

**III. ALTERNATIVES**

1. MODIFY Resolution No. 10-26 and APPROVE as modified.
2. TAKE another action the Agency Board deems appropriate.

**IV. BACKGROUND**

The City's capital improvement program calls for Avalon Boulevard Interchange Modifications at the I-405 Freeway under Project No. 921. The proposed project is approximately 1.4 miles southeast of the I-405 Freeway interchange with Main Street and 0.7 miles northwest of the I-405 Freeway interchange with Carson Street. The project includes the construction for a portion of a City collector roadway west of Avalon Boulevard, reconfiguring the existing on-ramps and off-ramps at Avalon Boulevard and construction of a new southbound on-ramp in the southeast quadrant of the interchange.

The proposed modifications will allow access to the proposed 1,500,000 square foot "The Boulevards at South Bay" development at a currently vacant site at the southwest quadrant of this interchange and will create a southbound I-405 Freeway on-ramp from northbound Avalon Boulevard next to the former Don Kott auto dealership properties. As a result of the traffic and environmental studies conducted for this development, it was concluded that the Avalon Boulevard interchange modifications at the I-405 Freeway were necessary to provide improved access to the existing South Bay Pavilion mall as well as other land uses in the vicinity. The proposed expansion of, and recent construction within, the California State University Dominguez Hills boundaries, located approximately 1.5 miles north of this interchange, has emphasized the need for and benefit of this project as well.

In accordance with the federal and state requirements, to be eligible for reimbursement, the project must be placed in a specific federal or state funding program and the local agency must obtain authorization to proceed with each phase of the project from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

On August 26, 2002, Caltrans issued "Authorization to Proceed with Preliminary Engineering" in the form of an E-76. Caltrans' authorization, followed by the execution of a Program Supplement Agreement to the Administering Agency-State Master Agreement No. 07-5403 between the state and the City, obligated up to \$769,125.00 in the Federal National Corridors and Borders fund (NCB) for the design phase of this project.

On November 15, 2005, the Agency Board approved a Professional Services Agreement with DMJM Harris Inc. in the amount of \$1,256,849.00, to prepare the Project Report, Environmental Document (ED), including Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA), and Geometric Approval Drawings (GAD) to obtain the Project Approval (PA); and for the preparation of PS&E for Project No.