

Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – Review and Prioritization of Potential Railroad Grade Separations Along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad at Jackson Street, Mary Street, Spruce Street, and Third Street

## Public Works Department

**City Council  
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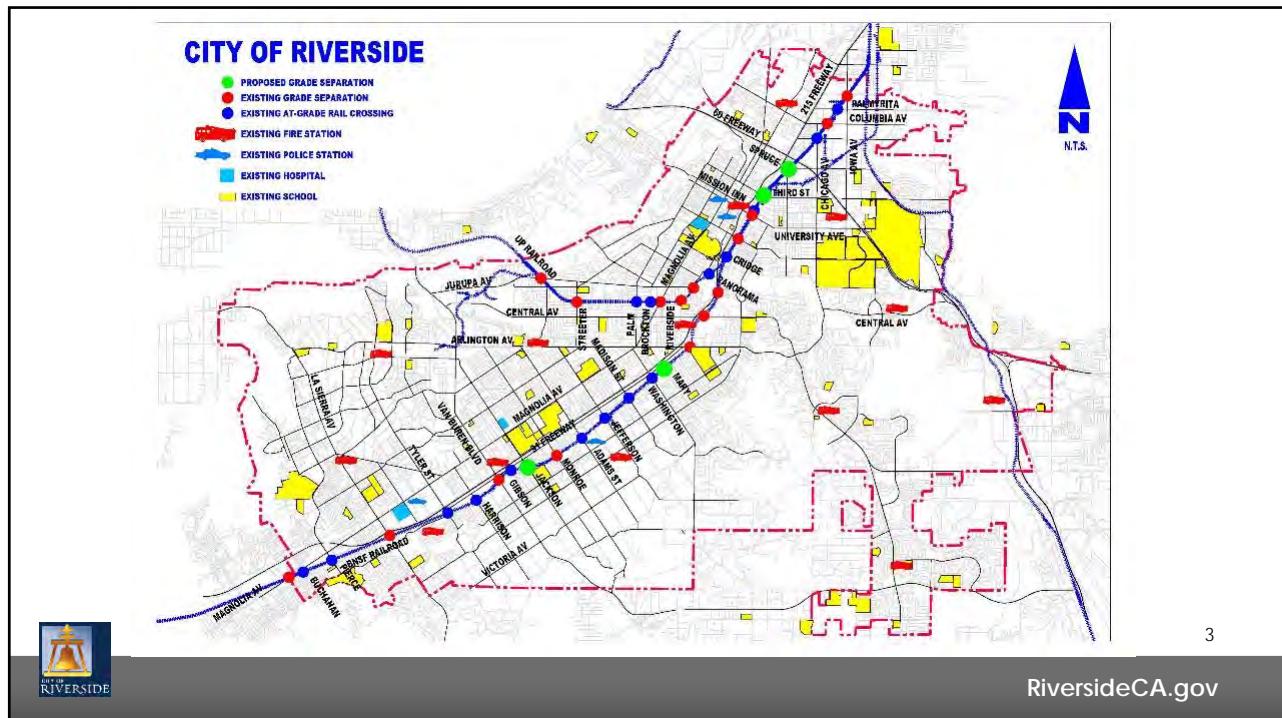
## BACKGROUND

1. May 5, 2015 – City Council approved the Jackson St., Mary St., Spruce St., and Third St. rail crossings for conceptual grade separation design and future funding opportunities.
2. February 9, 2017 – Transportation Committee received a report on concept designs and prioritization of Jackson St., Mary St., Spruce St., and Third St. grade separations.



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Jackson Street Grade Separation – Alternative 1



Jackson Street Grade Separation – Alternative 2

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Mary Street Grade Separation – Alternative 1

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Mary Street Grade Separation – Alternative 2

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Spruce Street Grade Separation – Alternative 1

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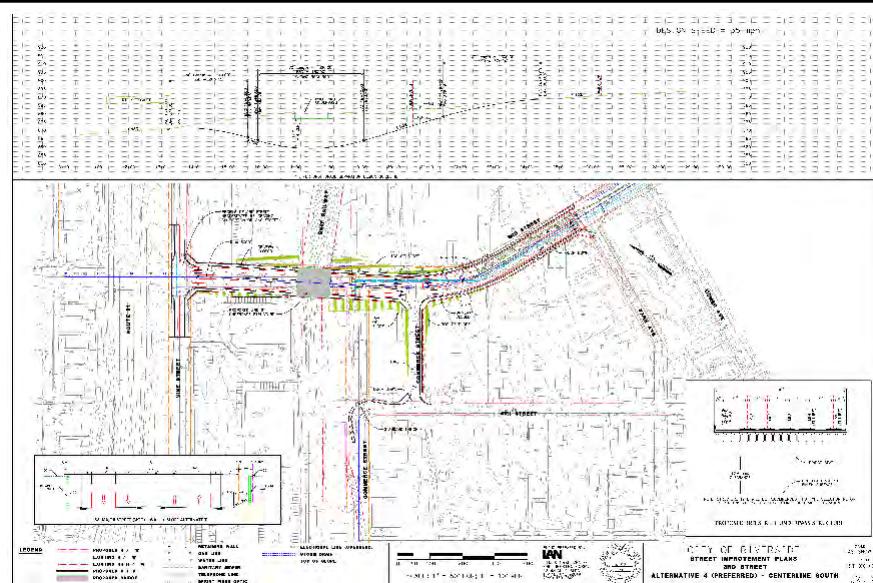




Spruce Street Grade Separation – Alternative 2

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Third Street Grade Separation – Preferred Alternative

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## FUNDING

- April 2016 – RCTC applied for Cap & Trade grant for RCTC's Metrolink and Amtrak grade separations, including Third St. grade crossing.
- Currently, RCTC working with SCAG to prioritize critical urban freight corridors including Third St. crossing for future funding opportunities.



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## FUNDING

- WRCOG updating the TUMF Nexus Study.
- TUMF Network includes Adam St., Madison St., and Chicago Ave. grade separations.
- Third St. meets inclusion criteria into the TUMF Network.
- Public Works requested WRCOG to replace Chicago Ave. grade separation with Third St. grade separation.
- WRCOG has programmed \$1.5 million in TUMF funds for PA&ED phase and \$2.5 million for final engineering of Third St. grade separation - subject to WRCOG Executive Committee approval, anticipated by June 2017.



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## RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council:

1. Approve Third Street as the top priority railroad grade separation;
2. Direct the Public Works Department to begin the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase of the Third Street grade separation.



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