RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0261

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

August 18, 2020

Establish Capital Improvement Project and Budget for the City Railway Quiet Zones Program (T15215700)

BACKGROUND

A. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) published the final Train Horn Rule in April 2005 requiring approaching locomotives to sound horns at roadway crossings.

B. The Train Horn Rule allowed for local jurisdictions to apply for and establish quiet zones in which trains would not sound horns on approach to crossings. In 2005, the City of Sacramento began establishing quiet zones on important railway corridors within the City.

C. Per Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 222, existing quiet zones must be re-verified with the FRA every three to five years depending on safety measures in place. Pursuant to this requirement the existing quiet zones within the City are due for renewal. This effort requires staff time, traffic counts, and coordination with the FRA. The requested capital improvement project and budgetary transfers will allow for this initial effort to proceed.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Railway Quiet Zones Program (T15215700) is established as a new capital improvement project.

Section 2. The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to transfer $99,991 (New Measure A Traffic Control & Safety Fund, Fund 2038) from available fund balance to the expenditure budget in the City Railway Quiet Zones Program (T15215700).
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on August 18, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Carr, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Schenirer, Warren and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Member Jennings

Attest: Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.