

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

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FROM: TLMA – Transportation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2015-011, Authorizing Application for Section 190 Grade Separation Funds for the Magnolia Avenue Grade Separation Project and Certifying that Sufficient Local Funds will be available for the Project. 2nd District; [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:
Approve Resolution No. 2015-011, authorizing application for Section 190 Grade Separation funds for the Magnolia Avenue Grade Separation Project and certifying that sufficient local funds will be available for the Project.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Magnolia Avenue is a four lane Arterial Highway that provides primary access to commercial, industrial, and residential land uses in the Home Gardens community of Riverside County (County), which neighbors the City of Riverside to the east and City of Corona to the north.

Patricia Romo
Assistant Director of Transportation
for Juan C. Perez
Director of Transportation and Land Management

Departmental Concurrence

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

BY: ANITA C. WILLIS DATE: 12-18-14

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (Per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A				Budget Adjustment: No	
				For Fiscal Year: 14/15	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 12/10/13, Item 3-34 | **District:** 2 | **Agenda Number:**

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

A Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) at-grade crossing currently exists on Magnolia Avenue between Lincoln Street and Buchanan Street. Vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles all traverse the crossing at the BNSF railroad tracks. At this crossing, there are two mainline tracks that service freight trains, as well as Metrolink and Amtrak commuter trains. The railroad crosses Magnolia Avenue at a sharp angle, which limits visibility and increases the potential for train-vehicle accidents. Currently, 41 freight and 27 passenger trains pass through Magnolia Avenue grade crossing on a daily basis, which is projected to increase to 62 freight and 38 passenger trains by 2030. The increase in number of trains will cause more frequent interruptions in the normal flow of vehicle traffic creating additional congestion in the area.

On December 10, 2013, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors awarded a construction contract to OHL USA, Inc. in the amount of \$34,167,522 to construct a grade separation over the existing BNSF at-grade crossing. The full project budget, including design, right-of-way, inspection, and contingency, is \$58,649,000 and is funded from multiple funding sources including:

- Surface Transportation Program (Discretionary)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program
- Proposition 111 (Gas Tax)
- Proposition 1B (State bond funds- Local Roads)
- Proposition 1B (Trade Corridor Improvement Funds)
- Local Transportation Fund (Rail Funds)
- Grade Separation Program Section 190
- Measure A/Western
- Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee - Northwest Zone (WRCOG)
- BNSF Railroad
- Utility Companies

The attached resolution, certifying to certain conditions regarding the project, is required as a prerequisite to State approval and allocation of Section 190 funds. There are no County General Funds used for this Project.

Project No. B7-0784

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The construction of this Grade Separation Project will reduce congestion and delays and improves safety by separating vehicle traffic from train traffic at this crossing.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

Section 190 of the California Streets and Highways Code allows the Legislature and Governor of the State of California to provide funds annually for grade separation projects. The California Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over the safety of roadway-rail crossings and develops a funding priority list of grade separation projects, and the Magnolia Avenue grade separation structure is second on the current list.

The funding attachment to the construction contract award package (Item 3-34 of 12/10/13) noted that the County had applied for \$5 million in Section 190 funds that were temporarily being backfilled with \$4,600,000 from Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fees and \$400,000 from Gas Tax.

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Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution No. 2015-011

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2015 -011

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
6 THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR SECTION 190 GRADE
7 SEPARATION FUNDS FOR THE MAGNOLIA AVENUE GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT
8 AND TO CERTIFY THAT SUFFICIENT LOCAL FUNDS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE
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10 **WHEREAS**, Section 190 of the California Streets and Highways Code allows the
11 Legislature and Governor of the State of California to provide funds annually for Grade Separation
12 projects; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the California Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over the safety of
14 roadway-rail crossings and develops a funding priority list of grade separation projects, and the Magnolia
15 Avenue Grade Separation Structure is second on the current list; and

16 **WHEREAS**, procedures for requesting grade separation funds require a certified
17 resolution of the County of Riverside governing board authorizing submittal of an application for said
18 funds and certifying that sufficient local funds will be made available as the project progresses;

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of
20 Riverside, in regular session assembled on January ____, 2015, does hereby:

- 21 1. Authorize the filing of an application for the Magnolia Avenue Grade Separation
22 Project for allocation from Section 190 Grade Separation Program Funds; and
23 2. Certify that sufficient local funds will be made available as the work of the Project
24 progresses; and

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside
26 hereby authorizes the Director of Transportation and Land Management Agency, or designee, as agent, to
27 execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, application(s) and supplemental
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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *H. P. Lester* DATE: 12/16/14
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1 documentation which may be necessary to successfully apply for and be awarded Section 190 Grade
2 Separation funds.

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