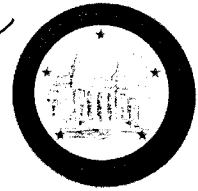


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

313C



FROM: Redevelopment Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 20, 2011

SUBJECT: Airport Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation Improvement Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

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;

(Continued)

Lisa Brandl for

Robert Field
Executive Director
By Lisa Brandl, Deputy Executive 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:	2010/2011

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 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
BY: *Jennifer Sargent*

Jennifer Sargent
Deputy

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: Tavaglione
Date: February 1, 2011
xc: RDA, EDA, Transp., Auditor
(Comp. Item 3.5)

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: *Kecia Harper-Ihem*

Deputy

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Prev. Agn. Ref.: N/A | District: 4 | Agenda Number:

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 PAUL ANGULO, CPA AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 BY: *Samuel Wong* 1/19/11
 DATE: 1-18-11
 DEPARTMENT: *Samuel Wong*
 ANITAC C. WILLIS
 FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY: *Mark C. O'Fallon* 1-18-11

Consent
 Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.:
 Policy

RECOMMENDED MOTION: (Continued)

2. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Reimbursement Agreement by and between the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside and the County of Riverside.

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 flow on Airport Boulevard is stopped as UPRR trains pass through the area several times a day. The proposed funding to be provided will allow the County of Riverside Transportation Department to increase the planned two lane grade separation into a four lane structure. The proposed improvements to be provided in this Reimbursement Agreement will benefit the community by providing improved 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 or development of improvements that are of benefit to the project area or in the immediate neighborhood in which the project is located. Agency Counsel has reviewed and approved the Reimbursement Agreement as to form therefore, Agency staff recommends that the Board of Directors make the required findings for the proposed Airport Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation Improvement Project, approve, and execute the Reimbursement Agreement with the County of Riverside.

Attachments:
Reimbursement Agreement (3)