised for public bid in September 2024 in the Daily Breeze (multi-day advertisements), with construction/bid "clearinghouse" organizations, and posted on PlanetBids. A total of ten (10) bids were received and opened on October 16, 2024 with the following results:

Rank	Vendor	City, State	Bid Price
1*	PTM General Engineering Services, Inc.	Riverside, CA	\$615,015.00
2	HIGH LIGHT ELECTRIC INC.	Colton, CA	\$668,888.00
3	Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc.	Chino, CA	\$695,688.00
4	Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc.	Irwindale, CA	\$699,478.00
5	Select Electric, Inc.	Anaheim, CA	\$707,978.00
6	POLO Engineering, Inc.	Castaic, CA	\$746,209.43
7	Calpromax Engineering	Placentia, CA	\$779,200.00
8	Gentry General Engineering, Inc	Colton, CA	\$782,225.00
9	Servitek Electric, Inc.	Norwalk, CA	\$861,553.00
10	We R Builders, Inc.	Glendale, CA	\$1,017,050.00

\*Lowest Responsive Bidder.

The Engineer's estimate for the project is \$638,750. PTM General Engineering Services, Inc. (PTM) submitted a bid in the amount of \$615,015, which is approximately 1.5% below the Engineer's estimate.

Staff performed an evaluation of the bid results including a thorough review of PTM's bid, licensure, references, qualifications, performance history and labor compliance record, and determined all to be in order. PTM has performed numerous projects of similar size, scope, and scale for the City of Covina, the City of Monterey Park, and the City of Lynwood. PTM is the confirmed lowest responsive bidder, and the Public Works Director recommends that the Public Works Agreement (Attachment 5) be awarded to PTM. Staff sent a Notice of Intent to Award to all bidders on December 2, 2024, which was two weeks prior to the recommended award of contract. Staff received no bid protests nor correspondence from third parties about this bid.

Staff recommends a 15% construction contingency to cover unexpected costs for any unforeseen conditions. Having the higher contingency will allow staff to quickly address issues via a contract change order and minimize construction impacts to motorists. Any contingency funds not used would be available for other traffic signal improvement projects.

Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2025. Further information about this project and all other active infrastructure projects can be found on our Public Works website at <https://www.torranceca.gov/our-city/capital-improvement-projects>.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS**

Staff has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(c).




## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Location Map
2. Master Agreement for State Funded Projects No. 07-5249S21
3. Resolution
4. Program Supplement No. A168
5. Public Works Agreement

**LOMITA BOULEVARD AT MADISON STREET  
TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION, T-171  
PROJECT LOCATION MAP**



### LEGEND

-  SCHOOL  
 PARK  
 ---- CITY LIMIT  
 TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION



CRAIG BILEZERIAN  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

MASTER AGREEMENT  
ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT  
STATE-FUNDED PROJECTS

07                      City of Torrance

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District              Administering Agency

Agreement No. 07-5249S21

This AGREEMENT, is entered into effective this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between the City of Torrance, hereinafter referred to as "ADMINISTERING AGENCY," and the State of California, acting by and through its Department of Transportation (Caltrans), hereinafter referred to as "STATE", and together referred to as "PARTIES" or individually as a "PARTY."

RECITALS:

1. WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has enacted legislation by which certain State funds are made available for use on local transportation related projects of public entities qualified to act as recipients of these state funds; and
2. WHEREAS, ADMINISTERING AGENCY has applied to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and/or STATE for funding from a State-funded program (herein referred to as STATE FUNDS), as defined in the Local Assistance Program Guidelines (LAPG) and/or in the respective CTC Guidelines, for use on local authorized transportation related projects as a local administered project(s), hereinafter referred to as "PROJECT"; and
3. WHEREAS, said PROJECT will not receive any federal funds; and
4. WHEREAS, before STATE FUNDS will be made available for PROJECT, ADMINISTERING AGENCY and STATE are required to enter into an agreement to establish terms and conditions applicable to the ADMINISTERING AGENCY when receiving STATE FUNDS for a designated PROJECT facility and to the subsequent operation and maintenance of that completed facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, the PARTIES agree as follows:

1. This AGREEMENT shall have no force or effect with respect to any program project unless and until a project- specific Program Supplement to this AGREEMENT for state funded projects, hereinafter referred to as "PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT", has been fully executed by both STATE and ADMINISTERING AGENCY.

2. The State approved project-specific allocation notification letter and approved CTC allocation documentation designate the party responsible for implementing PROJECT, type of work, and location of PROJECT for projects requiring CTC allocation by PROJECT component of work.

3. The PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT sets out special covenants as a condition for the ADMINISTERING AGENCY to receive STATE FUNDS from/through STATE for designated PROJECT. The PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT shall also show these STATE FUNDS that have been initially encumbered for PROJECT along with the matching funds to be provided by ADMINISTERING AGENCY and/or others. Execution of PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT by the PARTIES shall cause ADMINISTERING AGENCY to adopt all the terms of this AGREEMENT as though fully set forth therein in the PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT. Unless otherwise expressly delegated in a resolution by the governing body of ADMINISTERING AGENCY, and with written concurrence by STATE, the PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT shall be approved and managed by the governing body of ADMINISTERING AGENCY.

4. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to execute and return each project-specific PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT. The PARTIES agree that STATE may suspend future allocations, encumbrances and invoice payments for any on- going or future STATE FUNDED PROJECT performed by ADMINISTERING AGENCY if any project-specific PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT is not returned, unless otherwise agreed by STATE in writing.

5. ADMINISTERING AGENCY further agrees, as a condition to the release and payment of STATE FUNDS encumbered for the PROJECT described in each PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT, to comply with the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT and all the agreed-upon Special Covenants or Remarks incorporated within the PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT, and Cooperative/Contribution Agreement where appropriate, defining and identifying the nature of the specific PROJECT.

6. STATE FUNDS will not participate in any portion of PROJECT work performed in advance of the effective date of allocation by CTC, or by STATE for allocations delegated to STATE by CTC, for said PROJECT.

7. Projects allocated with STATE FUNDS will be administered in accordance with the current CTC STIP Guidelines, applicable chapter(s) of the LAPG, LAPM and/or any other instructions published by STATE.

8. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to ensure compliance with all relevant State laws and requirements for work related to PROJECT, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

9. ADMINISTERING AGENCY's eligible costs for preliminary engineering work includes all preliminary work directly related to PROJECT up to contract award for construction, including, but not limited to, environmental studies and permits (E&P), preliminary surveys and reports, laboratory work, soil investigations, the preparation of plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E), advertising for bids, awarding of a contract and project development contract administration.

10. ADMINISTERING AGENCY's eligible costs for construction engineering include actual inspection and supervision of PROJECT construction work; construction staking; laboratory and field testing; and the preparation and processing of field reports, records, estimates, final reports, and allowable expenses of employees/consultants engaged in such activities.

11. Unless the PARTIES agree otherwise in writing, ADMINISTERING AGENCY's employees or its contracted engineering consultant shall be responsible for all PROJECT engineering work.

12. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall not proceed with final design of PROJECT until final environmental approval of PROJECT. Final design entails the design work necessary to complete the PS&E and other work necessary for a construction contract but not required earlier for environmental clearance of that PROJECT.

13. If PROJECT is not on STATE-owned right-of-way, PROJECT shall be constructed in accordance with Chapter 11 of the LAPM that describes minimum statewide design standards for local agency streets and roads. The design standards for projects off the National Highway System (NHS) allow STATE to accept either the current Caltrans Highway Design Manual standards, the current FHWA-adopted American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets standards, or the approved geometric design standards of ADMINISTERING AGENCY. Additionally, for projects off the NHS, STATE will accept ADMINISTERING AGENCY-approved standard specifications, standard plans, materials sampling and testing quality assurance programs that meet the conditions described in the then current Local Assistance Procedures Manual.

14. If PROJECT involves work within or partially within STATE-owned right-of-way, that PROJECT shall also be subject to compliance with the policies, procedures and standards of the STATE Project Development Procedures Manual and Highway Design Manual and where appropriate, an executed cooperative agreement between STATE and ADMINISTERING AGENCY that outlines the PROJECT responsibilities and respective obligations of the PARTIES. ADMINISTERING AGENCY and its contractors shall each obtain an encroachment permit through STATE prior to commencing any work within STATE rights-of-way or work which affects STATE facilities.

15. When PROJECT is not on the State Highway System (SHS) but includes work to be performed by a railroad, the contract for such work shall be prepared by ADMINISTERING AGENCY or by STATE, as the PARTIES may hereafter agree. In either event, ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall enter into an agreement with the railroad providing for future maintenance of protective devices or other facilities installed under the contract.

16. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall comply with the provisions of sections 4450 and 4454 of the California Government Code, as well as other Department of General Services guidance, if applicable, for the contract PS&E for the construction of buildings, structures, sidewalks, curbs and related facilities for accessibility and usability. Further requirements and guidance are provided in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

17. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall provide a full-time public employee to be in responsible charge of each PROJECT. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall provide or arrange for adequate supervision and inspection of each PROJECT. ADMINISTERING AGENCY may utilize consultants to perform supervision and inspection work for PROJECT with a



fully qualified and licensed engineer. Utilization of consultants does not relieve ADMINISTERING AGENCY of its obligation to provide a full-time public employee to be in responsible charge of each PROJECT.

18. Unless otherwise provided in the PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT, ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall advertise, award, and administer the PROJECT construction contract or contracts.

19. The cost of maintenance, security, or protection performed by ADMINISTERING AGENCY or contractor forces during any temporary suspension of PROJECT or at any other time may not be charged to the PROJECT.

20. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall submit PROJECT-specific award information to STATE's District Local Assistance Engineer, within sixty (60) days after contract award.

21. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall submit the final report documents that collectively constitute a "Final Project Expenditure Report", LAPM Exhibit 17-M, within one hundred eighty (180) days of PROJECT completion. Failure by ADMINISTERING AGENCY to submit a "Final Project Expenditure Report", within 180 days of project completion will result in STATE imposing sanctions upon ADMINISTERING AGENCY in accordance with the Local Assistance Procedures Manual.

22. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability and all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA.

23. The Governor and the Legislature of the State of California, each within their respective jurisdictions, have prescribed certain nondiscrimination requirements with respect to contract and other work financed with public funds. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to comply with the requirements of the FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES ADDENDUM, attached hereto as Exhibit A and further agrees that any agreement entered into by ADMINISTERING AGENCY with a third party for performance of work connected with PROJECT shall incorporate Exhibit A (with third party's name replacing ADMINISTERING AGENCY) as parts of such agreement.

24. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall include in all contracts and subcontracts awarded when applicable, a clause that requires each subcontractor to comply with California Labor Code requirements that all workers employed on public works aspects of any project (as defined in California Labor Code sections 1720-1815) be paid not less than the general prevailing wage rates predetermined by the Department of Industrial Relations as effective at the date of contract award by the ADMINISTERING AGENCY.

## ARTICLE II - RIGHTS-OF-WAY

1. No contract for the construction of a STATE FUNDED PROJECT shall be awarded until all necessary rights of way have been secured. Prior to the advertising for construction of PROJECT, ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall certify and, upon request, shall furnish STATE with evidence that all necessary rights-of-way are available for construction purposes or will be available by the time of award of the construction contract.

2. The furnishing of rights of way by ADMINISTERING AGENCY as provided for herein includes, and is limited to, the following, unless the PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT provides otherwise.

(a) Expenditures of capital and support to purchase all real property required for

PROJECT free and clear of liens, <sup>10</sup> conflicting easements, obstructions and encumbrances, after crediting PROJECT with the fair market value of any excess property retained and not disposed of by ADMINISTERING AGENCY.

(b) The cost of furnishing of right-of-way as provided for herein includes, in addition to real property required for the PROJECT, title free and clear of obstructions and encumbrances affecting PROJECT and the payment, as required by applicable law, of damages to owners of remainder real property not actually taken but injuriously affected by PROJECT.

(c) The cost of relocation payments and services provided to owners and occupants pursuant to Government Code sections 7260-7277 when PROJECT displaces an individual, family, business, farm operation or nonprofit organization.

(d) The cost of demolition and/or the sale of all improvements on the right-of-way after credit is recorded for sale proceeds used to offset PROJECT costs.

(e) The cost of all unavoidable utility relocation, protection or removal.

(f) The cost of all necessary hazardous material and hazardous waste treatment, encapsulation or removal and protective storage for which ADMINISTERING AGENCY accepts responsibility and where the actual generator cannot be identified, and recovery made.

3. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to indemnify and hold STATE harmless from any liability that may result in the event the right-of-way for a PROJECT is not clear as certified by ADMINISTERING AGENCY, including, but not limited to, if said right-of-way is found to contain hazardous materials requiring treatment or removal to remediate in accordance with Federal and State laws. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall pay, from its own non- matching funds, any costs which arise out of delays to the construction of PROJECT because utility facilities have not been timely removed or relocated, or because rights-of-way were not available to ADMINISTERING AGENCY for the orderly prosecution of PROJECT work.

### ARTICLE III - MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT

1. ADMINISTERING AGENCY will maintain and operate the property acquired, developed, constructed, rehabilitated, or restored by PROJECT for its intended public use until such time as the parties might amend this AGREEMENT to otherwise provide. With the approval of STATE, ADMINISTERING AGENCY or its successors in interest in the PROJECT property may transfer this obligation and responsibility to maintain and operate PROJECT property for that intended public purpose to another public entity.

2. Upon ADMINISTERING AGENCY's acceptance of the completed construction contract or upon contractor being relieved of the responsibility for maintaining and protecting PROJECT, ADMINISTERING AGENCY will be responsible for the maintenance, ownership, liability, and the expense thereof, for PROJECT in a manner satisfactory to the authorized representatives of STATE and if PROJECT falls within the jurisdictional limits of another Agency or Agencies, it is the duty of ADMINISTERING AGENCY to facilitate a separate maintenance agreement(s) between itself and the other jurisdictional Agency or Agencies providing for the operation, maintenance, ownership and liability of PROJECT. Until those agreements are executed, ADMINISTERING AGENCY will be responsible for all PROJECT operations, maintenance, ownership and liability in a manner satisfactory to the authorized representatives of STATE. If, within ninety (90) days after receipt of notice from STATE that a PROJECT, or any portion thereof, is not

being properly operated and maintained<sup>11</sup> and ADMINISTERING AGENCY has not satisfactorily remedied the conditions complained of, the approval of future STATE FUNDED PROJECTS of ADMINISTERING AGENCY will be withheld until the PROJECT shall have been put in a condition of operation and maintenance satisfactory to STATE. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a PROJECT that has been vacated through due process of law with STATE's concurrence.

3. PROJECT and its facilities shall be maintained by an adequate and well-trained staff of engineers and/or such other professionals and technicians as PROJECT reasonably requires. Said operations and maintenance staff may be employees of ADMINISTERING AGENCY, another unit of government, or a contractor under agreement with ADMINISTERING AGENCY. All maintenance will be performed at regular intervals or as required for efficient operation of the complete PROJECT improvements.

4. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall comply with all applicable law, including but not limited to, all applicable legal authority regarding construction standards.

#### ARTICLE IV - FISCAL PROVISIONS

1. All contractual obligations of STATE are subject to the appropriation of resources by the Legislature and the allocation of resources by the CTC.

2. STATE'S financial commitment of STATE FUNDS will occur only upon the execution of this AGREEMENT, the execution of each project-specific PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT and/or STATE's approved finance letter.

3. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees, as a minimum, to submit invoices in arrears for reimbursement of allowable PROJECT costs at least once every six months commencing after the STATE FUNDS are encumbered on either the project-specific PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT or through a project-specific finance letter approved by STATE. STATE reserves the right to suspend future allocations and invoice payments for any on-going or future STATE FUNDED project performed by ADMINISTERING AGENCY if PROJECT costs have not been invoiced by ADMINISTERING AGENCY for a six-month period

4. Invoices shall be submitted on a standardized billing summary template, in accordance with Chapter 5 of the LAPM to claim reimbursement by ADMINISTERING AGENCY. For construction invoices, pay estimates must be included.

5. ADMINISTERING AGENCY must retain at least one copy of supporting backup documentation for allowable costs incurred and claimed for reimbursement by ADMINISTERING AGENCY. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to submit supporting backup documentation with invoices if requested by State. Acceptable backup documentation includes, but is not limited to, agency's progress payment to the contractors, copies of cancelled checks showing amounts made payable to vendors and contractors, and/or a computerized summary of PROJECT costs.

6. Payments to ADMINISTERING AGENCY can only be released by STATE as reimbursements of actual allowable PROJECT costs already incurred and paid for by the ADMINISTERING AGENCY.

7. Indirect Cost Allocation Plans/Indirect Cost Rate Proposals (ICAP/ICRP), Central Service Cost Allocation Plans and related documentation are to be prepared and provided to the Inspector General - Independent Office of Audits and Investigations for review and approval prior to ADMINISTERING AGENCY seeking reimbursement of

indirect cost incurred within each fiscal<sup>12</sup> year being claimed for reimbursement. ICAPs/ICRPs must be prepared in accordance with the requirements set forth in 2 CFR, Part 200, Chapter 5 of the LAPM, and the ICAP/ICRP approval procedures established by STATE.

8. STATE will withhold the greater of either two (2) percent of the total of all STATE FUNDS encumbered for each PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT or \$40,000 until ADMINISTERING AGENCY submits the Final Report of Expenditures for each completed PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT PROJECT.

9. The estimated total cost of PROJECT, the amount of STATE FUNDS obligated, and the required matching funds may be adjusted by mutual consent of the PARTIES with a finance letter, and an allocation notification letter when applicable. STATE FUNDING may be increased to cover PROJECT cost increases only if such additional funds are available and the CTC and/or STATE concurs with that increase in the form of an allocation and finance letter.

10. When such additional STATE FUNDS are not available, ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees that any increases in PROJECT costs must be defrayed with ADMINISTERING AGENCY's own funds.

11. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall use its own non-STATE FUNDS to finance the local share of eligible costs and all PROJECT expenditures or contract items ruled ineligible for financing with STATE FUNDS. STATE shall make the final determination of ADMINISTERING AGENCY's cost eligibility for STATE FUNDED financing with respect to claimed PROJECT costs.

12. ADMINISTERING AGENCY will reimburse STATE for STATE's share of costs for work performed by STATE at the request of ADMINISTERING AGENCY. STATE's costs shall include overhead assessments in accordance with section 8755.1 of the State Administrative Manual.

13. STATE FUNDS allocated by the CTC and/or STATE are subject to the timely use of funds provisions approved in CTC Guidelines and State procedures approved by the CTC and STATE.

14. STATE FUNDS encumbered for PROJECT are available for liquidation only for a limited period from the beginning of the State fiscal year when those funds were appropriated in the State Budget. STATE FUNDS not liquidated within these periods will be reverted unless a Cooperative Work Agreement (CWA) is submitted by ADMINISTERING AGENCY and approved by the California Department of Finance in accordance with Section 16304 of the Government Code. The exact date of fund reversion will be reflected in the STATE signed PROJECT finance letter.

15. Payments to ADMINISTERING AGENCY for PROJECT-related travel and subsistence (per diem) expenses of ADMINISTERING AGENCY forces and its contractors and subcontractors claimed for reimbursement or as local match credit shall not exceed rates authorized to be paid to rank and file STATE employees under current California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) rules unless a Cooperative Work Agreement (CWA) is submitted by ADMINISTERING AGENCY and approved by the California Department of Finance in accordance with Government Code section 16304. If the rates invoiced by ADMINISTERING AGENCY are in excess of CalHR rates, ADMINISTERING AGENCY is responsible for the cost difference, and any overpayments inadvertently paid by STATE shall be reimbursed to STATE by ADMINISTERING AGENCY on demand.

16. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to comply with California Government Code 4525-4529.14. Administering Agency shall undertake the procedures described in California Government Code 4527(a) and 4528(a). Administering Agency shall also comply with 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirement for Federal Awards, excluding 2 CFR Part 200.318-200.326.

17. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees and will assure that its contractors and subcontractors will be obligated to agree that Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31, et seq., shall be used to determine the allowability of individual PROJECT cost items. Every recipient and sub-recipient receiving PROJECT funds under this AGREEMENT shall comply with Federal administrative procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirement for Federal Awards, excluding 2 CFR Part 200.318-200.326 Governments. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to comply with the provisions set forth in 23 CFR Parts 140, 645 and 646 when contracting with railroad and utility companies.

18. Every recipient and sub-recipient receiving PROJECT funds under this AGREEMENT shall comply with 2 CFR 200 excluding 2 CFR Part 200.318-200.326, 48 CFR Chapter 1, Part 31, LAPM, Public Contract Code (PCC) 10300- 10334 (procurement of goods), PCC 10335-10381 (non-A&E services), California Government Code 4525-4529.5 including 4527(a) and 4528(a), and other applicable STATE regulations.

19. Any PROJECT costs for which ADMINISTERING AGENCY has received payment or credit that are determined by subsequent audit to be questioned, disallowed, or unallowable under 2 CFR, Part 200, 48 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 31, 23 CFR Parts 140, 645 and 646, LAPM, Public Contract Code (PCC) 10300-10334 (procurement of goods), PCC 10335-10381 (non-A&E services), California Government Code 4525-4529.5 including 4527(a) and 4528(a), and other applicable STATE regulations are subject to repayment by ADMINISTERING AGENCY to STATE and may result in STATE imposing sanctions on ADMINISTERING AGENCY as described in Chapter 20 of the Local Assistance Procedures Manual.

20. Should ADMINISTERING AGENCY fail to refund any moneys due upon written demand by STATE as provided herein or should ADMINISTERING AGENCY breach this AGREEMENT by failing to complete PROJECT without adequate justification and approval by STATE, then, within thirty (30) days of demand, or within such other period as may be agreed to in writing between the PARTIES hereto, STATE, acting through the State Controller, the State Treasurer, the CTC or any other public entity or agency, may intercept, withhold and demand the transfer of an amount equal to the amount paid by or owed to STATE for each PROJECT, from future apportionments, or any other funds due ADMINISTERING AGENCY from the Highway Users Tax Fund or any other sources of funds, and/or may also withhold approval of future STATE FUNDED projects proposed by ADMINISTERING AGENCY.

21. Should ADMINISTERING AGENCY be declared to be in breach of this AGREEMENT or otherwise in default thereof by STATE, and if ADMINISTERING AGENCY is constituted as a joint powers authority, special district, or any other public entity not directly receiving funds through the State Controller, STATE is authorized to obtain reimbursement from whatever sources of funding are available, including the withholding or transfer of funds, from those constituent entities comprising a joint powers authority or by bringing of an action against ADMINISTERING AGENCY or its constituent member entities, to recover all funds provided by STATE hereunder.

22. ADMINISTERING AGENCY acknowledges<sup>14</sup> that the signatory party represents the ADMINISTERING AGENCY and further warrants that there is nothing within a Joint Powers Agreement, by which ADMINISTERING AGENCY was created, if any exists, that would restrict or otherwise limit STATE's ability to recover STATE FUNDS improperly spent by ADMINISTERING AGENCY in contravention of the terms of this AGREEMENT.

## ARTICLE V

### AUDITS, THIRD PARTY CONTRACTING, RECORDS RETENTION AND REPORTS

1. STATE reserves the right to conduct technical and financial audits of PROJECT work and records and ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees, and shall require its contractors and subcontractors to agree, to cooperate with STATE by making all appropriate and relevant PROJECT records available for audit and copying as required by paragraph three (3) of Article V.

2. ADMINISTERING AGENCY, its contractors and subcontractors shall establish and maintain a financial management system and records that properly accumulate and segregate reasonable, allowable, and allocable incurred PROJECT costs and matching funds by line item for the PROJECT. The financial management system of ADMINISTERING AGENCY, its contractors and all subcontractors shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion, and provide support for reimbursement payment vouchers or invoices sent to or paid by STATE.

3. ADMINISTERING AGENCY, ADMINISTERING AGENCY's contractors and subcontractors, and STATE shall each maintain and make available for inspection and audit by STATE, the California State Auditor, or any duly authorized representative of STATE or the United States, all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of such contracts, including, but not limited to, the costs of administering those various contracts, and ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall furnish copies thereof if requested. All of the above-referenced parties shall make such AGREEMENT and PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the entire PROJECT period and for three (3) years, or 35 years for Prop 1B funds, from the date of final payment to ADMINISTERING AGENCY.

4. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall not award a construction contract over \$25,000 on the basis of a noncompetitive negotiation for work to be performed under this AGREEMENT without the prior written approval of STATE. All contracts awarded by ADMINISTERING AGENCY intended or used as local match credit must meet the requirements set forth in this AGREEMENT regarding local match funds.

5. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall comply with Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 4525) Division 5 of Title 1 of the Government Code and shall undertake the procedures described in California Government Code 4527(a) and 4528(a). Administering Agency shall comply with Chapter 10 of the LAPM for AE Consultant Contracts.

6. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall comply with Government Code Division 5 Title 1 sections 4525-4529.5 and shall undertake the procedures described in California Government Code 4527(a) and 4528(a) for procurement of professional service contracts. Administering Agency shall follow Public Contract Code Section 10335-10381 for other professional service contracts.

7. Any subcontract entered into by ADMINISTERING AGENCY as a result of this AGREEMENT shall contain all of the provisions of Article IV, FISCAL PROVISIONS, and this ARTICLE V, AUDITS, THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTING, RECORDS RETENTION AND REPORTS and shall mandate that travel and per diem reimbursements and third-party contract reimbursements to subcontractors will be allowable as PROJECT costs only after those costs are incurred and paid for by the subcontractors.

8. To be eligible for local match credit, ADMINISTERING AGENCY must ensure that local match funds used for a PROJECT meet the fiscal provisions requirements outlined in ARTICLE IV in the same manner that is required of all other PROJECT expenditures.

9. Except as provided in this Article, this AGREEMENT is solely between and for the benefit of the PARTIES and there are no third-party beneficiaries.

## ARTICLE VI - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to use all PROJECT funds reimbursed hereunder only for transportation purposes that are in conformance with Article XIX of the California State Constitution and other California laws.

2. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall conform to all applicable State and Federal statutes and regulations, and the Local Assistance Program Guidelines and Local Assistance Procedures Manual as published by STATE and incorporated herein, including all subsequent approved revisions thereto applicable to PROJECT unless otherwise designated in the project-specific executed PROJECT SUPPLEMENT.

3. This AGREEMENT is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, conditions, or any statute enacted by the State Legislature or adopted by the CTC that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this AGREEMENT in any manner.

4. ADMINISTERING AGENCY and the officers and employees of ADMINISTERING AGENCY, when engaged in the performance of this AGREEMENT, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees or agents of STATE.

5. Each project-specific PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT shall separately establish the terms and funding limits for each described PROJECT funded under this AGREEMENT and that PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT. No STATE FUNDS are obligated against this AGREEMENT.

6. ADMINISTERING AGENCY certifies that neither ADMINISTERING AGENCY nor its principals are suspended or debarred at the time of the execution of this AGREEMENT, and ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees that it will notify STATE immediately in the event a suspension or a debarment occurs after the execution of this AGREEMENT.

7. ADMINISTERING AGENCY certifies, by execution of this AGREEMENT, that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this AGREEMENT upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by ADMINISTERING AGENCY for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, STATE has the right to annul this AGREEMENT without liability, pay only for the value of the PROJECT work actually performed, or in STATE's discretion, to deduct from the price of PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

8. In accordance with Public Contract Code<sup>16</sup> section 10296, ADMINISTERING AGENCY hereby certifies under penalty of perjury that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against ADMINISTERING AGENCY within the immediate preceding two (2) year period because of ADMINISTERING AGENCY's failure to comply with an order of a federal court that orders ADMINISTERING AGENCY to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

9. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with STATE that may have an impact upon the outcome of this AGREEMENT or any individual PROJECT encompassed within a PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall also list current contractors who may have a financial interest in the outcome of a PROJECT undertaken pursuant to this AGREEMENT. These disclosures shall be delivered to STATE in a form deemed acceptable by the STATE prior to execution of this AGREEMENT.

10. ADMINISTERING AGENCY hereby certifies that it does not have, nor shall it acquire, any financial or business interest that would conflict with the performance of any PROJECT initiated under this AGREEMENT.

11. ADMINISTERING AGENCY certifies that this AGREEMENT was not obtained or secured through rebates, kickbacks or other unlawful consideration either promised or paid to any STATE employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, STATE shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate this AGREEMENT without liability, to pay only for PROJECT work actually performed, or to deduct from a PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT price or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback, or other unlawful consideration.

12. Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this AGREEMENT that is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the STATE's Contract Manager, who shall be identified to ADMINISTERING AGENCY at the time of execution of this AGREEMENT and, as applicable, any time that Contract Manager changes during the duration of this AGREEMENT who may consider any written or verbal evidence submitted by ADMINISTERING AGENCY. The decision of the Contract Manager, issued in writing, shall be conclusive and binding on the PARTIES on all questions of fact considered and determined by the Contract Manager.

13. Neither the pendency of a dispute nor its consideration by the Contract Manager will excuse the ADMINISTERING AGENCY from full and timely performance in accordance with the terms of this AGREEMENT and each PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT.

14. Neither STATE 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 ADMINISTERING AGENCY under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction of ADMINISTERING AGENCY arising under this AGREEMENT. It is understood and agreed that ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless STATE and all of its officers and employees from all claims and suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation or other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by ADMINISTERING AGENCY under this AGREEMENT.

15. Neither ADMINISTERING AGENCY 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 STATE, under or in connection with any work, authority or



jurisdiction arising under this AGREEMENT.<sup>17</sup> It is understood and agreed that STATE shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the ADMINISTERING AGENCY and all of its officers and employees from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation and other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by STATE under this AGREEMENT.

16. In the event of (a) ADMINISTERING AGENCY failing to timely proceed with effective PROJECT work in accordance with the project-specific PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT; (b) failing to maintain any applicable bonding requirements; and (c) otherwise materially violating the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT and/or any PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT, STATE reserves the right to terminate funding for that PROJECT upon thirty (30) days' written notice to ADMINISTERING AGENCY.

17. No termination notice shall become effective if, within thirty (30) days after receipt of a Notice of Termination, ADMINISTERING AGENCY either cures the default involved or, if the default is not reasonably susceptible of cure within said thirty (30) day period the ADMINISTERING AGENCY proceeds thereafter to complete that cure in a manner and time line acceptable to STATE.

18. Any such termination shall be accomplished by delivery to ADMINISTERING AGENCY of a Notice of Termination, which notice shall become effective not less than thirty (30) days after receipt, specifying the reason for the termination, the extent to which funding of work under this AGREEMENT and the applicable PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective, if beyond thirty (30) days after receipt. During the period before the effective termination date, ADMINISTERING AGENCY and STATE shall meet to attempt to resolve any dispute. In the event of such termination, STATE may proceed with the PROJECT work in a manner deemed proper by STATE. If STATE terminates funding for PROJECT with ADMINISTERING AGENCY for the reasons stated in paragraph sixteen (16) of ARTICLE VI, STATE shall pay ADMINISTERING AGENCY the sum due ADMINISTERING AGENCY under the PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT and/or STATE-approved finance letter prior to termination, provided, however, ADMINISTERING AGENCY is not in default of the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT or the project-specific PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT and that the cost of any PROJECT completion to STATE shall first be deducted from any sum due ADMINISTERING AGENCY.

19. In the case of inconsistency or conflicts with the terms of this AGREEMENT and that of a project-specific PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT and/or Cooperative Agreement, the terms stated in that PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT and/or Cooperative Agreement shall prevail over those in this AGREEMENT.

20. Without the written consent of STATE, this AGREEMENT is not assignable by ADMINISTERING AGENCY either in whole or in part.

21. No alteration or variation of the terms of this AGREEMENT shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the PARTIES, and no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the PARTIES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this AGREEMENT by their duly authorized officer.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

City of Torrance,  
a municipal corporation

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
George K. Chen, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Project Management  
Oversight  
Division of Local Assistance

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca Poirier, MMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

PATRICK Q. SULLIVAN  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT A - FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES ADDENDUM<sup>19</sup>

1. In the performance of this Agreement, ADMINISTERING AGENCY will not discriminate against any employee for employment on account of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status. ADMINISTERING AGENCY will take affirmative action to ensure that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment; upgrading; demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees for employment, notices to be provided by STATE setting forth the provisions of this Fair Employment section.

2. ADMINISTERING AGENCY, its contractor(s) and all subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code, 12900 et seq.), and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (Cal. Code Regs., Title 2, 11000, et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code section 12900(a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations are incorporated into this AGREEMENT by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. Each of the ADMINISTERING AGENCY'S contractors and all subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreements, as appropriate.

3. ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all contracts and subcontracts to perform work under this AGREEMENT.

4. ADMINISTERING AGENCY will permit access to the records of employment, employment advertisements, application forms, and other pertinent data and records by STATE, the State Fair Employment and Housing Commission, or any other agency of the State of California designated by STATE, for the purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the Fair Employment section of this Agreement.

5. Remedies for Willful Violation:

(a) STATE may determine a willful violation of the Fair Employment provision to have occurred upon receipt of a final judgment to that effect from a court in an action to which ADMINISTERING AGENCY was a party, or upon receipt of a written notice from the Fair Employment and Housing Commission that it has investigated and determined that ADMINISTERING AGENCY has violated the Fair Employment Practices Act.

(b) For willful violation of this Fair Employment Provision, STATE shall have the right to terminate this Agreement either in whole or in part, and any loss or damage sustained by STATE in securing the goods or services thereunder shall be borne and paid for by ADMINISTERING AGENCY and by the surety under the performance bond, if any, and STATE may deduct from any moneys due or thereafter may become due to ADMINISTERING AGENCY, the difference between the price named in the Agreement

and the actual cost thereof to STATE to cure<sup>20</sup> ADMINISTERING AGENCY's breach of this Agreement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO  
EXECUTE AND ATTEST TO PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NO. A168 TO  
ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE MASTER AGREEMENT NO. 07-5249S21  
WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**WHEREAS**, certain state-aid funds administered by the State of California are conditionally available to the City of Torrance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Torrance desires said funds be utilized to provide improvements within the City of Torrance; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to utilize said funds Administering Agency-State Agreement Master Agreement No. 07-5249S21 with the State of California will also be entered into on this date; and

**WHEREAS**, said Administering Agency-State Master Agreement requires a Program Supplement be executed for each project; and

**WHEREAS**, Program Supplement No. A168 to said Administering Agency-State Master Agreement is proposed to obtain state-aid funds for the construction of the Citywide Traffic Signal Improvements, T-171 (Lomita Boulevard at Madison Street), HSIPSL-5249(033); and

**WHEREAS**, the utilization of said funds is in the best interest of the City of Torrance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Torrance does hereby resolve as follows that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute and attest to Program Supplement No. A168 to said Administering Agency-State Agreement, copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

**INTRODUCED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
George K. Chen, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca Poirier, MMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PATRICK Q. SULLIVAN  
City Attorney

By \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NO. 00000A168  
to  
ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT  
FOR STATE FUNDED PROJECTS NO 07-5249S21

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Adv. Project ID  
0721000217

Date: May 25, 2023  
Location: 07-LA-0-TOR  
Project Number: HSIPSL-5249(033)  
E.A. Number:  
Locode: 5249

This Program Supplement, effective \_\_\_\_\_, hereby adopts and incorporates into the Administering Agency-State Agreement No. 07-5249S21 for State Funded Projects which was entered into between the ADMINISTERING AGENCY and the STATE with an effective date of \_\_\_\_\_ and is subject to all the terms and conditions thereof. This PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT is executed in accordance with Article I of the aforementioned Master Agreement under authority of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ approved by the ADMINISTERING AGENCY on \_\_\_\_\_ (See copy attached).

The ADMINISTERING AGENCY further stipulates that as a condition to the payment by the State of any funds derived from sources noted below encumbered to this project, Administering Agency accepts and will comply with the Special Covenants and remarks set forth on the following pages.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Intersection of Lomita Blvd and Madison St. in the City of Torrance

**TYPE OF WORK:** Installation of new traffic signal, including curb ramps, crosswalks, and all traffic signal equip. **LENGTH:** 0.0(MILES)

Estimated Cost	State Funds	Matching Funds		
	STATE	LOCAL		OTHER
\$537,790.00	\$537,790.00	\$0.00		\$0.00

CITY OF TORRANCE

By \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PATRICK Q. SULLIVAN

City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Department of Transportation

By \_\_\_\_\_

Chief, Office of Project Implementation

Division of Local Assistance

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify upon my personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for this encumbrance:

Accounting Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$537,790.00

1. A. This PROJECT has received STATE funds from Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to administer the PROJECT in

### **SPECIAL COVENANTS OR REMARKS**

accordance with the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Guidelines, the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM), the Local Assistance Program Guidelines (LAPG), and this PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT.

B. The STATE funds for this PROJECT may be provided under one or more phases, which are Preliminary Engineering (PE), Right-of-Way (R/W) and Construction (Con).

A phase-specific fund allocation is required, in addition to other requirements, before reimbursable work can occur for the phase identified. Each allocation will be assigned an effective date and identify the amount of funds allocated per phase. Unless otherwise determined, the effective date of the phase-specific allocation will constitute the start of reimbursable expenditures for the phase. The STATE funds available for reimbursement will be limited to the amount allocated by the STATE for the phase.

C. At the time of the first fund allocation approval for the Project, this PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT, a STATE-approved Allocation Letter and STATE Finance Letter are prepared to allow reimbursement of eligible PROJECT expenditures for the phase allocated.

D. STATE and ADMINISTERING AGENCY agree that any additional fund allocations made after the execution of this PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT, for the phase that has been authorized in the first fund allocation approval or for a new phase, will be encumbered on this PROJECT by use of a STATE-approved Allocation Letter and a STATE Finance Letter and are subject to the terms and conditions thereof.

E. This PROJECT is subject to the delivery requirements enacted by the HSIP guidelines. The delivery requirements may be accessed at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/highway-safety-improvement-program/delivery-requirements-status-approved-projects>.

F. Award information shall be submitted by the ADMINISTERING AGENCY to the District Local Assistance Engineer immediately after project contract award and prior to the submittal of the ADMINISTERING AGENCY'S first invoice for the construction contract. Failure to do so will cause a delay in the State processing of invoices for the construction phase.

G. The ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall invoice STATE for PE, R/W and CON costs no later than 180 days after the end of expenditure the phase. For construction costs, the ADMINISTERING AGENCY has 180 days after project completion or contract acceptance to make the final payment to the contractor, prepare the final Report of Expenditures and final invoice, and submit to STATE for verification and payment.

### **SPECIAL COVENANTS OR REMARKS**

H. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to submit the final report documents that collectively constitute a "Report of Expenditures" within one hundred eighty (180) days of PROJECT completion. Failure of ADMINISTERING AGENCY to submit a "Final Report of Expenditures" within 180 days of PROJECT completion will result in STATE imposing sanctions upon ADMINISTERING AGENCY in accordance with the current LAPM provisions.

I. ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to comply with the requirements in 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (applicable to Federal and State Funded Projects).

J. By executing this PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT, ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to provide the STATE, upon request, with the information related to the PROJECT for the purpose of project evaluation or other purposes.

K. The ADMINISTERING AGENCY shall construct the PROJECT in accordance with the scope of work presented in the application and approved by the State. Any changes to the approved PROJECT scope without the prior expressed approval of the State are ineligible for reimbursement and may result in the entire PROJECT becoming ineligible for reimbursement.



## PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT

This PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of December 17, 2024 (the "Effective Date"), by and between the CITY OF TORRANCE, a municipal corporation ("CITY"), and P.T.M. GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION ("CONTRACTOR").

### RECITALS:

- A. The CITY wishes to retain the services of an experienced and qualified CONTRACTOR to construct the **CITYWIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS, T-171 (LOMITA BOULEVARD AT MADISON STREET) B2024-09**;
- B. In order to obtain the desired services, The CITY has circulated a Notice Inviting Bids for the construction of the **CITYWIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS, T-171 (LOMITA BOULEVARD AT MADISON STREET) B2024-09** (the "NIB"); and
- C. CONTRACTOR has submitted a Bid (the "Bid") in response to the NIB. CONTRACTOR represents that it is qualified to perform those services requested in the Plans and Specifications. Based upon its review of all Bids submitted in response to the NIB, the CITY is willing to award the contract to CONTRACTOR.

### AGREEMENT:

#### 1. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR will provide the services and install those materials listed in the Plans and Specifications, which are on file in the Public Works Department. The NIB and the Plans and Specifications are made a part of this Agreement. A copy of the Bid is attached as Exhibit A.

#### 2. TERM

Unless earlier terminated in accordance with Paragraph 4 below, this Agreement will continue in full force and effect for two years from the Effective Date.

#### 3. COMPENSATION

##### A. CONTRACTOR's Fee.

For services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR will be paid in accordance with CONTRACTOR's Bid; provided, however, that in no event will the total amount of money paid the CONTRACTOR, for services initially contemplated by this Agreement, exceed the sum of \$615,015.00 ("Agreement Sum"), plus a contingency of \$92,252.00, if first approved in writing by the CITY.

- B. Schedule of Payment.  
 Provided that the CONTRACTOR is not in default under the terms of this Agreement, upon presentation of an invoice, CONTRACTOR will be paid monthly, within 30 days after the date of the monthly invoice.

#### 4. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

A. Termination by CITY for Convenience.

1. CITY may, at any time, terminate the Agreement for CITY's convenience and without cause.
2. Upon receipt of written notice from CITY of such termination for CITY's convenience, CONTRACTOR will:
  - a) cease operations as directed by CITY in the notice;
  - b) take actions necessary, or that CITY may direct, for the protection and preservation of the work; and
  - c) except for work directed to be performed prior to the effective date of termination stated in the notice, terminate all existing subcontracts and purchase orders and enter into no further subcontracts and purchase orders.
3. In case of such termination for CITY's convenience, CONTRACTOR will be entitled to receive payment for work executed; and costs incurred by reason of such termination, along with reasonable overhead and profit on the work not executed.

B. Termination for Cause.

1. If either party fails to perform any term, covenant or condition in this Agreement and that failure continues for 15 calendar days after the nondefaulting party gives the defaulting party notice of the failure to perform, this Agreement may be terminated for cause; provided, however, that if during the notice period the defaulting party has promptly commenced and continues diligent efforts to remedy the default, the defaulting party will have such additional time as is reasonably necessary to remedy the default.
2. In the event this Agreement is terminated for cause by the default of the CONTRACTOR, the CITY may, at the expense of the CONTRACTOR and its surety, complete this Agreement or cause it to be completed. Any check or bond delivered to the CITY in connection with this Agreement, and the money payable thereon, will be forfeited to and remain the property of the CITY. All moneys due the CONTRACTOR under the terms of this Agreement will be retained by the CITY, but the retention will not release the CONTRACTOR and its surety from liability for the default. Under these circumstances, however, the CONTRACTOR and its surety will be credited with the amount of money retained, toward any amount by which the cost of completion exceeds the Agreement Sum and any amount authorized for extra services.

3. Termination for cause will not affect or terminate any of the rights of the CITY as against the CONTRACTOR or its surety then existing, or which may thereafter accrue because of the default; this provision is in addition to all other rights and remedies available to the CITY under law.

C. Termination for Breach of Law.

In the event the CONTRACTOR or any of its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, subsidiaries or affiliates is convicted (i) of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of a contract or subcontract; (ii) under state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously, and directly affects responsibility as a public consultant or contractor; (iii) under state or federal antitrust statutes arising out of the submission of bids or proposals; or (iv) of violation of Paragraph 20 of this Agreement; or for any other cause the CITY determines to be so serious and compelling as to affect CONTRACTOR's responsibility as a public consultant or contractor, including but not limited to, debarment by another governmental agency, then the CITY reserves the unilateral right to terminate this Agreement or to impose such other sanctions (which may include financial sanctions, temporary suspensions or any other condition deemed appropriate short of termination) as it deems proper. The CITY will not take action until CONTRACTOR has been given notice and an opportunity to present evidence in mitigation.

**5. FORCE MAJEURE**

If any party fails to perform its obligations because of strikes, lockouts, labor disputes, embargoes, acts of God, inability to obtain labor or materials or reasonable substitutes for labor or materials, governmental restrictions, governmental regulations, governmental controls, judicial orders, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, fire or other casualty, or other causes beyond the reasonable control of the party obligated to perform, then that party's performance shall be excused for a period equal to the period of such cause for failure to perform.

**6. RETENTION OF FUNDS**

CONTRACTOR authorizes the CITY to deduct from any amount payable to CONTRACTOR (whether or not arising out of this Agreement) any amounts the payment of which may be in dispute or that are necessary to compensate the CITY for any losses, costs, liabilities, or damages suffered by the CITY, and all amounts for which the CITY may be liable to third parties, by reason of CONTRACTOR's negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct in performing or failing to perform CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Agreement. In the event that any claim is made by a third party, the amount or validity of which is disputed by CONTRACTOR, or any indebtedness exists that appears to be the

basis for a claim of lien, the CITY may withhold from any payment due, without liability for interest because of the withholding, an amount sufficient to cover the claim. The failure of the CITY to exercise the right to deduct or to withhold will not, however, affect the obligations of CONTRACTOR to insure, indemnify, and protect the CITY as elsewhere provided in this Agreement.

**7. THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE**

The Public Works Director is designated as the "City Representative," authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the work and services specified in this Agreement and to make all decisions in connection with this Agreement. Whenever approval, directions, or other actions are required by the CITY under this Agreement, those actions will be taken by the City Representative, unless otherwise stated. The City Manager has the right to designate another City Representative at any time, by providing notice to CONTRACTOR.

**8. CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE(S)**

The following principal(s) of CONTRACTOR are designated as being the principal(s) and representative(s) of CONTRACTOR authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the work specified in this Agreement and make all decisions in connection with this Agreement:

Elizabeth Mendoza  
President/CFO

**9. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

The CONTRACTOR is, and at all times will remain as to the CITY, a wholly independent contractor. Neither the CITY nor any of its agents will have control over the conduct of the CONTRACTOR or any of the CONTRACTOR's employees, except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR may not, at any time or in any manner, represent that it or any of its agents or employees are in any manner agents or employees of the CITY. CITY has no duty, obligation, or responsibility to CONTRACTOR's agents or employees under the Affordable Care Act. CONTRACTOR is solely responsible for any tax penalties associated with the failure to offer affordable coverage to its agents and employees under the Affordable Care Act and any other liabilities, claims and obligations regarding compliance with the Affordable Care Act with respect to CONTRACTOR's agents and employees. CITY is not responsible and shall not be held liable for CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with CONTRACTOR's duties, obligations, and responsibilities under the Affordable Care Act. CONTRACTOR agrees to defend, indemnify and hold CITY harmless for any and all taxes and penalties that may be assessed against CITY as a result of CONTRACTOR's obligations under the Affordable Care Act relating to CONTRACTOR's agents and employees.

**10. BUSINESS LICENSE**

The CONTRACTOR must obtain a City business license prior to the start of work under this Agreement, unless CONTRACTOR is qualified for an exemption.

**11. OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS**

CONTRACTOR warrants that it has all professional, contracting and other permits and licenses required to undertake the work contemplated by this Agreement.

**12. FAMILIARITY WITH WORK**

By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR warrants that CONTRACTOR (a) has thoroughly investigated and considered the scope of services to be performed, (b) has carefully considered how the services should be performed, and (c) fully understands the facilities, difficulties and restrictions attending performance of the services under this Agreement. If the services involve work upon any site, CONTRACTOR warrants that CONTRACTOR has or will investigate the site and is or will be fully acquainted with the conditions there existing, prior to commencement of services set forth in this Agreement. Should CONTRACTOR discover any latent or unknown conditions that will materially affect the performance of the services set forth in this Agreement, CONTRACTOR must immediately inform the CITY of that fact and may not proceed except at CONTRACTOR's risk until written instructions are received from the CITY.

**13. CARE OF WORK**

CONTRACTOR must adopt reasonable methods during the life of the Agreement to furnish continuous protection to the work, and the equipment, materials, papers, documents, plans, studies and other components to prevent losses or damages, and will be responsible for all damages, to persons or property, until acceptance of the work by the CITY, except those losses or damages as may be caused by the CITY's own negligence.

**14. CONTRACTOR'S ACCOUNTING RECORDS; OTHER PROJECT RECORDS**

Records of the CONTRACTOR's time pertaining to the project, and records of accounts between the CITY and the CONTRACTOR, will be kept on a generally recognized accounting basis. CONTRACTOR will also maintain all other records, including without limitation specifications, drawings, progress reports and the like, relating to the project. All records will be available to the CITY during normal working hours. CONTRACTOR will maintain these records for three years after final payment.

**15. PREVAILING WAGE**

All Services rendered pursuant to this agreement must be provided in accordance with all ordinances, resolutions, statutes, rules, regulations, and laws of City and any Federal, State, or local governmental agency of competent jurisdiction. Contractor is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Sections 1720, et seq., and 1770, et seq., as well as of California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Sections 1600, et seq., (collectively, the "Prevailing Wage Laws"), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on "Public works" and "Maintenance" projects. If the

Services are being performed as part of an applicable "Public works" or "Maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and if the total compensation is ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) or more, Contractor agrees to fully comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws including, but not limited to, requirements related to the maintenance of payroll records and the employment of apprentices.

Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1725.5, no contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a "Public works" project unless registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") at the time the contract is awarded. If the Services are being performed as part of an applicable "Public works" or "Maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, this project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR"). Contractor will maintain and will require all subcontractors to maintain valid and current DIR Public Works Contractor registration during the term of this Agreement. Contractor must notify City in writing immediately, and in no case more than twenty-four (24) hours, after receiving any information that Contractor's or any of its subcontractor's DIR registration status has been suspended, revoked, expired, or otherwise changed.

It is understood that it is the responsibility of Contractor to determine the correct salary scale. Contractor will make copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the Services available to interested parties upon request, and post copies at Contractor's principal place of business and at the project site, if any. The statutory penalties for failure to pay prevailing wage or to comply with State wage and hour laws will be enforced. Contractor must forfeit to City TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) per day for each worker who works in excess of the minimum working hours when Contractor does not pay overtime. In accordance with the provisions of Labor Code Sections 1810 et seq., eight (8) hours is the legal working day.

Contractor must also comply with State law requirements to maintain payroll records and must provide for certified records and inspection of records as required by California Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., including Section 1776. Contractor will defend (with counsel selected by City), indemnify, and hold City, its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws. It is agreed by the parties that, in connection with performance of the Services, including, without limitation, any and all "Public works" (as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws), Contractor will bear all risks of payment or non-payment of prevailing wages under California law and/or the implementation of Labor Code Section 1781, as the same may be amended from time to time, and/or any other similar law. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it will be independently responsible for reviewing the applicable laws and regulations and effectuating compliance with those laws. Contractor will require the same of all subcontractors.

## **16. INDEMNIFICATION**

CONTRACTOR will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CITY, the Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, the City Council, each member thereof, present and future, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all liability, expenses, including defense costs and legal fees, and claims for damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, those arising from breach of contract, bodily injury, death, personal injury, property damage, loss of use, or property loss however the same may be caused and regardless of the responsibility for negligence. The obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless includes, but is not limited to, any liability or expense, including defense costs and legal fees, arising from the negligent acts or omissions, or willful misconduct of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or vendors. It is further agreed, CONTRACTOR's obligations to indemnify, defend and hold harmless will apply even in the event of concurrent negligence on the part of CITY, the City Council, each member thereof, present and future, or its officers, agents and employees, except for liability resulting solely from the negligence or willful misconduct of CITY, its officers, employees or agents. Payment by CITY is not a condition precedent to enforcement of this indemnity. In the event of any dispute between CONTRACTOR and CITY, as to whether liability arises from the sole negligence of the CITY or its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or vendors, CONTRACTOR will be obligated to pay for CITY's defense until such time as a final judgment has been entered adjudicating the CITY as solely negligent. CONTRACTOR will not be entitled in the event of such a determination to any reimbursement of defense costs including but not limited to attorney's fees, expert fees and costs of litigation.

## **17. NON-LIABILITY OF THE CITY'S OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

No officer or employee of the CITY will be personally liable to CONTRACTOR, in the event of any default or breach by the CITY or for any amount that may become due to CONTRACTOR.

## **18. INSURANCE**

A. CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors must maintain for the duration of the Agreement at their sole expense the following insurance, which will be full coverage not subject to self-insurance provisions:

1. Automobile Liability, including owned, non-owned and hired vehicles, with at least the following limits of liability:
  - a. Combined single limits of \$2,000,000 per occurrence.
2. Commercial General Liability including coverage for premises, products and completed operations, independent contractors/vendors, personal injury and contractual obligations with combined single limits of coverage of at least \$5,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO

CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be \$10,000,000. Such insurance shall not exclude coverage for sudden and accidental pollution incidents and shall include coverage for the perils of explosion, collapse, and underground (XCU).

3. Workers' Compensation coverage as required by the Labor Code of the State of California and, if workers' compensation is required, employer's liability insurance with minimum limits of (\$1,000,000) per occurrence or occupational illness. The Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the CITY for all work performed by the CONTRACTOR, its employees, agents and subcontractors.
- B. The insurance provided by CONTRACTOR will be primary and non-contributory.
  - C. CITY, the Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, the City Council and each member thereof, members of boards and commissions, every officer, agent, official, employee and volunteer must be named as additional insureds under the automobile and general liability policies. Additional insured coverage endorsement must apply to all work performed by CONTRACTOR.
  - D. CONTRACTOR must provide certificates of insurance including all required amendatory endorsements (or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause) indicating appropriate insurance, to the City Clerk of the City of Torrance before the commencement of work.
  - E. Each insurance policy required by this Paragraph must contain a provision that no termination, cancellation or change of coverage can be made without notice to the CITY.
  - F. CONTRACTOR must include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or must furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverage for subcontractors will be subject to all of the requirements of this Paragraph 18.
  - G. If the CONTRACTOR maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the CITY requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the CONTRACTOR. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the CITY.
  - H. The procuring of insurance shall not be construed as a limitation on liability nor as full performance of the indemnification provisions of the CONTRACTOR.



- I. CONTRACTOR hereby grants to CITY a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said CONTRACTOR may acquire against the CITY by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the CITY has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
- J. Self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the CITY. The CITY may require the CONTRACTOR to provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or CITY.

## 19. **SUFFICIENCY OF INSURERS**

Insurance required by this Agreement will be satisfactory only if issued by companies admitted to do business in California, rated "A" or better in the most recent edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, and only if they are of a financial category Class VII or better, unless these requirements are waived by the Risk Manager of the CITY ("Risk Manager") due to unique circumstances. In the event the Risk Manager determines that the work or services to be performed under this Agreement creates an increased or decreased risk of loss to the CITY, the CONTRACTOR agrees that the minimum limits of any insurance policies and/or the performance bond required by this Agreement may be changed accordingly upon receipt of written notice from the Risk Manager; provided that CONTRACTOR will have the right to appeal a determination of increased coverage by the Risk Manager to the City Council of the CITY within 10 days of receipt of notice from the Risk Manager.

## 20. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- A. No officer or employee of the CITY may have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement, nor may any officer or employee participate in any decision relating to the Agreement that affects the officer or employee's financial interest or the financial interest of any corporation, partnership or association in which the officer or employee is, directly or indirectly interested, in violation of any law, rule or regulation.
- B. No person may offer, give, or agree to give any officer or employee or former officer or employee, nor may any officer or employee solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any way pertaining to any program requirement, contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal.

## 21. **NOTICE**

- A. All notices, requests, demands, or other communications under this Agreement will be in writing. Notice will be sufficiently given for all purposes as follows:
1. Personal delivery. When personally delivered to the recipient: notice is effective on delivery.
  2. First Class mail. When mailed first class to the last address of the recipient known to the party giving notice: notice is effective three mail delivery days after deposit in an United States Postal Service office or mailbox.
  3. Certified mail. When mailed certified mail, return receipt requested: notice is effective on receipt, if delivery is confirmed by a return receipt.
  4. Overnight delivery. When delivered by an overnight delivery service, charges prepaid or charged to the sender's account: notice is effective on delivery, if delivery is confirmed by the delivery service.
  5. Facsimile transmission. When sent by fax to the last fax number of the recipient known to the party giving notice: notice is effective on receipt. Any notice given by fax will be deemed received on the next business day if it is received after 5:00 p.m. (recipient's time) or on a non-business day.
  6. Addresses for purpose of giving notice are as follows:
 

CONTRACTOR:	P.T.M. General Engineering Services, Inc. 5942 Acorn St. Riverside, California 92504  Fax: (951) 710-1006
CITY:	City Clerk City of Torrance 3031 Torrance Boulevard Torrance, CA 90503 Fax: (310) 618-2931
with a copy to:	Attn: Helen Shi Public Works Department City of Torrance 20500 Madrona Avenue Torrance, CA 90503 Fax: (310) 781-6902

- B. Any correctly addressed notice that is refused, unclaimed, or undeliverable because of an act or omission of the party to be notified, will be deemed effective as of the first date the notice was refused, unclaimed or deemed undeliverable by the postal authorities, messenger or overnight delivery service.
- C. Either party may change its address or fax number by giving the other party notice of the change in any manner permitted by this Agreement.

**22. PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING**

This Agreement and all exhibits are binding on the heirs, successors, and assigns of the parties. The Agreement may not be assigned or subcontracted by either the CITY or CONTRACTOR without the prior written consent of the other.

**23. INTEGRATION; AMENDMENT**

This Agreement represents the entire understanding of the CITY and CONTRACTOR as to those matters contained in it. No prior oral or written understanding will be of any force or effect with respect to the terms of this Agreement. The Agreement may not be modified or altered except in writing signed by both parties.

**24. INTERPRETATION**

The terms of this Agreement should be construed in accordance with the meaning of the language used and should not be construed for or against either party by reason of the authorship of this Agreement or any other rule of construction that might otherwise apply. To the extent that the terms of the Bid or Proposal are inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

**25. SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is found to be in conflict with applicable laws, that part will be inoperative, null and void insofar as it is in conflict with any applicable laws, but the remainder of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

**26. TIME OF ESSENCE**

Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

**27. GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION**

This Agreement will be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Jurisdiction of any litigation arising from the Agreement will be in Los Angeles County, California.

**28. COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**

CONTRACTOR will be knowledgeable of and will comply with all applicable federal, state, county and city statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders.

**29. WAIVER OF BREACH**

No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy by a nondefaulting party on any default will impair the right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. A party's consent or approval of any act by the other party requiring the party's consent or approval will not be deemed to waive or render unnecessary the other party's consent to or approval of any subsequent act. Any waiver by either party of any default must be in writing and will not be a waiver of any other default concerning the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

**30. ATTORNEY'S FEES**

Except as provided for in Paragraph 16, in any dispute, litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding by which one party either seeks to enforce its rights under this Agreement (whether in contract, tort or both) or seeks a declaration of any rights or obligations under this Agreement, the prevailing party will be awarded reasonable attorney's fees, together with any costs and expenses, to resolve the dispute and to enforce any judgment.

**31. EXHIBITS**

All exhibits identified in this Agreement are incorporated into the Agreement by this reference.

**32. CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE**

The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the CONTRACTOR warrant that (i) the CONTRACTOR is duly organized and existing; (ii) they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the CONTRACTOR; (iii) by so executing this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR is formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement; and (iv) the entering into this Agreement does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which the CONTRACTOR is bound.

**33. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

Any documents submitted by the CONTRACTOR; all information obtained in connection with the CITY's right to audit and inspect the CONTRACTOR's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to paragraph 14 Contractor's Accounting Records; Other Project Records; become the exclusive property of the City. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 7920.000 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The CITY shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

In the event the CITY is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary", the CONTRACTOR agrees to defend and indemnify the CITY from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

City of Torrance, a municipal corporation

P.T.M. GENERAL ENGINEERING  
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A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
ELIZABETH MENDOZA, President/CFO

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Poirier, MMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PATRICK Q. SULLIVAN  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Vicente Guerrero  
Deputy City Attorney

Attachment: Exhibit A: Bid  
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**EXHIBIT A**

**Bid**