

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



FROM: Economic Development Agency and Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 20, 2011

SUBJECT: Airport Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation Improvement Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Make the following findings in accordance with Section 33445 of the Health and Safety Code:
 - a) The Airport Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation Improvement Project is of benefit to the Desert Communities Project Area (DCPA) by helping to enhance traffic circulation within the community and eliminate blight within the project area;
 - b) No other reasonable means of financing the project are available to the community, as the County General Fund does not have the funds needed for the proposed improvements;
 - c) The payment of the funds for the cost of the improvements is consistent with the Implementation Plan for the DCPA which identifies road infrastructure as a necessary improvement;

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Juan Perez
Director of Transportation

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Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA
By Lisa Brandl, Managing Director

**FINANCIAL
DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 4,000,000	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: Redevelopment Agency Capital Improvement Funds-
Desert Communities Project Area

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: *Jennifer L. Sargent*
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Dep't Recomm.: ☐ Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: ☒ Policy

Consent ☐
Consent ☐

Prev. Agn. Ref.: N/A

District: 4

Agenda Number:

3.5

RECOMMENDED MOTION: (Continued)

2. Approve and authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the Reimbursement Agreement by and between the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside; and
3. Consent to the payment by the Redevelopment Agency as identified in the Reimbursement Agreement for the Airport Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND:

The proposed Airport Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation Improvement Project would grade separate the current at-grade crossing of Airport Boulevard with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) within the unincorporated community of Thermal. Traffic is stopped on Airport Boulevard as UPRR trains pass through the area several times a day. The funding to be provided will allow the Riverside County Transportation Department to increase the planned two lane grade separation into a four lane grade separation structure. The proposed improvements to be provided in this Reimbursement Agreement will benefit the community by providing improvement traffic circulation and eliminating blighted conditions for residents within the DCPA and meets a primary objective of the Implementation Plan.

The Riverside County Transportation Department will provide complete oversight for the installation of the improvements for the project including compliance with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations. The reimbursement of the proposed improvements will be paid entirely from Redevelopment Agency DCPA funds and will have no impact on the County's General Fund.

§33445 of the Health and Safety Code provides that a Redevelopment Agency may assist in the design and development of improvements that are of benefit to the project area in the immediate neighborhood in which the project is located. County Counsel has review and approved the Reimbursement Agreement as to form therefore, Agency staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors make the required findings for the proposed Airport Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation Improvement Project, approve and execute the Reimbursement Agreement with the Redevelopment Agency, and consent to the payment by the RDA.

Attachments:

Reimbursement Agreement (3)