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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Union Pacific Railroad Maintenance Agreement

SUMMARY:

On February 1, 2024, Councilmember Jalen McKee-Rodriguez issued a Council Consideration Request (CCR) requesting to formalize a partnership between the City of San Antonio and Union Pacific Railroad to address maintenance of properties owned by Union Pacific to better address illegal dumping, code enforcement, and other miscellaneous issues.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Public Works routinely enters into construction agreements with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) on construction projects within or near its right-of-way. However, these agreements only address specific construction projects adjacent to UPRR's right-of-way. UPRR performs all work within UPRR's right-of-way. Public Works has no existing agreement with UPRR regarding the maintenance within UPRR properties.

UPRR routinely maintains its railroad crossings and equipment. For safety reasons, Public Works or any other City department does not enter into a UPRR right-of-way unless granted permission from UPRR. The Union Pacific Maintenance Agreement, as described in the CCR, requests that Union Pacific Railroad enter into a partnership to address the maintenance of properties owned by UPRR and better address illegal dumping, code enforcement, and other miscellaneous issues.

ISSUE:

The Public Works Department recommends further exploration of a potential agreement and partnership between the City of San Antonio and Union Pacific Railroad Company to address maintenance of Union Pacific Railroad properties and better address illegal dumping, code enforcement, and other miscellaneous issues.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For briefing purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES:

For briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

In coordination with the Union Pacific Railroad, the Public Works Department recommends that staff proceed with further exploration of a potential agreement and partnership between the City of San Antonio and Union Pacific Railroad Company to address maintenance of properties owned by Union Pacific Railroad and better address illegal dumping, code enforcement, and other miscellaneous issues. Staff recommends proceeding with draft maintenance agreement development with UPRR and presenting draft agreement approach for Transportation & Infrastructure Committee review and input.