

REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
December 9, 2008

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: 20th/28th Street Union Pacific Railroad Crossing Project (T15058201)

Location/Council District: On 20th Street at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing just north of C Street. Location Map – Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 3)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) approving the construction contract with Union Pacific Railroad for \$520,899; and 2) authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for the project.

Contact: Matthew Johns, Assistant Engineer (916) 808-5760; Ryan Moore, Supervising Engineer (916) 808-8279.

Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 15001141

Description/Analysis

Issue: This agreement allows the City of Sacramento to reimburse Union Pacific Railroad for the construction of improvements to the existing at-grade Union Pacific Railroad crossing of 20th Street.

Policy Considerations: The requested action supports the City's goal to implement a citywide train horn quiet zone.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the proposed action and determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 3, Section 15301(d).

Projects exempt under Class 3, Section 15301(d) consist of new construction and location of small structures including water main, sewage, electrical, gas and other utility extensions, including street improvements.

Sustainability Considerations: None

Other: None

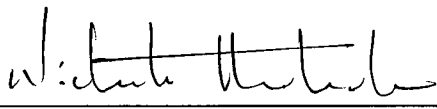
Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: The proposed improvements to the existing at-grade crossing are necessary to implement a train horn quiet zone. Since a portion of the improvements fall within the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way, and railroad policy mandates that the Union Pacific Railroad will design and construct all improvements within their right-of-way, a construction agreement between the Union Pacific Railroad and the City is necessary.

Financial Considerations: The 20th/28th Street Union Pacific Railroad Crossing Project (T15058201) has a total budget of \$705,000, which consists of Measure A Construction Funds only (Fund 2001). As of November 7, 2008, the unobligated balance is \$574,720, which is sufficient to execute the contract in the amount of \$520,899 with the Union Pacific Railroad and cover staff project management costs.

There is no impact to the General Fund (Fund 1001).

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Since the proposed contract is with another agency (Union Pacific Railroad), the City is not requiring an ESBE goal of 20%.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Nicholas Theocharides
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

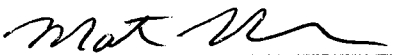

Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background Information:**

On August 23, 2005, City Council authorized the addition of the Train Horn Quiet Zones program to the Transportation Programming Guide (TPG). Additionally, City Council approved the establishment of Train Horn Quiet Zones program. The program was created in response to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) 2005 Train Horn Rule (Rule). The rule requires that a locomotive horn be sounded while a train is approaching and entering a public highway-rail crossing yet provides several exceptions to that requirement. Local public entities may establish or request the approval of quiet zones in which train horns may not be routinely sounded. To establish Quiet Zones, the crossing at a minimum must have crossing gates and flashing lights. The 2006 TPG listed the 28th Street Crossing and the 20th Street Crossing as the two highest ranked crossings for the establishment of Quiet Zones. To establish Quiet Zones on these two crossings, railroad crossing gates and flashing lights will be needed at the 20th Street crossing. Additional improvements may include minor modifications to the existing pavement width, lighting, signing and marking at both crossings.

The current schedule is to have the proposed agreement executed by Union Pacific Railroad by December of 2008 with the improvements to 20th & 28th streets completed by the summer of 2009. Final approval by the Federal Rail Administration of the Quiet Zone is anticipated by the fall/winter of 2009.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE 20TH /28TH STREET UNION
PACIFIC RAILROAD CROSSING PROJECT (T15058201)**

BACKGROUND

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

Section 1. A construction contract with Union Pacific Railroad for \$520,899 is approved.

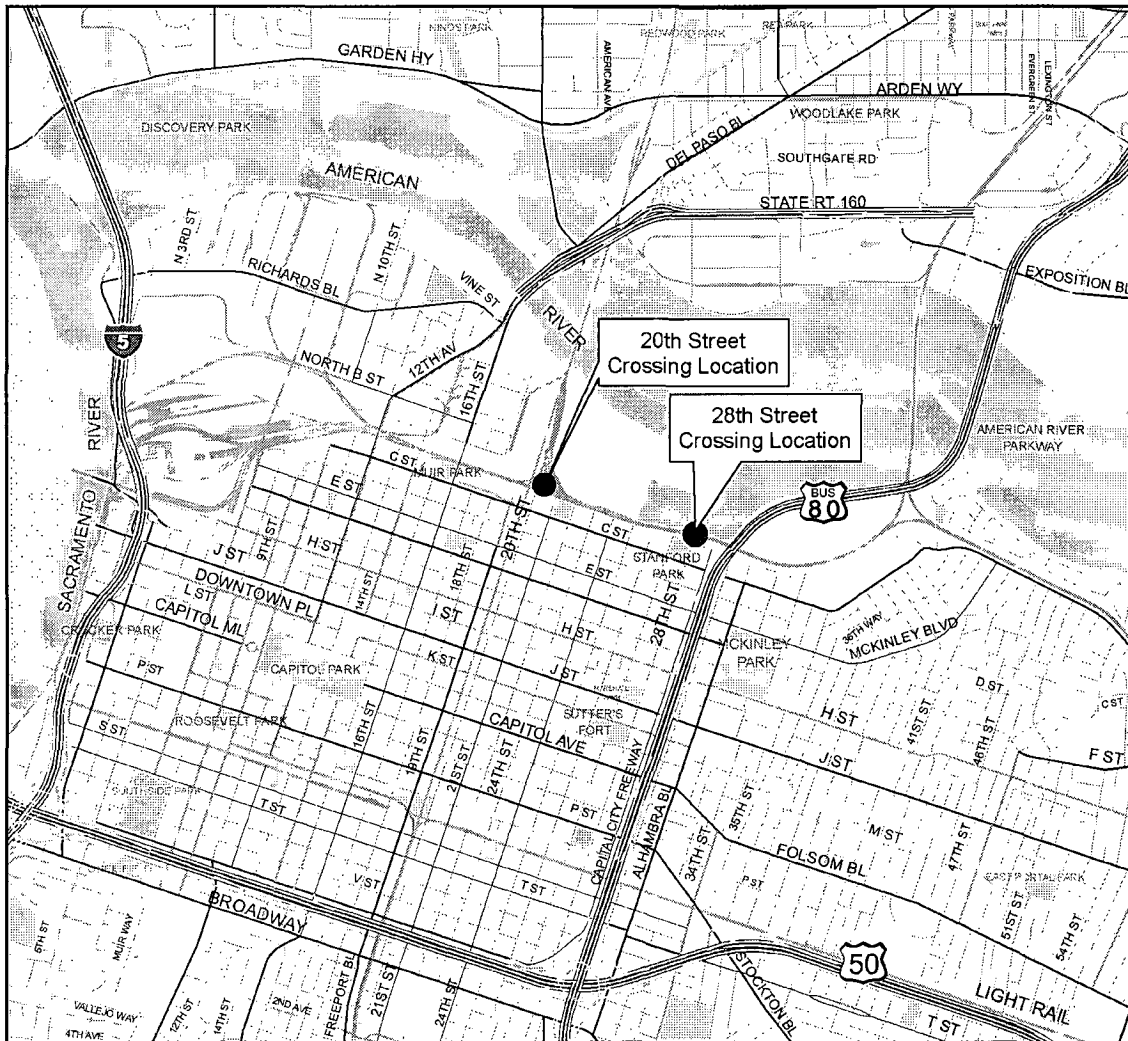
Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute a contract in the amount of \$520,899 with Union Pacific Railroad to construct the 20th/28th Street Union Pacific Railroad Crossing Project (T15058201).

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EXHIBIT A

Location Map for 20th/28th Street UPRR Crossing Project (PN: TK87)



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TRANSPORTATION
City of Sacramento

Map Contact: S. Tobin
Map Date: May, 2007

