



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 1

SUBJECT:

Union Pacific Railroad Agreement – Fredericksburg Road (North Flores Street to West Woodlawn Avenue)

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the execution of a Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Union Pacific Railroad Company in the total amount not-to-exceed \$238,475.00 for supplemental work related to the Fredericksburg Road (North Flores Street to West Woodlawn Avenue) project located in Council District 1. Funds are available from 2017 General Obligation Bond funds included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvements Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On May 6, 2017, voters approved the 2017 Bond Program which authorized \$8,000,000.00 for street and sidewalk improvements for the Fredericksburg Road (North Flores Street to West Woodlawn Avenue) project located in Council District 1. The project included resurfacing the street, curbs, sidewalks, driveways, traffic signal upgrades, pedestrian crossings, traffic lane reconfiguration, bike lanes, drainage infrastructure, and utility upgrades.

The Fredericksburg Road (North Flores Street to West Woodlawn Avenue) project was completed in January 2023. This agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) allows for additional improvements to include new sidewalks, concrete medians, roadway resurfacing, and required additional concrete planking along railroad tracks within UPRR right-of-way to complement the work previously completed in the City of San Antonio right-of-way.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of a Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Union Pacific Railroad Company in the total amount not-to-exceed \$238,475.00 for supplemental work related to the Fredericksburg Road (North Flores Street to West Woodlawn Avenue) project located in Council District 1. Funds are available from 2022 General Obligation Bond funds included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvements Program.

The proposed Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement will allow the City's contractor to work within the UPRR right-of-way to install new sidewalks, concrete medians, and roadway resurfacing along Fredericksburg Road. Also through this agreement, the City will compensate UPRR for installing additional necessary concrete planking along the railroad tracks to accommodate the City's previously completed project.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternatively, the City Council could choose not to authorize this Agreement with UPRR. However, significant improvements to complement and provide pedestrian mobility through the UPRR right-of-way crossing Fredericksburg Road would not be constructed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a one-time capital improvement expenditure not to exceed \$238,475.00, payable to The Union Pacific Railroad Company for related supplemental work to be completed as part of the Fredericksburg Road (North Flores Street to West Woodlawn Avenue) project. Funds are available from 2017 General Obligation Bond funds included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvements Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance authorizing the Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Union Pacific Railroad Company in the amount not-to-exceed \$238,475.00 for supplemental work related to the Fredericksburg Road (North Flores Street to West Woodlawn Avenue) project.