REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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Consent
October 30, 2007

Continued to November 6, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Agreements: West El Camino Bridge Replacement Project (PN: TZ71)

Location/Council District: West El Camino Avenue Bridge over Natomas East Main Drain Canal. Location map - Exhibit A of Resolution (District 1 and 2).

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) authorizing the City Manager to execute a public "Road At-Grade Crossing" Agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR); 2) authorizing the City Manager to execute a "Drainage Utility and Waterway" Agreement with UPRR; 3) authorizing the City Manager to execute such additional documents and to take such additional actions as necessary to implement the agreements; and 4) transferring funds.

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Department: Transportation and General Services

Division: Engineering Services and Facilities and Real Property Management

Organization No: 3434, 3285

Description/Analysis

Issue: Approval of the agreements will allow the City to acquire additional right of way via easements from Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) which are necessary to construct the bridge replacement project. The transferring of funds will cover the costs and expenses associated with the acquisition of all easements and provide the local match to the federal funds for this project.

Policy Considerations: The action requested herein is consistent with the Sacramento City Code, Title 3 and with the City of Sacramento Strategic Plan goals of improving and expanding public safety and enhancing livability.

Environmental Considerations: On August 15, 2006, the City Council approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration and adopted the Mitigation Reporting Plan for the West El Camino Bridge Replacement Project (PN: TZ71) pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Potentially significant environmental issues regarding water, transportation and circulation, biological resources, hazards, and noise were discussed and mitigated with this document.

The project is funded with Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds. As a result, it is also subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In November 2006, the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a Categorical Exclusion for the project pursuant to the requirements of NEPA.

The proposed action is within the analysis of the previously approved document. Therefore, the proposed action will not result in impacts over and above what was previously evaluated. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 no new issues are new information is known that would trigger additional environmental analysis. Additional environmental review is not required.

A Mitigation Reporting Plan was prepared for the mitigation measures identified in the previous Mitigated Negative Declaration. Those adopted mitigation measures remain applicable to the project.

Rationale for Recommendation: The bridge project requires additional UPRR right of way. The approval of the agreements with UPRR will allow the City to acquire additional UPRR right of way and address construction and maintenance issues necessary to obtain federal construction authorization. The transfer of additional funds will cover the costs and expenses associated with the acquisition of all easements and provide the local match to the federal funds for this project.

Financial Considerations: The current project budget is $1,100,000. The budget is comprised of $880,000 in Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds and $220,000 in City funds. As of September 27, 2007, the project has an unobligated balance of $55,456.

The estimated total project cost is $10.48 million. Transferring $1,424,153 from the State and Federal Grant Match (PN: TX01) (Fund 209) to the project will increase the total budget to $2,524,153 and the unobligated balance to $1,479,609 which is sufficient to cover the costs of the agreements with UPRR and the local match.

Federal construction funds will be added to the project after Caltrans approves the construction phase.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No goods or services are being procured by this action.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
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Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: _____
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Director, Department of General Services

Approved by: _____
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Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

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RAY KERRIDGE
for City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background Information:

The project will replace the structurally deficient West El Camino Bridge over Steelhead Creek (a.k.a. Natomas East Main Drainage Canal) with a new bridge that meets current standards. The decaying timber structure bridge was constructed in 1945 and is rated structurally deficient. Ongoing maintenance and repairs are not effective in maintaining the structural integrity of the decaying structure. During high canal flows, the road has to be closed by using stop log floodwalls.

The project will construct a new concrete bridge with two travel lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, and street lighting and will maintain an at-grade crossing of the existing Union Pacific railroad track. This project will eliminate the need for road closure during high canal flows. A grade-separated bridge is not feasible at this location due to extensive impacts to the community and homes. Staff has obtained Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) approval to maintain the existing at-grade railroad crossing, and is working with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for the Public Road At-Grade Crossing Agreement, the Drainage Utility and Waterway Agreement, temporary construction easements and acquisition of easements.

The agreements with UPRR will facilitate the City acquiring additional right of way to construct the bridge replacement project and the storm drainage system. UPRR will not execute either agreement until the City Council takes action and adopts the Resolution. Upon adoption of the Resolution, City staff will forward the agreements to UPRR for full execution.

The entire project requires acquisition of permanent easement right of way and temporary construction easements from a total of fifteen property owners. The only acquisition requiring City Council authorization is from UPRR. The total costs to the City incurred with the acquisitions of the permanent easements and temporary construction easements, including the costs incurred with the UPRR agreements, and right of way acquisition costs and management costs is approximately $300,000.

Right-of-Way is funded with City funds. The current project budget is for engineering design and does not cover right-of-way costs. The transfer of additional funds will cover the right-of-way costs to execute the UPRR agreements and the local match for construction.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROVING AGREEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE WEST EL CAMINO BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PN: TZ71)

BACKGROUND

A. The project will replace the structurally deficient West El Camino Bridge over Steelhead Creek (a.k.a. Natomas East Main Drainage Canal) with a new bridge that meets current standards. The decaying timber structure bridge was constructed in 1945 and is rated structurally deficient. Ongoing maintenance and repairs are not effective in maintaining the structural integrity of the decaying structure. During high canal flows, the road has to be closed by using stop log floodwalls.

B. The project will construct a new concrete bridge with two travel lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, and street lighting and will maintain an at-grade crossing of the existing railroad track. This project will eliminate the need for road closure during high canal flows. A grade-separated bridge is not feasible at this location due to extensive impacts to the community and homes. Staff has obtained Public Utilities Commission (PUC) approval to maintain the existing at-grade railroad crossing, and is working with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for the Public Road at-grade Crossing Agreement, the Drainage Utility and Waterway Agreement, temporary construction easements and acquisitions of easements.

C. The agreements with UPRR will facilitate the City acquiring additional right of way to construct the bridge replacement project and the storm drainage system. UPRR will not execute either agreement until the City Council takes action and adopts the Resolution. Upon adoption of the Resolution, City staff will forward the agreements to UPRR for full execution. The total costs to the City incurred with the acquisitions of the permanent easements and temporary construction easements, including the costs incurred with the UPRR agreements and Real Estate Services right of way staff costs is approximately $300,000.

D. The acquisition of all necessary rights-of-way (easements) is funded with City funds. The current project budget is for engineering design and does not cover right of way costs. The transfer of additional funds will cover the right-of-way costs needed to execute the City's acquisition of the right of way easements and the local match for construction.

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

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute the Public Road At-Grade Crossing Agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), in the form presently on file with the Office of the City Clerk prior to the UPRR executing the agreement, for the West El Camino Bridge Replacement Project (PN: TZ71).

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute the Drainage Utility and Waterway Agreement with UPRR, in the form presently on file with the Office of the City Clerk prior to the UPRR executing the agreement, for the West El Camino Bridge Replacement Project (PN: TZ71).

Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to execute such additional documents and take such additional actions as necessary to implement the agreements with UPRR for the West El Camino Bridge Replacement Project (PN: TZ71).

Section 4. The FY07/08 Capital Improvement Program is amended by transferring $1,479,609 from State and Federal Grant Match (PN: TX01) (Fund 209) to the West El Camino Bridge Replacement Project (PN: TZ71).

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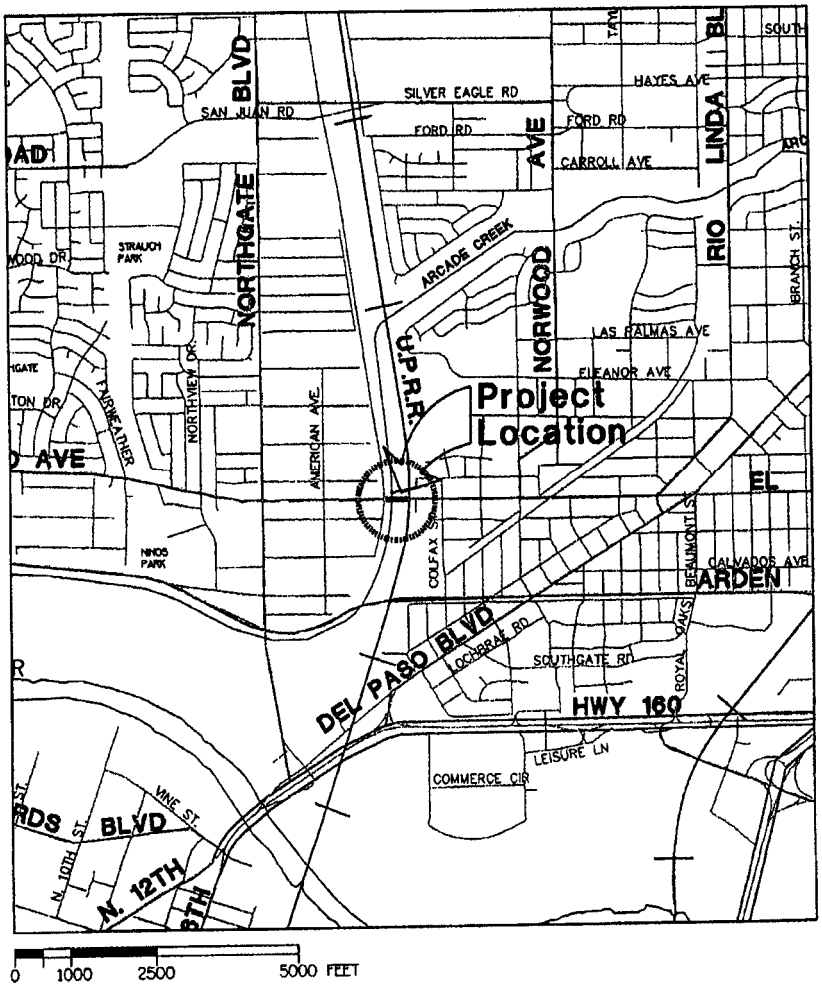
EXHIBIT A

WEST EL CAMINO AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT



PN: TZ71
LOCATION MAP

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DATE: 07/11/06