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



FROM: TLMA - Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:

August 29, 2013

SUBJECT: Sunset Avenue Railroad Grade Separation Project in the City of Banning

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the construction of the Sunset Avenue Railroad Grade Separation Project in the City of Banning; 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, October 23, 2013, at which time bids, will be opened.

Juan C. Perez

Director of Transportation and Land Management

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 21,345,528	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: City of Banning (100 %)

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30

There are no General Funds used in this project.

Requires 4/5 Vote

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:

Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

BY: SP Victor DATE: 8/28/13
MARSHAL VICTOR

Departmental Concurrence

Policy Policy

Consent Consent

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

Prev. Agn. Ref. 6/8/10, 3-63

District: 5/5

Agenda Number:

3-56

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) provides for the construction of a grade separation at the crossing of Sunset Avenue and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) in the City of Banning.

The Sunset Avenue railroad crossing is currently at street level and causes significant traffic delays. The grade separation construction will lower the existing grade on Sunset Avenue below the railroad tracks. As part of the project, a new railroad bridge structure will be constructed, and Sunset Avenue will be reconstructed to maintain two existing lanes, in each direction, with added sidewalks for pedestrian circulation. In addition, the existing on-ramps and off-ramps at the Interstate 10 and Sunset Avenue interchange will be reconstructed to tie into the lower Sunset Avenue elevation.

During the grade separation construction period, it will be necessary to install a temporary shoo-fly track adjacent to and south of the existing UPRR mainline. A shoo-fly is a temporary by-pass necessary to maintain rail circulation through the project area during construction of the new structure. The shoo-fly will consist of two tracks constructed within the existing UPRR right-of-way extending both east and west of Sunset Avenue. Upon completion of the structure, the shoo-fly will be removed.

The grade separation construction is needed in order to improve traffic flow and increase public safety by eliminating the conflicting at-grade crossing, as well as improve the efficient movement of goods through Riverside County.

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 corridor
- Reduced motorist delay
- Reduced amount of particulate matter produced by idling vehicles
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduced train noise

The proposed facilities are located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Banning. By Minute Order on June 8, 2010 (Item 3-63), the Board of Supervisors approved a Cooperative Funding Agreement with the City of Banning that designated the County of Riverside (County) as the lead agency and permitted the County to provide the services necessary to develop the project and obtain necessary approvals from Caltrans and UPRR. The terms of the Agreement also include reimbursement to the County for the cost of the services provided.

This project was accepted into the State's Proposition 1B Bonds Goods Movement Program administered through Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) in April 2008. TCIF funding requires that a construction contract for this project must be awarded on or before December 31, 2013.

The submitted plans and specifications have been approved as to form by County Counsel. Environmental clearance is complete.

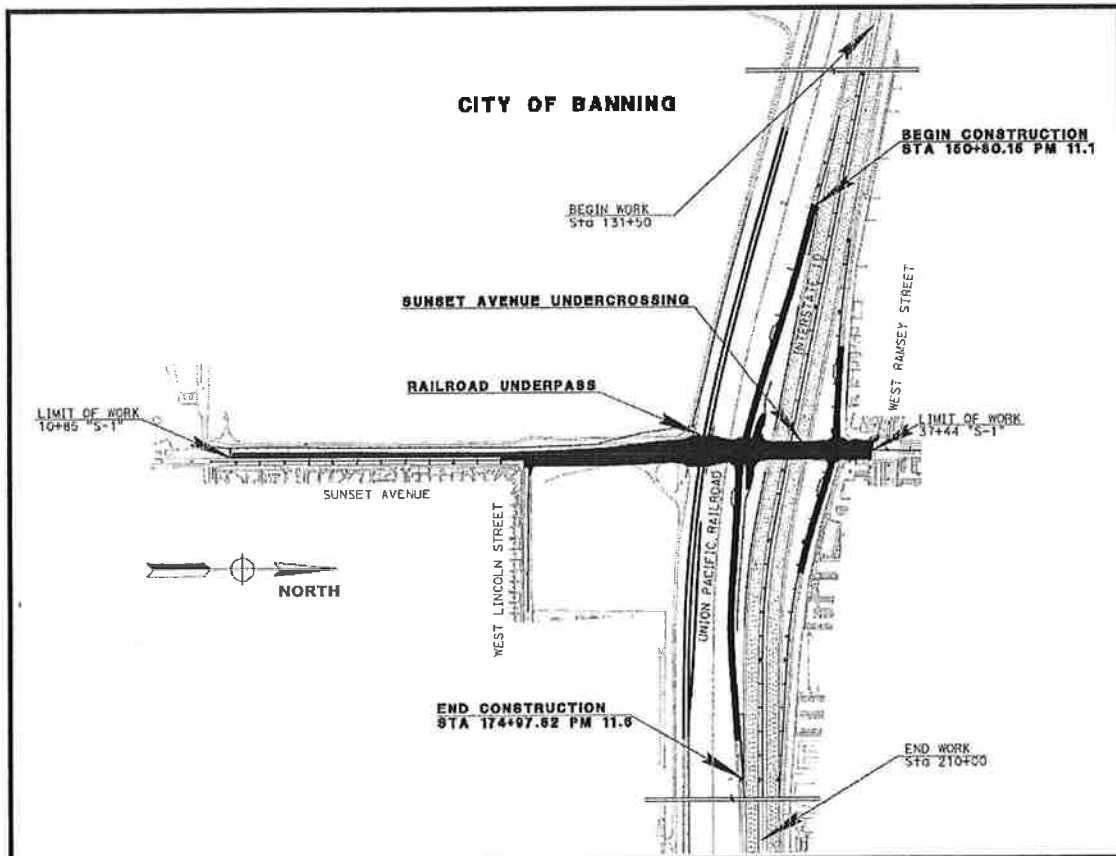
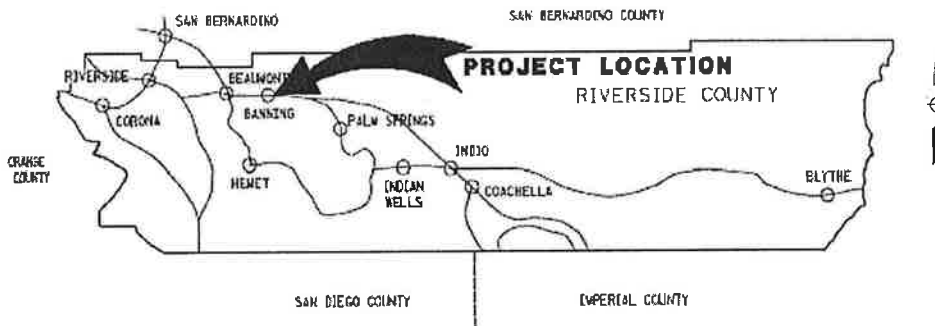
Project No.: C0-0529, Federal Aid No.: TCIFL-5956(217)

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

**Sunset Avenue at I-10 / Union Pacific Railroad
Grade Separation Project
Between Ramsey Street and Westward Avenue**

City of Banning

**Project No. C0-0529
Federal Aid No. TCIFL-5956(217)**



Sections 7 and 8, Township 3S Range 1E
County Road Book pages No. 93

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