

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency and Transportation

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 16, 2010

SUBJECT: Clay Street Railroad Grade Separation Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Make the following findings pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33445:
 - a) The proposed improvement project is of primary benefit to the Jurupa Valley Redevelopment Project Area (JVPA) by helping to eliminate blight by providing improved vehicular traffic flow to businesses in the project area 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) No other means of financing the project is available to the community due to fact that the current economic crisis has substantially reduced the community's revenues to fund the project;

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Juan C. Perez, Director
Transportation Department

Robert Field
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

FINANCIAL
DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 475,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2010/11

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

County Executive Office Signature

BY: Alex Gann
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Policy ☒

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Consent ☐

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Dep't Recomm.: ☐

Per Exec. Ofc.: ☐

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Prev. Agn. Ref.: 4.8 of 7/21/2009

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: (Continued)

- c) The payment of funds for the cost of the project is consistent with the Implementation Plan for the project area and is necessary to effectuate the purpose of the project area's Redevelopment Plan, which calls for improving public infrastructure;
2. Consent to the payment by the Agency for funding the project; and
3. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the attached First Amendment to the Agreement by and between the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside and the County of Riverside for the Clay Street Railroad Grade Separation 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 the 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 the 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 and safety
- Uninterrupted and efficient access for motorists, residents, businesses, pedestrians, and emergency vehicles in the area
- Improved public safety by separating vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians from train traffic
- Reduced particulate matter and greenhouse gasses caused by idling vehicles.
- Reduced train noise

The Transportation Department recently received federal funding through the Projects of National and Regional Significance (PNRS) Program for this project which requires local matching funds. 80% of the funding for the engineering phases of the project will be provided by federal PNRS 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. The original Agreement between the Transportation Department and the Redevelopment Agency provided for the initial cost of the environmental work in the amount of \$150,000. This First Amendment is for the remaining \$475,000 to complete the environmental and preliminary design and engineering phase of the project.