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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Public Works Department
MEETING DATE: July 20, 2020

SUBJECT:
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Avenue Caltrain Grade Crossing Improvement Project – Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an agreement with Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for railroad construction and maintenance and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented. There is no dollar amount for this agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The Caltrain Grade Crossing Improvement Project at 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Avenues is a safety improvement project initiated by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) to install median curbs on the west side of the 1st and 2nd Avenue railroad crossings and on the west and east side of the 3rd Avenue railroad crossing to deter vehicles from circumventing lowered crossing gates. This is an independent project proposed by Caltrain and does not contribute to obtaining a Quiet Zone. The need for access to adjacent roadways and driveways prohibits improvements required to meet Quiet Zone thresholds from being constructed. The project is anticipated to begin construction in spring of 2021 and be completed by the end of that year.

A construction and maintenance agreement is required to authorize JPB/Caltrain to construct improvements within City right of way and to commit the City to maintain them. The JPB is the lead agency responsible for designing, bidding, and managing construction of the project. The responsibilities of each party are further described in the agreement.

Following Council approval of the railroad construction and maintenance agreement, City and JPB staff will co-sign requests to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for authorization to alter highway-rail crossings at each intersection.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The JPB will incur and pay all costs for project design, construction, construction management, and indirect costs incurred to implement the project. The City will pay for staff time spent on design review and inspections of the project in the City's right-of-way and coordination efforts. City will waive all permit fees or other fees for the project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

JPB is the lead agency under CEQA and has obtained environmental clearance for the Project. The Project qualifies as Categorical Exempt under Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 – Agreement

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