



City Council Staff Report

Subject: At-Grade Railroad Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements Project

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Department: Community Development

Recommendation:

- A. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Awarding a Professional Services Contract for Engineering Services for the At-Grade Railroad Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements Project to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement.
- B. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Approving Reimbursement Agreements with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Company for Preliminary Engineering Services for the At-Grade Railroad Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreements.

Background:

In 1864, the City of Rocklin was recognized as a destination along the first transcontinental railroad. This began a long, rich history of connectivity. Today the City has seven locations where City streets cross the railroad tracks at-grade: Farron Street, Rocklin Road, Midas Avenue (2 crossings), Americana Way, Del Mar Avenue, Pacific Street, and Dominguez Road. To ensure pedestrians have safe, accessible paths across these tracks, City staff conducted field investigations to determine if any improvements may be needed.

Early conversations with UPRR's consultant team shaped the City's scope of work as well as set forth expectations for advancing the project. While each crossing may benefit from some enhancements, to best utilize the limited funding available, preliminary design work will be prioritized to four locations as follows: 1) Farron Street, 2) Del Mar Avenue, 3) Midas Avenue, and 4) Dominguez Road. These locations have no pedestrian connectivity across the railroad tracks, whereas the other crossings have at least one pedestrian pathway across the tracks.

Staff anticipate first designing improvements for the Farron Street crossing. Provided there is sufficient funding remaining (see discussion further below), the Del Mar Avenue crossing may also see improvements in the design phase. In addition to the aforementioned Farron Street and Del Mar Avenue sites, on-site field reviews with UPRR and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) staff will occur at the Midas Avenue and Dominguez Road crossings in

order to ascertain what roadway and railroad improvements would be required if the City were to move forward with construction at these locations in the future. Until these field reviews are conducted, the exact scope of the design for each location, as well as the associated design and construction costs, are unknown and therefore, it is uncertain at this time how far the City's limited funding for this project will be able to accommodate the different locations being considered.

On March 22, 2024, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP). On April 30, 2024, the City received four proposals from qualified engineering firms. An internal review panel from the Community Development Department evaluated these proposals on the basis of each firm's experience and qualifications, understanding of the services proposed, and completeness of the proposal and any supporting documents. Subsequent consultant interviews were conducted on May 23, 2024, resulting in a staff recommendation to award the design contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc (KHA), as this firm was determined to be the most qualified to perform the professional services in connection with the project.

UPRR Reimbursement Agreements

UPRR will support the City's consultant team in administering the project and will require the City to be responsible for all UPRR staff costs. To this end, UPRR separated the four railroad crossings into two Reimbursement Agreements for Preliminary Engineering Services, with an estimated cost of \$45,000 each. These agreements are non-negotiable and must be executed prior to UPRR staff commencing work. It must also be noted that these are estimates and the City will be responsible for the total amount of the actual costs incurred. Staff will proactively monitor UPRR's cost in comparison to the project budget. Upon completion of the design phase, staff will return to the City Council to consider a UPRR-required Construction and Maintenance Agreement prior to the City commencing construction.

Funding

The project is the recipient of \$3,907,854 in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds from the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) with \$450,000 of these funds being set aside for the design phase of work. Both the local match for the grant as well as the railroad reimbursement agreements will be funded from the SB 325 Gas Tax Fund (210).

Fiscal Impact:

The total contracts' not-to-exceed amounts from KHA, as well as the railroad reimbursement agreements, are within the 2025–2029 Capital Improvement Program budget for Fiscal Year 2024/25.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution A - Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.](#)
2. [Resolution A Exhibit A - Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Contract](#)
3. [Resolution B - Union Pacific Railroad](#)
4. [Resolution B Exhibit A - Reimbursement Agreement - Del Mar and Dominguez](#)
5. [Resolution B Exhibit B - Reimbursement Agreement - Farron and Midas](#)