

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

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SUBMITTAL DATE:
 April 9, 2009

FROM: Economic Development Agency and Transportation

SUBJECT: Clay Street Railroad Grade Separation Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Make the following findings:
 - a. The proposed improvement project will benefit the Jurupa Valley Redevelopment Project Area (JVPA) by providing improved vehicular traffic and enhancing the operational speed, efficiency and reliability of freight and passenger trains through Riverside County, substantially reducing particulate matter and greenhouse gasses caused by idling vehicles;
 - b. The proposed project will eliminate physical blight within the project area by eliminating conflicts between railroad operations and vehicular traffic on Clay Street and providing better traffic flow to businesses in the Project Area;
 - c. No other reasonable means of financing the local funding match is available due to limited funds for transportation facilities; and
 - d. The improvements are consistent with the Implementation Plan for Jurupa Valley Redevelopment Project Area as a needed public safety improvement.

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[Signature]
 Juan C. Perez, Director
 Transportation Department

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 Robert Field
 Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA/FM

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 150,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	09/10

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: Yes

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Jurupa Valley Redevelopment Project Area Capital Improvement Funds	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE
 BY: [Signature]
 Jennifer L. Sargent
 County Executive Office Signature

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: **District:** 2nd **Agenda Number:** 3.43

RECOMMENDED MOTION (continued):

2. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the attached Agreement by and between the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside (the "Agency") and the County of Riverside in the amount of \$150,000 for the Clay Street Railroad Grade Separation Project; and
3. Consent to the payment by the Agency for funding the project.

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Department has identified the Clay Street Railroad Grade Separation Project as a priority project to improve traffic circulation in the Jurupa Valley. A Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing currently exists at grade on Clay Street just east of Van Buren Boulevard in the Pedley area of Riverside County. Currently, 30 freight and 12 passenger trains pass through Clay Street grade crossing on a daily basis which is projected to increase to 45 freight and 28 passenger trains by 2030. The increase in number of trains will cause frequent interruptions in the normal flow of highway traffic, additional congestion in the area and a potential increase in train/vehicle accidents. The proposed project will grade separate Clay Street from the existing UPRR mainline.

The surrounding community, highway and rail users will benefit from the construction of this project through:

- Improved vehicular traffic circulation.
- Uninterrupted and efficient access for motorists, residents, businesses, pedestrians and emergency vehicles in the area.
- Substantially improved public safety by separating vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians from traffic.
- Substantially reduced particulate matter and greenhouse gasses caused by idling vehicles.
- Reduced train noise.

The Transportation Department recently applied for and received federal funding through the Projects of National and Regional Significance (PNRS) Program for this project but is in need of local matching funds. Eighty percent of the funding for the engineering phases of the project will be provided by ACE: Projects of National and Regional Significance (PNRS) – federal funds in the amount of \$2,500,000. Caltrans issued an Expenditure Authorization for the project in October of 2008 ensuring reimbursement of costs for this phase of the project. The project is proposed to be funded in several phases. This Agreement between the Transportation Department and the Redevelopment Agency is for initial costs for the environmental work in the amount of \$150,000.

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the recommended motions so that the project can proceed.