Various Projects – Authorization to Sign Agreements with California Highway Patrol (CHP) for Construction Zone Enhanced Enforcement Program (COZEEP) Services

Summary of Issues
The COZEEP is an interagency service provided by CHP. COZEEP services are frequently utilized on Authority highway construction projects and annual agreements are needed to utilize these services.

Recommendations
Staff seeks approval of Resolution 15-23-P which will delegate authorization for executing COZEEP agreements and any amendments to the Executive Director or his designee.

Financial Implications
Funding for COZEEP services have been allocated by Resolutions for each project’s construction award and will be drawn from project funds.

Options
The Authority could elect not to approve this request; however, each individual COZEEP agreement would need to be approved by the Authority.

Attachments (See APC Packet dated 6/4/15)
A. Resolution 15-23-P

Changes from Committee
None

Background
The COZEEP is an interagency service provided by CHP. It enables Caltrans and local authorities to hire CHP officers and vehicles to patrol project construction zones. COZEEP is used to increase traffic enforcement above normal levels in situations where traffic problems are anticipated, to reduce the potential for traffic accidents within a construction zone, and to reduce traffic speeds to the posted speed limits. CHP Officers may be used to slow down or assist in stopping or directing traffic to enable necessary breaks in traffic for critical movements.
of the Contractor’s equipment and operations, such as during the erection or removal of bridge falsework over traffic lanes, or when traffic will be switched onto a detoured route.

CHP services are requested on an as-needed basis by the project’s Resident Engineer. Under an agreement, the Authority reimburses CHP for the actual cost of their COZEEP activities. Funding for COZEEP services has been allocated by Resolutions for each project’s construction award and is drawn from project funds. Costs depend on size and complexity of a project, and typically range from $10,000 to $50,000 per project on an annual basis.

COZEEP services are made available on a countywide basis for Authority highway construction projects based upon a COZEEP agreement between CHP and the Authority. It is anticipated that the countywide COZEEP agreement will be executed on an annual basis, and be effective for the calendar year.

Since these annual agreements are fully funded by project Resolutions and are of a routine nature, staff seeks approval of Resolution 15-23-P to delegate authorization to execute COZEEP agreements, and any amendments, to the Executive Director or his designee.