



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 24, 2009

TO: Chair and Boardmembers

FROM: Housing and Redevelopment Division, Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Santa Barbara Railroad Station Historic Railcar

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Redevelopment Agency Board authorize the Deputy Director to approve additional change order expenditures of up to \$24,000 for Redevelopment Agency Agreement No. 491 with Fillmore and Western Railway Company for additional changes in the scope of work associated with restoration and installation of the rail car *Santa Barbara*.

BACKGROUND:

In 2007, the Agency Board authorized appropriations from the RDA's 2003A Bond Fund Historic Rail Car Account for the restoration, transport and sale of the circa 1929 Southern Pacific business car *Santa Barbara* by Fillmore and Western Railway Company (Fillmore & Western). Siting of a vintage railroad car for static display at the historic rail spur at the downtown Railroad Depot originated during the restoration process for the Railroad Depot facilities in the late 1990s. Major funding for the project was secured through a federal Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) grant administered by the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS). City funds expended on the construction/installation are reimbursable at the rate of 88.53% up to a maximum reimbursement of \$350,000. Adequate funding exists in the project account to accommodate the requested increase in change order authority.

DISCUSSION:

In 2007, the Agency authorized execution of a contract with Fillmore and Western for \$295,000 to complete the rail car restoration and installation. The Agency also authorized the Deputy Director to approve expenditures of up to \$29,500 (10% of the contract) for expenditures resulting in change orders for extra work. During the restoration, it became evident that the project would benefit from an expanded scope that would include the following significant items:

- Security measures (with supporting utilities)
 - interior alarm system
 - tempered, exterior window panes
 - tamper-proof lighting under the rail car

- High-grade paint with an extended life and which also exhibits a higher resistance to graffiti strikes
- Ultraviolet-light (UV) resistant, interior window panes
- Revisions to the design of the historic rail spur extension

Due to the custom nature of the work involved, staff finds significant benefit in having the expanded scope of work coordinated by Fillmore & Western under the existing agreement.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This is a CALTRANS grant and Redevelopment Agency-funded project. There is no cost to the General Fund. Staff is requesting authorization for an additional \$24,000 in change order authority to accommodate changes in scope. Approval of the request would bring the not-to-exceed total contract amount with Fillmore & Western to \$348,500 and raise the change order authority from 10% to 18% of the total contract. The Historic Rail Car project account maintains adequate funding to cover the proposed change order increase and therefore, no new funds will need to be added to the project account.

The project is being chiefly funded through CALTRANS TEA program reimbursable grant funds at the rate of 88.53% of the total project *construction* cost up to a maximum reimbursement amount of \$350,000. State reimbursement of Agency expenditures has been occurring regularly. Total project cost, including preliminary planning, appraisal and project management is estimated to be \$399,981 with \$85,037 provided by the Agency and the balance funded through the CALTRANS grant.

Installation

Additional site preparation will proceed immediately, with installation expected in early to mid May. Because weather conditions will affect the painting schedule, a specific delivery date has not yet been determined.

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SUBMITTED BY: Paul Casey, Agency Deputy Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office