



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2026

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARD: 3

SUBJECT: AWARD BID NO. 8148 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AT-GRADE RAIL CROSSING STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR PALM AVENUE AND BROCKTON AVENUE TO SOL CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$911,907.50

ISSUE:

Award Bid No. 8148 for the construction of At-Grade Rail Crossing Street Improvements for Palm Avenue and Brockton Avenue to Sol Construction, Inc. of Riverside, California, in the amount of \$911,907.50.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Award Bid No. 8148 for the construction of At-Grade Rail Crossing Street Improvements for Palm Avenue and Brockton Avenue to Sol Construction, Inc. of Riverside, California, in the amount of \$911,907.50; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Construction Contract with Sol Construction, Inc., including making minor non-substantial changes.

BACKGROUND:

On August 19, 2025, the City Council (1) approved the Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for Brockton Avenue rail crossing improvements in the amount of \$2,013,126; (2) approved the Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for Palm Avenue rail crossing improvements in the amount of \$713,179; and (3) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreements with Union Pacific Railroad Company including making minor and non-substantive changes.

DISCUSSION:

On October 23, 2025, Bid No. 8148 for the construction of At-Grade Rail Crossing Street Improvements for Palm Avenue and Brockton Avenue (Project) was posted on PlanetBids to construct all street improvements consisting of the reconstruction of concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and driveways; installation of fencing and handrailing; installation of tactile tiles; repaving of the road for approximately 60-feet on either side of the crossing; and traffic signing

and striping at Brockton Avenue rail crossing as well as all street improvements consisting of narrowing Palm Avenue from Dewey Avenue to Gardena Drive in order for the roadway section to match the Palm Avenue roadway section south of Dewey Avenue; construction of concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and driveways; installation of fencing and handrailing; installation of tactile tiles; repaving of the road from Dewey Avenue to Gardena Drive; and traffic signing and striping at Palm Avenue rail crossing. (Attachment 1). Prior to bid opening, two questions were submitted and answered, and three addenda were issued. The bid notification is summarized in the following table.

Table 1 – Bid No. 8148, Bidding Notification Summary Table

Action	Number of Vendors
City of Riverside Vendors Notified	717
Vendors Who Downloaded Bid No. 8148	62
Questions and Answers Received	2
Addenda Submitted	3
Proposals Received	7

On December 4, 2025, a total of seven (7) bids were received for the construction of the Project (Attachment 2). The lowest responsive and responsible bid was received from Sol Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$911,907.50, which is 6.34% under the Engineer's Estimate of \$973,680. A summary of the bid results is provided in the table below:

Table 2: Bidder List

Bidder	City Location	Bid Amount	Rank
Sol Construction, Inc.	Riverside, CA	\$911,907.50	1
Diamond Construction	San Clemente, CA	\$1,036,386.00	2
L C Paving & Sealing, Inc.	Escondido, CA	\$1,066,664.75	3
Van Engineering	Wildomar, CA	\$1,073,229.80	4
J&E Construction	Chino, CA	\$1,178,270.75	5
Aneen Construction, Inc.	Riverside, CA	\$1,596,016.50	6
Hardy & Harper, Inc.	Lake Forest, CA	\$1,650,000.00	7
➤ Engineer's Estimate		\$973,680.00	

Purchasing Resolution 24101, Article Five, Section 508 states, "Contracts procured through Formal Procurement shall be awarded by the Awarding Entity to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder."

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the recommended actions comply with Purchasing Resolution 24101, Section 508.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$911,907.50. Sufficient funds are available in the Gas Tax Fund, UP Quiet Zone-Brockton and Palm project account number 9872127-440223 in the amount of \$600,000 and 2009 Measure A Fund, UP Quiet Zone-Brockton and Palm under project account number 9872130-440313 in the amount of \$311,907.50.

The estimated total project cost including design, the construction contract and railroad flagging (today's item for consideration), construction engineering, construction work to be completed by the railroads, and contingencies is itemized in Table 3.

Table 3 – Project Costs

Task	Amount
Design Engineering (In House) – Includes \$47,000 in administrative costs by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR)	\$ 325,000.00
Street Easement Acquisition from UPRR (Brockton Crossing)	\$37,250.00
Construction Contract - Includes railroad flagging	\$ 911,907.50
Construction Engineering, Inspection, and Survey (In House)	\$75,000.00
Construction Work (by UPRR)	\$2,689,055.00
Contingencies	\$100,000.00
Total:	\$4,138,212.50

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 Approved as to form: Rebecca McKee-Reimbold, Interim City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Project Location Map
2. Bid Award Recommendation