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ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

APPROVING A FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION (FRA), ACCEPTING FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,800,000 FOR DESIGN-RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE RITTIMAN ROAD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2, AND AUTHORIZING A CITY MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200,000. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FROM DEBT PROCEEDS INCLUDED IN THE FY 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET.

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WHEREAS, Rittiman Road is a four-lane minor arterial that serves approximately 23,450 vehicles per day, it serves more truck traffic than other corridors in the area due to its proximity to several industrial areas and its five-mile connection between I-10 and I-35. Currently, motorists traveling through this corridor encounter trains blocking the railroad crossing multiple times per day. Without improvements made to this area, blocked traffic is projected to increase by 40% during peak traffic periods by 2045; and

WHEREAS, as part of the FY 2024 Budget, a total of \$1.2 Million was authorized for design and environmental review of an overpass to eliminate an at-grade Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Crossing at Rittiman Road and Gibbs Sprawl Road; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) completed the Central Texas Grade Crossing Study to provide planning support to communities along approximately 330 miles of UPRR track located in a five-county area in Central Texas including Bexar County. The study identified Rittiman Road and Walzem Road as potential crossings meriting improvement. A feasibility study completed in 2021 developed alternative concepts and evaluated grade separations at Rittiman Road and Walzem Road to provide both mobility improvements for vehicular traffic, as well as rail operational benefits due to the proximity of UPRR's Kirby Yard. The study included traffic analysis, conceptual engineering, preparation of cost estimates, and stakeholder engagement to improve efficiency of freight movement. Four highway-rail grade separation alternatives were developed for Rittiman Road and evaluated for feasibility based on technical, operational, and institutional criteria; and

WHEREAS, in June 2023, the City of San Antonio was selected to receive federal grant funding in the amount of \$4,800,000 from the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) for the design and environmental review of an overpass to eliminate an at-grade Union Pacific Railroad Crossing at Rittiman Road and Gibbs Sprawl Road; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will support project development, final design, and environmental clearance to eliminate an at-grade crossing where Rittiman Road and UPRR's rail line intersects and build an at grade-separated road overpass. The project will design solutions to eliminate issues with vehicular traffic due to high rail volumes and rail operations; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funds from the Federal Rail Administration for design related expenses in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000 for the Rittiman Road Grade Separation Project, located in Council District 2 and authorizes a city match in the amount of \$1,200,000. Funding is available from debt proceeds included in the FY 2025 Capital Budget; **NOW THEREFORE**:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Public Works Department or designee, is authorized to accept of funds from the Federal Rail Administration for design related expenses in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000 for the Rittiman Road Grade Separation Project, located in Council District 2. A copy of the agreement in substantially final form is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as Attachment IV.

SECTION 2. Funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 are authorized to Rittiman Road Grade Separation Project as matching funds for the Federal Rail Administration grant.

SECTION 3. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Public Works Department or designee, is further authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate said agreement and acceptance.

SECTION 4. Funds in the amount of \$4,800,000.00 are authorized to be received and appropriated in Fund xxxxxxxx, Internal Order 123000000xxx and GL Account 6102100.

SECTION 5. Funds in the amount of \$4,800,000.00 are authorized to be appropriated in Fund 40099000, Project 23-04110, WBS Element 23-04110-90-xx-xx-xx and GL Account 6101100.

SECTION 6. Funds in the amount of \$4,800,000.00 are authorized to be appropriated in Fund 40099000, Project 23-04110, WBS Element 23-04110-01-02-01 and GL Account 5201270.

SECTION 7. This ordinance authorizes a cash match in the amount up to \$1,200,00.00 and is available in Fund 40099000, 23-04110-01-02-08 with GL 5201170. Funds will be reallocated within Project 23-041110 to allow for the cash match by the department submitting a change order upload.

SECTION 8. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation

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Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED and APPROVED this ____ day of February, 2025.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney