

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: TLMA - Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 31, 2008

SUBJECT: Cooperative Agreement between the County of Riverside and Union Pacific Railroad Company for a conceptual engineering study for a proposed railroad grade separation at Bellegrave Avenue

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve the attached Cooperative Agreement between the County of Riverside and Union Pacific Railroad Company, and authorize the chairman to execute same.

BACKGROUND: The County of Riverside and Union Pacific Railroad will jointly fund and prepare a conceptual engineering study for the railroad grade separation at Bellegrave Avenue. Union Pacific has contracted with Patterson and Associate to perform a conceptual engineering study for the fixed cost of \$198,572. The County will reimburse Union Pacific for one half of the cost of the study in an amount of \$99,286. This amount represents each party's maximum

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Director of Transportation

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current F.Y. Total Cost: | \$ 99,286 | In Current Year Budget: | Yes |
| | Current F.Y. Net County Cost: | \$ 0 | Budget Adjustment: | No |
| | Annual Net County Cost: | \$ 0 | For Fiscal Year: | 2007/2008 |

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| SOURCE OF FUNDS: TDA Funds (100%) | Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Requires 4/5 Vote | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Tina Grande*
Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *MSV*
MARSHAL L. VICTOR
DATE: 03/27/08

Departmental Concurrence

Policy
 Consent
 Dept't Recomm.:
 Policy
 Consent
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.

District: 2

Agenda Number:

ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

3.28

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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financial obligation under this agreement. The parties intend the study to result in the production of preliminary engineering design drawings and a cost estimate for the construction of the project. Union Pacific Railroad Company is designated as the lead for the purpose of facilitating coordination and minimizing the cost of this study. As the lead agency, Union Pacific will be responsible for providing the necessary administrative, managerial, technical, and support services.

In anticipation of TCIF (Proposition 1B) allocations, on July 11, 2007, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) has approved award of \$10 million of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to provide seed money to help advance projects into the pipeline for development. This \$10 million of TDA funds will support the project development (preliminary engineering) of 10 grade separation projects in the Western Riverside County. Bellegrave Avenue is one of the three recipients of TDA funds in an unincorporated County. The County's agreement with RCTC for TDA funds for this project is on the same Board Agenda.

The Bellegrave Avenue at-grade railroad crossing is located adjacent to the Bellegrave Avenue/Van Buren Boulevard intersection. Bellegrave Avenue is an east-west arterial that serves commercial, industrial and residential areas within the Glen Avon region in the County of Riverside. In the County's General Plan, Bellegrave Avenue is designated as an urban arterial and Van Buren Boulevard is designated as an expressway. The nearest at-grade crossing is Rutile Street, which is approximately a quarter of a mile south of Bellegrave Avenue.

The proposed project will grade separate Bellegrave Avenue from the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and the nearby Rutile Street at-grade railroad crossing will be eliminated. The tracks serve 54 freight and 17 Metrolink commuter trains. The proposed grade separations will improve the safety and operational characteristics at Bellegrave Avenue grade crossings by eliminating conflicts between vehicular and train traffic. This grade separation will also improve air quality, fire and medical emergency response time, safety to school buses, and traffic circulation.

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