



City Council Supplemental Report

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From: Philip Kamhi, Chief Transportation Official

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TITLE

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT: Approval of a Funding Agreement with Federal Railroad Administration to Receive \$6 Million for the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Documentation Phase for the Grade Separation Projects at Churchill Avenue, Meadow Drive, and Charleston Road crossings. CEQA status – statutorily exempt per CEQA section 15262; this funding agreement will partially fund CEQA/NEPA review of the grade separation projects.

RECOMMENDATION

The Rail Committee and Staff recommends that the City Council approve the funding agreement with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) under its Rail Crossing Elimination program to provide the City with \$6 Million towards the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Documentation Phase to be completed by June 2027 for Grade Separation Projects at Churchill Avenue, Meadow Drive, and Charleston Road crossings and authorize the City Manager or their designee to negotiate the final terms of agreement and execute the funding agreement. The remaining \$14 Million in funding is anticipated from non-federal funding sources of the Santa Clara County 2016 Measure B Grade Separation funding.

Supplemental Update

The City and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) staff are diligently working to finalize the funding agreement for the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Design phase for the Churchill Avenue, Meadow Drive, and Charleston Road crossings. This supplemental report provides two updates:

- 1) This transmits the substantially complete funding agreement for approval (Attachment A). This agreement is currently undergoing internal reviews at the FRA.
- 2) Staff is seeking City Council approval for the City Manager or their designee to finalize and execute the agreement. As such, the recommendation has been revised to add the following additional language that is underlined:

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agreement with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) under its Rail Crossing Elimination program to provide the City with \$6 Million towards the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Documentation Phase to be completed by June 2027 for Grade Separation Projects at Churchill Avenue, Meadow Drive, and Charleston Road crossings and authorize the City Manager or their designee to negotiate the final terms of agreement and execute the funding agreement. The remaining \$14 Million in funding is anticipated from non-federal funding sources of the Santa Clara County 2016 Measure B Grade Separation funding.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Funding Agreement with FRA

APPROVED BY:

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