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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Justin Fornelli, Chief, Program Delivery

**SUBJECT:** Cridge Street Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Riverside

**Issue**

Approval is required to execute a Construction and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Riverside and the Authority for the Cridge Street Quiet Zone Project.

**Recommendation**

Contracts, Operations, Maintenance, and Safety Committee recommended (4-0) that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute the Construction and Maintenance Agreement for Cridge Street between the City of Riverside and the Authority in the amount of \$1,079,804.

**Strategic Commitment**

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitment of:

- **Safety Is Foundational:** We will stay on the leading edge by deploying new technologies and processes to enhance the safety and security of our riders, employees and the communities we serve. The Authority's support to the construction of these grade crossing improvements will ensure that Authority safety practices, standards and criteria are maintained while railroad and vehicular operational safety is enhanced at the upgraded crossing.

**Background**

Cridge Street, in the City of Riverside, crosses BNSF's San Bernardino Subdivision at grade at milepost (MP) 10.68. The Authority owns, operates, and maintains the railroad layover track and associated appurtenances at the location traversed by Cridge Street, adjacent to three Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) tracks and one Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track.

The City now desires to establish a quiet zone railroad crossing at Cridge Street by constructing vehicular exit gates for both approaches and pedestrian gates for the north side of Cridge Street in coordination with the Authority, BNSF, & UP.

### **Discussion**

The Construction & Maintenance Agreement for Cridge Street defines the roles and responsibilities of both the City and the Authority and provides \$1,079,804 of City funding for Authority construction support and crossing track rehabilitation services. The City will manage and be responsible for all civil construction, including contracting directly with the Authority's railroad protective services provider. The Authority will rehabilitate the existing track to bring it to current Authority standards and provide oversight to ensure compliance with Authority safety and operational procedures and requirements. BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad will install railroad crossing signals and activation equipment for pedestrians and vehicular exit gates.

### **Budget Impact**

There is no budget impact since this is a Third Party funded Agreement.

### **Next Steps**

Upon Board authorization, the Construction and Maintenance Agreement for Cridge Street will be executed by both parties.

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