

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

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**FROM:** TLMA - Transportation Department

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**

July 18, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Airport Boulevard (Avenue 56) Railroad Grade Separation Project, Thermal Area

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors (Board):

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the construction of the Airport Boulevard (Avenue 56) Railroad Grade Separation Project in the Thermal area of the Coachella Valley; and
2. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise for bids to be received in the office of the Director of Transportation and Land Management up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 4, 2013, at which time bids, will be opened.

Juan C. Perez

Director of Transportation and Land Management

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(Continued On Attached Pages)

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 21,304,769	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2013/2014

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Proposition 1B - Trade Corridor Improv. Funds (55.4%), Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (CVAG) (44.6%)

**Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30**

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**Requires 4/5 Vote**

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There are no General Funds used in this project.

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY

Tina Grande

**County Executive Office Signature**

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: MARSHALL VICTOR  
DATE: 7/18/13

Departmental Concurrence

Policy ☒ Policy

Consent ☐ Consent

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

**Prev. Agn. Ref.** 8/31/10, 3-82;

2/1/11, 3-5; 3/26/13,

3-22: 4/2/13, 3-15

**District:** 4/4

**Agenda Number:**

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**BACKGROUND:** The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) provides for the construction of a grade separation at the crossing of Airport Boulevard and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and Grapefruit Boulevard in the Thermal area.

Airport Boulevard (Avenue 56) serves the community of Thermal, the City of Coachella, and the City of La Quinta and provides direct access to the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport. Airport Boulevard intersects State Route 86 (SR-86), Grapefruit Boulevard (Hwy 111), and UPRR. UPRR is parallel to SR-86 and Grapefruit Boulevard. UPRR and SR-86 are both designated North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) freight corridors. This construction project will separate the roadway grade of Airport Boulevard from UPRR mainline tracks and from Grapefruit Boulevard (Hwy 111).

Currently, 71 freight trains pass through Riverside County (County) on this railway on a daily basis. This frequency is projected to increase to 107 by the year 2030. The grade separation project will generate the following benefits:

- Increased public safety due the elimination of train and vehicle conflicts
- Reduced delay of freight movement on the UPRR NAFTA corridor
- Reduction of particulate matter from idling vehicles, causing a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduced train noise

This project was accepted into the State's Proposition 1B Bonds Goods Movement Program administered through Transportation Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) in April 2008. A Project Baseline Agreement with the California Transportation Commission (CTC), identifying the scope and cost of the project, was approved by the Board on July 29, 2008, and was amended on April 2, 2013, under Agenda Item 3-15. The terms of the Baseline Agreement require that the County execute a construction contract for the improvements by December 31, 2013.

On August 31, 2010 (Item 3-82), the Board approved a Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) that authorized \$10 million in CVAG project funding.

On February 1, 2011 (Item 3-5), the Board approved a funding agreement with the Economic Development Agency (EDA) that authorized \$4 million in Redevelopment Agency project funding.

On March 26, 2013 (Item 3-22), the Board approved the construction and maintenance agreement between UPRR and the County.

On April 29, 2013, CVAG approved an increase of \$4,880,000 under Amendment Number One to the Cooperative Funding agreement. Board approval will be sought prior to the contract award.

On June 11, 2013, the CTC allocated \$15,066,000 in Proposition 1B, TCIF.

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The bid documents include the following schedules of work:

Base Bid: Primary items of work

Alternate 1: Construction of Domestic Water Transmission Pipeline to be funded by the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD)

Alternate 2: Force Main and Gravity Sewer Relocation to be funded by CVWD

If CVWD concurs with bid prices, as bid by the apparent low bidder, the alternate bid schedule will be included with the contract award, and the costs for the work will be funded by CVWD.

The submitted plans and specifications have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

Environmental clearance is complete.

Project No.: A6-0241, State Project ID: TCIFL-5956 (216)

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Airport Boulevard**

At Grapefruit Boulevard (Hwy 111) and Union Pacific Railroad

**Grade Separation Project**

In the Community of Thermal of the Coachella Valley

Project No. A6-0241

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