

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

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**FROM:** TLMA – Transportation Department

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 10, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Amendment Number One to the Funding Agreement Between the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and the County of Riverside to Provide Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services for the 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue Railroad Grade Separation Project. 4<sup>th</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> District; [\$0]; Local Funds 100%

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

1. Approve the attached Amendment Number One to the funding agreement between the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and the County of Riverside to provide preliminary engineering and environmental services for the 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue Railroad Grade Separation Project; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the same.

Patricia Romo

Assistant Director of Transportation

Juan C. Perez

Director of Transportation and Land Management

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: Patricia Romo 5/15/14  
MARSHA L. VICTOR DATE  
Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (Per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** CVAG 100%

There are no General Funds used in this Project

**Budget Adjustment:** No

**For Fiscal Year:** 13/14 & 14/15

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

APPROVE

BY:   
Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- Positions Added
- Change Order

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 7/12/11, Item 3-43;  
3/24/11, Item 3-29

**District:** 4/4

**Agenda Number:**

**3-62**

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

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### **BACKGROUND:**

#### **Summary**

66<sup>th</sup> Avenue is the primary access to the community of Mecca from State Route 86. However, 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue currently does not cross the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, creating a gap that requires through traffic to use a circuitous route north onto Highway 111, crossing the railroad tracks at-grade on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and then south on Hammond to 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A substantial number of agricultural freight trucks use this crossing on a regular basis and can cause backups at the railroad tracks at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street at-grade crossing.

The proposed 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue Railroad Grade Separation Project would complete the connection of 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue across the UPRR tracks by building a bridge over the railroad for 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic and provide a direct east-west connection of 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The 4<sup>th</sup> Street crossing will remain open to local traffic and access to Highway 111. The proposed 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue grade separation will provide a more direct route for agricultural trucks, emergency vehicles and through traffic, and avoid conflicts and delays with the railroad train traffic.

On March 24, 2011 (Item 3-29), the Board of Supervisors approved a funding agreement between the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) and the County of Riverside (County) to provide \$500,000 in funding for preliminary engineering and environmental services for the 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue Railroad Grade Separation Project.

On July 12, 2011 (Item 3-43), the Board of Supervisors approved an engineering and environmental services agreement between Dokken Engineering and the County for the 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue Railroad Grade Separation Project. The services to be performed by Dokken Engineering under the terms of this agreement are now substantially complete, and the project is in the final stages of obtaining environmental clearance. The County is now prepared to proceed with the preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) that are needed in order to construct the proposed improvements.

On February 24, 2014, the CVAG Executive Committee approved Amendment Number One to the original funding agreement between CVAG and the County to provide an additional \$850,000 in funding for final design and construction support services. This Amendment Number One will increase the original funding of \$500,000 to \$1,350,000, which represents approximately 50% of the total engineering and environmental services required to complete the project. This amendment will increase the contract amount to \$2,679,400 to complete the final design work.

Project No. B8-0664

#### **Impact on Residents and Businesses**

UPRR and State Highway 86 are important North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) freight corridors to and from Mexico. Currently, up to 71 freight trains pass through the County daily on this rail line, with that number projected to increase to approximately 107 by the year 2030. The surrounding community, vehicle traffic, and rail users will benefit from the construction of this project through:

- Improved traffic circulation and reduced delays by providing uninterrupted and efficient access for agricultural trucks, motorists, residents, businesses, pedestrians, and emergency vehicles
- Increased public safety by providing a separation for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians from train traffic
- Reduced particulate matter and greenhouse gasses from idling cars and trucks

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**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

This item is a companion Agenda Item to Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering and Environmental Services Agreement between Dokken Engineering and the County of Riverside for the preparation of the final design of the 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue Railroad Grade Separation Project for services to perform final design for this project.

This Amendment Number One to the Funding Agreement between CVAG and the County will allow the County to be reimbursed for work performed to complete the design phase of the proposed 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue Railroad Grade Separation Project.

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

N/A



**AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE**  
to the  
**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE - CVAG REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT**  
for the  
**AVENUE 66 GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT**

THIS **AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE** is made and entered into this 24th day of February, 2014, by and between the **Coachella Valley Association of Governments**, a California joint powers agency, (**CVAG**), and the **County of Riverside (Lead Agency)** and is made with reference to the following background facts and circumstances. All other provisions in the existing Reimbursement Agreement for the **Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project** remain in force.

This Amendment Number One obligates, and authorizes for expenditure, funds not previously authorized under the terms of the existing Reimbursement Agreement, approved by CVAG's Executive Committee at their meeting of December 6, 2010. By that Reimbursement Agreement, the CVAG 50% Regional Share of projects costs was established as being \$500,000.

The County of Riverside is requesting additional funds, in addition to the amount originally estimated to complete the work. The County of Riverside has requested an additional \$850,000 as CVAG's Regional Share (50%) of additional work required to complete the design for the project. Approval of Amendment Number One will increase CVAG's total Regional Share of project costs to \$1,350,000.

**This Amendment Number One shall authorize additional project costs in the amount Not-To-Exceed \$850,000 for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project**

**Summary**

Previously obligated and authorized for expenditure (CVAG 50% Share)	\$ 500,000
<b>New obligations under this Amendment Number One (CVAG 50% Share)</b>	<b><u>\$ 850,000</u></b>
Revised Total Amount Authorized for this Project	\$1,350,000

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment Number One for the **Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project** to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on this date:

**ATTEST:**

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_


Clerk of the Board

Chairman

**ATTEST:**

**CVAG**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Tom Kirk,  
Executive Director

Don Adolph  
CVAG Chair

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CVAG Chair

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

BY:

*M. Victor*  
MARSHAL VICTOR

*5/15/14*  
DATE

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Keisha Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board

**From:** Patty Romo, Assistant Director of Transportation

**Date:** June 10, 2014

**Subject:** Form 11 – Amendment Number One to the Funding Agreement Between the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and the County of Riverside to Provide Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services for the 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue Railroad Grade Separation Project

There will be two parts to this Form 11, A and B. This will be part A; please have part B follow this Agenda Item.



Jina G.