



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2015**

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **WARD: 1**

SUBJECT: SPRUCE STREET/BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILROAD CROSSING - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$720,900 - SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ISSUE:

The issues for City Council consideration are 1) approval of a Service Contract with the State of California Department of Transportation (State) to install curb, gutter and sidewalk across the Spruce Street/Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad tracks and related traffic signal improvements at E. La Cadena Drive, and 2) appropriation of Section 130 Program grant funds for the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Approve and authorize execution of a \$720,900 Service Contract between the State and the City for the improvements to the Spruce Street/BNSF Railroad crossing; and
2. Authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$720,900 for Section 130 Program grant funds to Project Account No. 9891528-440125 and increase the estimated revenue by the same amount in Project Account No. 9891528-331310.

BACKGROUND:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has recommended the installation of: curb, gutter and sidewalk on the north side of Spruce Street from E. La Cadena Drive/Kansas Avenue to east of the railroad crossing, extension of the easterly raised median, installation of new concrete crossing panels, installing advanced railroad preemption to the traffic signal at E. La Cadena, and new railroad warning devices. These improvements will be funded with Federal Funds provided to Caltrans under Section 130, Title 23 of the United States Code.

The City is responsible for: construction of the curb, gutter and sidewalk, median extension' and traffic signal modifications while BNSF Railway will be responsible for the concrete crossing panels and new railroad crossing warning devices under a separate agreement between the State and BNSF Railway.

Under the terms of the attached Agreement, the State will reimburse the City for all project costs including design and construction of the improvements up to \$720,900. BNSF Railway will design and construct their respective improvements under a separate contract with the State.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total estimated cost of the project including design, construction, construction engineering and contingencies is \$720,900 to be funded entirely by Section 130 grant funds, Federal Funds provided to Caltrans under Section 130. The service contract requires City Council to appropriate the grant funds.

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Attachments:

1. Agreement between City and State of California, Department of Transportation
2. Location Map