



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** August 3, 2010

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Transportation Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Approval Of California Conservation Corps As A Sole Source Vendor

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council find it in the City of Santa Barbara's (City) best interest to approve the California Conservation Corps (CCC) as the sole source vendor to provide labor for Union Pacific (UP) railroad corridor maintenance, without bids, as authorized by Municipal Code Section 4.52.070 (k) for Fiscal Years 2011 through 2013.

### **DISCUSSION**

The City and UP entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in April 2007, wherein UP agreed to reimburse the City for costs associated with the clean-up and maintenance of the UP railroad corridor which runs 5.9 miles in length within City limits. The MOU specified that the CCC be hired by the City to perform this work, as this provides a reliable labor crew, has favorable compensation rates for time and equipment, and offers good work experience and training for California youth. CCC crews have proven to be an excellent resource for the annual railroad corridor maintenance by the City and UP.

The MOU between the City and UP has an open ended term, requiring only that the parties review the MOU at least once every three years to determine whether it should be revised, renewed, or possibly canceled. Termination of the MOU requires 90 days prior written notice. Annual meetings have occurred between UP and City staff, as required by the MOU, to review work completed and plan future activity. All City and UP staff involved have been pleased with the work results.

### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The current estimated cost of hiring the CCC crew and equipment for maintenance of the railroad corridor is \$46,000. UP will reimburse the City for 100% of the CCC cost which is advanced by the City for both crew and equipment. A similar cost is anticipated for future years, provided that both UP and the City agree to continue this partnership under the MOU and there is consensus on the amount of work required.

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