

## **ITEM 7E**

Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
Transportation Committee  
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### **Staff Report**

**Subject:** Contract Amendment for Additional Planning and Environmental Design Work for CV Link

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**Recommendation:** Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment #5 to the contract with Alta Planning & Design, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$995,000 for additional planning and environmental design work for CV Link.

#### **Background:**

On July 18, 2014, the Executive Committee approved a contract with Alta Planning & Design for planning, design and engineering services related to CV Link in an amount of \$6,217,000, plus a 10% contingency over a three-year period. According to the terms, the contract was set to terminate on December 31, 2017. But the Executive Committee in December voted to extend the contract to June 30, 2018 with no additional funds.

Alta has completed a significant amount of work on CV Link and continues to finalize the construction drawings and specifications. However, some new tasks have emerged that require additional planning and design work related to CV Link, particularly as it pertains to promoting accessibility to the route that the CVAG Executive Committee approved in May 2017 with the certified CV Link Environmental Impact Report.

This work includes design modifications to a bridge across the Whitewater River in Palm Desert east of Cook Street; revised designs and geometrics for the route throughout the City of Palm Desert, such as Painters Path, Park View Drive, Monterey Avenue, Magnesia Falls Drive and Deep Canyon Road additional design work in the City of Palm Springs on Highway 111, North Palm Canyon, Indian Canyon Drive and San Rafael Drive; additional control and survey work; and supporting the design of access and connections from CV Link. Based on the success of the construction of the first segment – for which Alta was contracted by the City of Cathedral City – the amendment also includes construction administration and continued public engagement.

Alta's experience and familiarity with CV Link cannot be replicated, and CVAG staff believes the contract amendment is prudent in order to continue moving the project forward. The construction drawings and specifications that the firm is finalizing as well as the outlined design modifications, will be included as part of the bid package for construction later this year.

The Amendment is being finalized and staff anticipates presenting it to the Executive Committee later this month.

**Fiscal Analysis:** CVAG staff is recommending an amendment to Alta's contract in an amount not to exceed \$995,000 to address these tasks.

It is likely that Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds will be used to fund this additional work. Staff is working with our funding partners to allocate the funding needed. An agreement with a scope of work will be prepared for consideration by the CVAG Executive Committee later this month.