

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2021 SERIES)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SERVICE CONTRACT NO. 50LP291 WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PROVISION OF HIGHWAY RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING SAFETY PROGRAM (SECTION 130) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA & FOOTHILL RAILROAD CROSSING UPGRADES PROJECT

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2014, the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo (the "City Council") adopted the San Luis Obispo General Plan Circulation Element, which establishes the goals, policies and implementing actions for the transportation of people and materials within the City of San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan Circulation Element calls for the City to improve pedestrian crossing safety at heavily used intersections by installing crossing controls where warranted by the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices ("MUTCD"); and

WHEREAS, the General Plan Circulation Element calls for the City to coordinate railroad facility infrastructure maintenance and improvements with the Union Pacific Railroad and the Public Utilities Commission; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") prepared a diagnostic evaluation of existing conditions at the California Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard At-Grade Rail Crossing, including assessment of vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian and rail traffic, and determined that improvements were warranted to enhance crossing safety for all users; and

WHEREAS, the PUC determined that potential crossing safety improvements proposed for the California Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard At-Grade Rail Crossing were 100% eligible for grant funding under the Section 130 Railway-Highways Crossing Program (the "Section 130 Program"); and

WHEREAS, the PUC prepared a list of recommended safety improvements for the California Department of Transportation's ("Caltrans") Division of Rail and Mass Transportation that will allow the Union Pacific Railroad and the City, under separate agreements with Caltrans, to receive reimbursement for expenditures related to improvements at the California Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard At-Grade Crossing, to be funded by the Section 130 Program; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has prepared Service Contract No. 50LP291 to be executed by the City, which will enable the City to be reimbursed in Section 130 Program funds for the improvements proposed as part of the California and Foothill Railroad Crossing Upgrades Project; and

WHEREAS, the by the Council Agenda Report accompanying this resolution, the City Council has been provided with additional information upon which the findings and actions set forth in this Resolution are based.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Luis Obispo as follows:

SECTION 1. The Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute Service Contract No. 50LP291 with the California Department of Transportation for the provision of Section 130 Program funds (Exhibit 1).

SECTION 2. The Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute and make amendments to the Caltrans Service Contract as needed to facilitate completion of the California & Foothill Railroad Crossing Upgrades Project.

SECTION 3. The Council hereby authorizes the Finance Director to augment the budget, by accepting and appropriating Section 130 Program Grant funds to the California & Foothill Railroad Crossing Upgrades Project account (Spec. No. 91293) pursuant to the Caltrans Service Contract and any subsequent amendments to this contract.

SECTION 4. Environmental Review. No environmental review is required for execution of a Service Contract with Caltrans, as the proposed actions are not a “project” under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

Upon motion of Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, and on the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution was adopted this _____ day of _____ 2021.

Mayor Heidi Harmon

ATTEST:

Teresa Purrington
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

J. Christine Dietrick
City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, on _____.

Teresa Purrington
City Clerk

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