


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: February 14, 2023

To: Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Honorable Heather Hutt, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Connie Llanos, Interim General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **FREEWAY AGREEMENT FOR STATE ROUTE 47 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) requests approval of an updated Freeway Agreement between the City of Los Angeles (City) and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to address traffic circulation along a portion of State Route 47 (SR-47). This agreement allows the Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department), with support from LADOT, to construct the SR-47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration, including improvements to the SR-47 Freeway on- and off-ramps and adjacent City streets.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

AUTHORIZE LADOT, in compliance with Section 100.22 of the Streets and Highways Code, to execute the attached superseding Freeway Agreement with Caltrans, as approved by the City Attorney to form and legality, to reflect improvements along the SR-47 Freeway and adjacent local streets, which will occur during construction of the SR- 47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration Project.

DISCUSSION

SR-47 is a state-owned and operated highway that services the San Pedro Bay Port Complex. Historically, the SR-47 off-ramp to Harbor Blvd. has created congestion issues that affect goods movement at the Port of Los Angeles. To address this congestion, the Harbor Department is implementing the SR-47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration (Project) to improve transportation safety and reduce vehicle delay and travel time along a segment of SR-47. The Project, located at the southbound Interstate 110 (I-110) and southbound State Route 47 (SR-47) junction, will relocate the westbound SR-47 off-ramp to land north of the Vincent Thomas Bridge at Front Street and Knoll Drive. This new design will move traffic through the interchange safely and efficiently to the cruise terminal, San Pedro Waterfront development, and other recreational facilities.

The Harbor Department, in conjunction with LADOT, supported Caltrans during the planning, environmental review, community engagement, and design of the Project, and to obtain the necessary permitting and approval to construct improvements to the SR-47 Freeway on- and off-ramps and adjacent City streets.

The attached slides outline the project area and funding sources. This \$100 million project is funded primarily by the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) SB1 (\$6.9 million), and NHFP grants (\$6.9 million), Maritime Administration Port Infrastructure Development (MARAD PIDP) grant (\$9.88 million), and Measure R funds (\$46.44 million) with additional funding provided by the Harbor Department. Construction is anticipated to begin in December 2023.

While the project itself is on SR-47, the off-ramps will connect to City-owned streets. Project construction will be managed, sponsored, and implemented by the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department in conjunction with Caltrans. City resources (inspection) will be utilized as needed to implement the B-permit and reimbursed through an IDO between the Harbor Department and Public Works. This interjurisdictional coordination requires a freeway agreement to document the understanding between the State and City for ongoing operations and maintenance. A freeway agreement is required when modifying access control (full or partial restriction of access to owners or occupants of abutting lands to or from a highway) limits so that current and future traffic safety and operations are not compromised.

The attached proposed Freeway Agreement documents the understanding between Caltrans and the City, regarding the planned traffic circulation features of the proposed freeway project and controlled access highway. There are numerous freeway agreements already executed to address changes along portions of SR-47. This Agreement between the City and Caltrans encompasses all aforementioned improvements and supersedes the previous Freeway Agreements. Caltrans requests that the City execute this agreement, before construction begins.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund.

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Attachments

FREEWAY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into on this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by and between the STATE OF CALIFORNIA acting by and through the Department of Transportation (herein referred to as "STATE"), and the City of Los Angeles (herein referred to as "CITY"),

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the highway described above has been declared to be a freeway by Resolution of the California Highway Commission on State Highway Route 47 (formerly Route 167), on August 26, 1959 and May 25, 1960; and

WHEREAS, STATE and CITY have entered into a Freeway Agreement dated July 29, 1960, relating to that portion of State Highway Route from Harbor Blvd to ¼ mile east of Mormon Street; and

WHEREAS, STATE and CITY have entered into a Freeway Agreement dated May 18, 1964 relating to that portion of State Highway Route from Route 110 (formerly Route 165) to Harbor Blvd.

WHEREAS, a revised plan map for such freeway has been prepared showing the proposed plan of the STATE as it affects streets of the CITY; and

WHEREAS, it is the mutual desire of the parties hereto to enter into a new Freeway Agreement in accordance with the revised plan of said freeway;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED:

1. This Agreement supersedes in its entirety said Freeway Agreement, dated July 29, 1960 .

2. This Agreement supersedes the portion relating to State Highway Route 47 (formerly Route 167) in said Freeway Agreement, dated May 18, 1964 from Route 110 (formerly Route 165) to Harbor Boulevard. The portion relating to State Highway Route 110 in said Freeway Agreement to remain in effect.

3. CITY agrees and consents to the closing of CITY streets, relocation of CITY streets, construction of frontage roads and other local streets, and other construction

affecting CITY streets, all as shown on the plan map attached hereto, marked Exhibit A, and made a part hereof by reference.

4. The obligations of STATE and CITY with respect to the funding and construction of the freeway project will always be dealt with in separate Cooperative Agreement(s) between the parties, and any amendments thereto, or Encroachment Permits issued to CITY. The parties responsible for the construction of the freeway shall make any changes affecting CITY streets only in accordance with the plan map attached hereto, marked Exhibit A.

5. The obligations of STATE and CITY with respect to the acquisition of the rights of way required for the construction, reconstruction, or alteration of the freeway and CITY streets, frontage roads, and other local streets will always be dealt with in separate Cooperative Agreement(s) between the parties, and any amendments thereto or Encroachment Permits issued to CITY.

6. It is understood between the parties that the rights of way may be acquired in sections or units, and that both as to the acquisition of right of way and the construction of the freeway project, the obligations of STATE and CITY hereunder shall be carried out at such time and for such unit or units of the project as funds are budgeted and made lawfully available for such expenditures.

7. CITY will accept control and maintenance over each of the relocated or reconstructed CITY streets, any frontage roads, and other local streets constructed as part of the project, on receipt of written confirmation that the work thereon has been completed, except for any portion which is adopted by STATE as a part of the freeway proper. If acquired by STATE, CITY will accept title to the portions of such streets lying outside the freeway limits upon relinquishment by STATE.

8. This Agreement may be modified at any time by the mutual consent of the parties hereto, as needed to best accomplish, through STATE and CITY cooperation, the completion of the whole freeway project for the benefit of the people of the STATE and of the CITY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Transportation

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Department of Transportation

(TONY TAVARES)
Director of Transportation
By:

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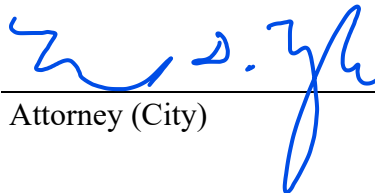
(GLORIA ROBERTS)
Acting District 7 Director

(CONNIE LLANOS)
Interim General Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Attorney (State)



Attorney (City)

11/30/2022

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

LIMIT OF AGREEMENT
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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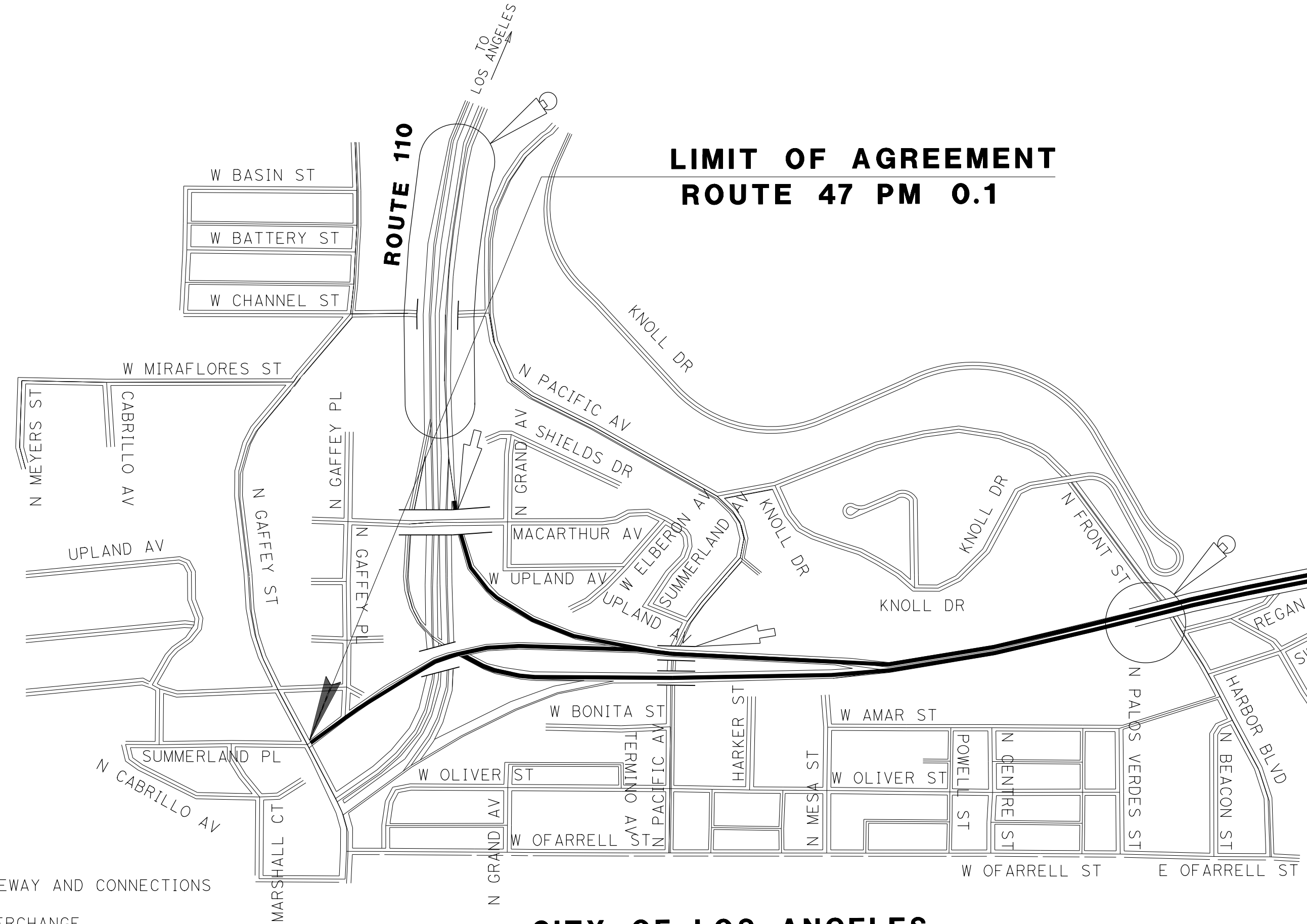
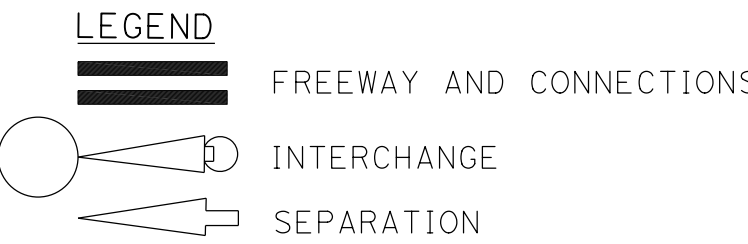
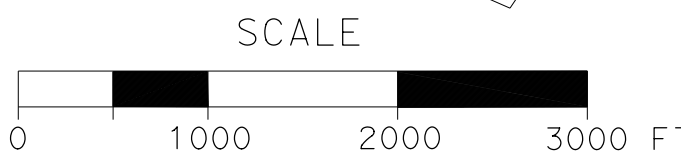
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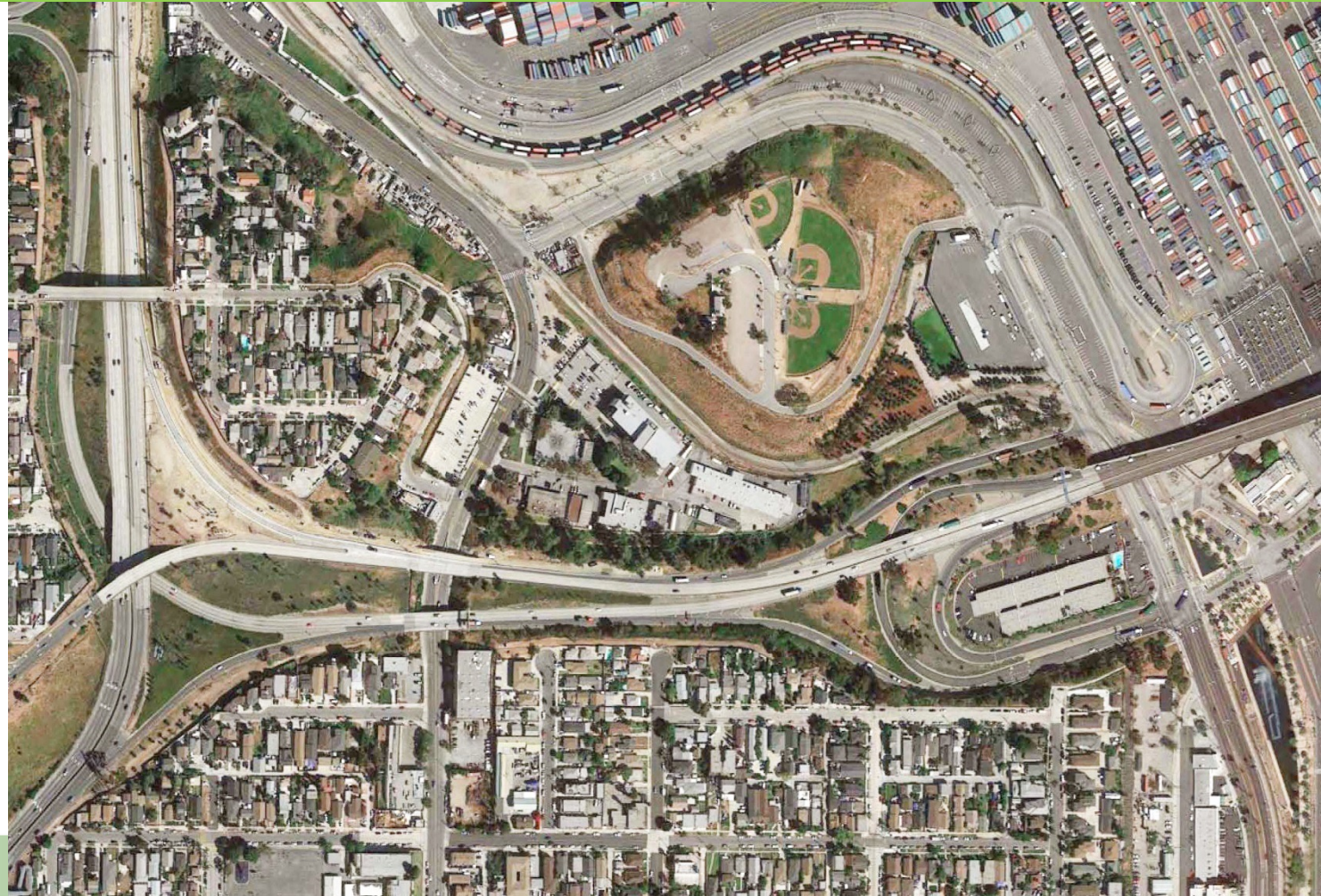
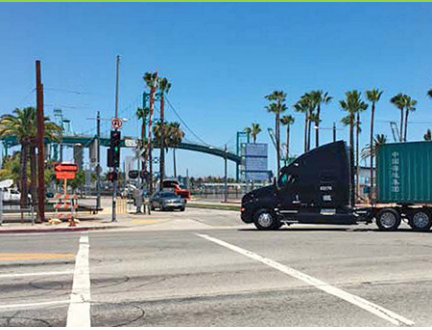


STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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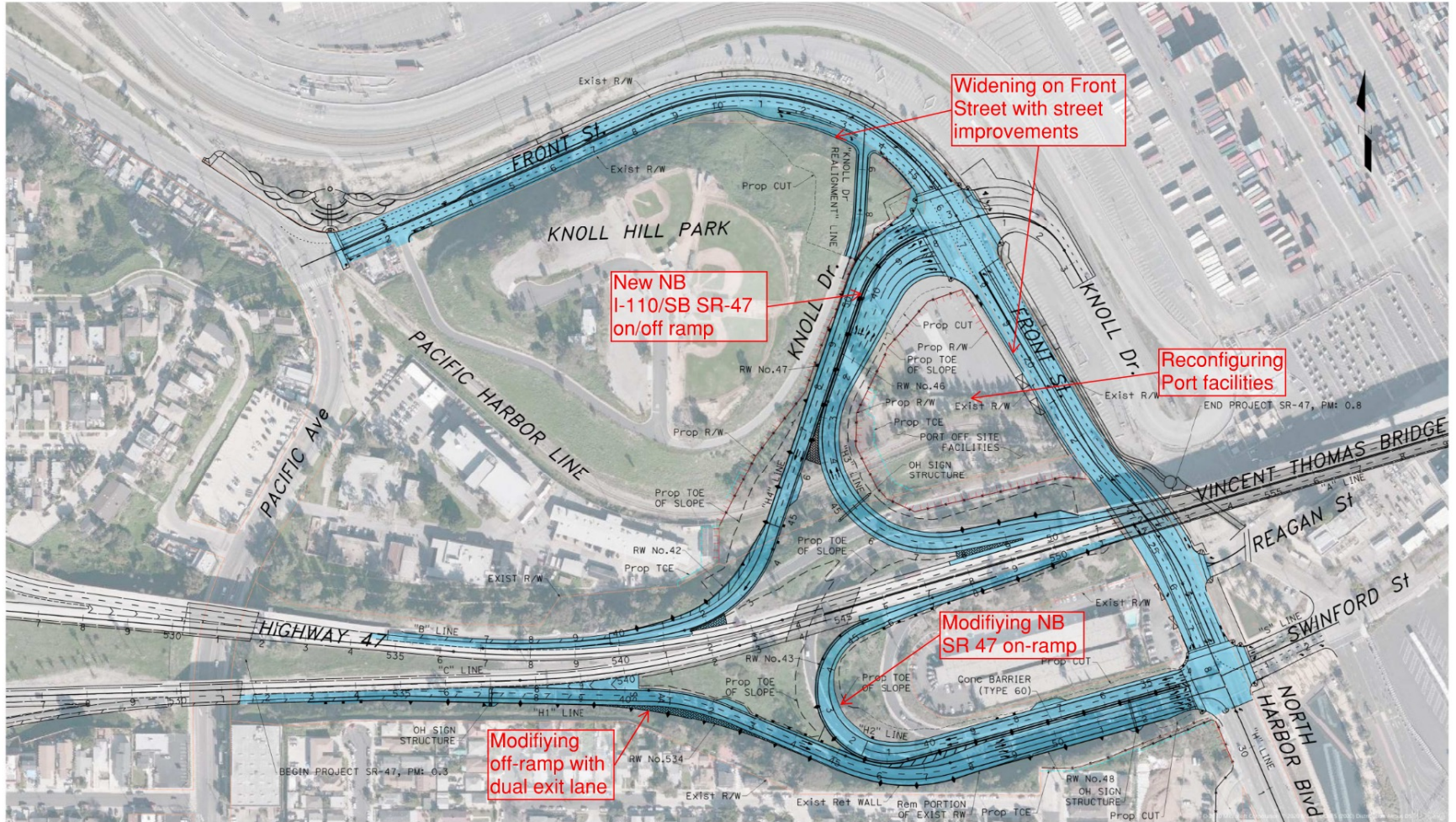


State Route 47 (SR 47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard Interchange Reconfiguration

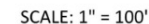
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Project Scope - Overview



SCALE: 1" = 100'





Project Budget and Schedule

Budget

- Total Project Budget: ~\$100M
- Grant Funding: ~\$70M

Schedule

- Advertisement: June 2023
- Construction Start: December 2023
- Substantial Completion: November 2026



Questions

