



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 23, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Agreement With California Department Of Transportation For The Lower State Street Railroad Crossing Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Accept Section 130 Program grant funding in the amount of \$526,500 for the Lower State Street Railroad Crossing Improvement Project;
- B. Authorize an increase in appropriations and estimated revenues related to the Section 130 Program grant funding in the Fiscal Year 2016 Streets Grant Fund; and
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute Service Contract No. 75LX287, and Any Other Related Agreements or Amendments, Subject to Approval as to Form by the City Attorney, with the California Department of Transportation for the Lower State Street Railroad Crossing Improvement Project.

DISCUSSION:

The City's Lower State Street Railroad Crossing Improvement Project (Project) will implement safety improvements at a busy pedestrian and vehicular rail crossing on lower State Street. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has jurisdiction over all railroad crossings in California. The City was approached by the CPUC, who recommended the Railway-Highways Crossing (Section 130) Program grant funds in the amount of \$526,500 to improve safety at the State Street rail crossing due to a history of collisions. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Rail will administer the grant and has delegated separate responsibilities for designing and constructing these safety improvements to the Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) and the City. Both agencies are required to coordinate their respective work to design and construct the improvements identified for their respective agencies. See Attachment.

Caltrans has requested that the City pass a resolution authorizing the Public Works Director to execute Service Contract No. 75LX287, which governs the receipt of the Section 130 grant funds. The City is required to execute said contract with Caltrans in order to receive these funds.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project will implement safety improvements at this busy pedestrian and vehicular rail crossing on lower State Street. The work primarily consists of the following:

- Installation of self-closing pedestrian swing gates at all four quadrants of the rail crossing;
- Reconstruction of the northwest quadrant curb alignment in order to accommodate the pedestrian swing gates;
- Reconstruction of the sidewalk approach to be compliant with the American with Disabilities Act requirements;
- Removal of approximately 75 feet of the platform segment between the Amtrak station and the adjacent State Street sidewalk to channelize pedestrians away from the railroad tracks; and
- Modifications to the traffic signal system/circuitry.

The UPRR is primarily responsible for the relocation of an existing flashing light signal with an automatic gate in the northwest quadrant, the installation of pedestrian warning devices at all four quadrants, and the implementation of an advanced preemption system.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The City's portion of the work, which will include design, construction, and construction management, is estimated to cost approximately \$526,500, and is fully funded by the grant program. The execution of the contract will allow for funding authorization so the City can begin reimbursable work on the Project.

ATTACHMENT: Section 130 Project Features - Map

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA TRAFFIC ENGINEERING	
ENTRADA/SECTION 130 PROJECT FEATURES	
SERVICE REQUEST: N/A	WORK ORDER: N/A
SHEET: Attachment #1	DATE: 2-23-2016
SCALE: 1"=50'	DRAWN BY: DVB

