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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: August 16, 2021

SUBJECT:
Train Quiet Zone Project Federal Grant Funding – Appropriation

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution to appropriate \$10,477.52 of federal grant funding to the Train Quiet Zone project.

BACKGROUND:

On January 6, 2020, the City Council received a status update on efforts to minimize train horn noise impacts. Efforts include safety improvements at the 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue railroad crossings consisting of four-quadrant gates, to be funded from the Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing Program – Section 130 approved by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) and administered through California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The City originally began planning activities to initiate the 4th and 5th Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement Projects under Train Quiet Zone since these projects provide the added benefit to help the City qualify for a quiet zone.

On May 11, 2020, Caltrans issued Federal Authorization to Proceed on reimbursable work for the 5th Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement Project and then for 4th Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement Project on September 21, 2020. On November 16, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution to approve funding agreements with Caltrans for these improvement projects at 4th and 5th Avenue Grade Crossings for the Preliminary Engineering Phase.

For work performed after issuance of federal authorization but prior to execution of the funding agreements, Caltrans will approve reimbursement in the amount of \$10,477.52 expended on Train Quiet Zone for staff time spent on planning and design of the 4th and 5th Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement projects. Train Quiet Zone does not currently have federal grant funding appropriated in the budget. Staff recommends appropriating federal grant funding in the amount of \$10,477.52 to Train Quiet Zone to allow the City to receive reimbursement.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Approving the appropriation to Train Quiet Zone will allow the City to receive reimbursement of City staff time and expenses in the amount of \$10,477.52. All other work on the 4th and 5th Avenue Grade Crossing Improvement projects will be funded from Railroad Crossing Improvements Project, which includes federal grant funding from the Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing Program as approved by CPUC and Caltrans.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This appropriation is not a project subject to CEQA, because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).)

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 – Proposed Resolution

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