



TULARE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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AGENDA DATE: December 9, 2008

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>						
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: 733 6291						

SUBJECT: Highways Railroad Crossings Safety Account (HRCSA) Grant Project Baseline Agreement

REQUEST(S):

- That the Board of Directors:
1. As the Implementing Agency, accept a grant award from the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) Highway Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) for \$12.175 million to be used for construction of the Betty Drive (Phase 2) railroad crossing improvements.
 2. Authorize the Chairman to execute the Baseline Agreement with the California Transportation Commission.

SUMMARY:

On June 10, 2008, the Board of Directors authorized the submittal of an application to the Highway Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) grant program in the amount of \$12.175 million.

On August 28, 2008, the CTC awarded a \$12.175 million (HRCSA) grant for the construction of railroad crossing improvements for Betty Drive. As the applicant for funding, the Tulare County Redevelopment Agency (TCRA) is designated the Implementing Agency by the CTC.

Total construction cost for the Grade Separation Project is estimated to be \$27.8 million dollars. HRCSA grant funds of \$12.175 million will be combined with Measure R funding of \$14 million. City of Visalia has committed to funding of up to

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\$3.5 million for the Betty Drive project, of which the Grade Separation project will use \$1.5 million. Goshen Redevelopment Tax Increment funding of \$175,000 will be used for construction contingency.

TCRA has created project milestones that must be met in order to satisfy the HRCSA funding, Measure R funding and City of Visalia funding commitments. The project schedule is as follows: Preliminary Approval and Engineering Decision (PA & ED) phase began on June 9, 2008 and will end on May 29, 2009. The Right of Way phase to begin on August 31, 2009 and end on May 29, 2010. The Construction Phase is scheduled to begin on June 1, 2010 and end on June 6, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There will be no impact to the General Fund as project costs are paid from the HRCSA grant and other funding sources.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Safety and Security – This project will improve the transportation infrastructure for Goshen and the adjacent highway corridor by constructing additional travel lanes on Avenue 312 and replacing the at-grade railroad crossing on Betty Drive.

Quality of Life - Construction of this project will provide more options for traveling in and around the community and will help to eliminate the impacts of commercial traffic in residential areas. Reducing vehicular traffic in the community, will result in less noise and less air pollution and will raise the quality of life for residents.

Economic Well-Being – Construction of this project will promote and support economic development by creating more efficient roadways for smoother movement of people and goods. This project will encourage growth consistent with Tulare County General Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

California Transportation Commission (CTC) for project funding, Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) for project funding, City of Visalia (project funding), Tulare County Counsel (legal reviews).

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SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:



William L. Hayter, Assistant Director
Community & Development Services



Henry Hash,
Director

cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (3)

Attachment(s)

HRCSA baseline agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
TULARE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE
THE HIGHWAYS RAILROAD CROSSINGS
SAFETY ACCOUNT (HRCSA) GRANT
PROJECT BASELINE AGREEMENT
ACCEPTANCE**

**RESOLUTION NO. _____
AGREEMENT NO. _____
RA NO. _____**

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Redevelopment Agency may receive Proposition 1B Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account (HRCSA) Bond funds from the California Department of Transportation (Department) now or sometime in the future for a high-priority grade separation and railroad crossing safety improvement project; and

WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) HRCSA Guidelines require the local agency, and any entity committed to providing supplementary funding for the project, to execute a baseline agreement with the Department to confirm the project scope, benefits, delivery schedule, and the project budget and funding plan; and

WHEREAS, the HRCSA guidelines also require the local agency receiving a Commission allocation to execute a funding agreement with the Department before it can be reimbursed for project expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Department utilizes the HRCSA and Grade Separation Fund Agreement for the purpose of administering and reimbursing intercity rail funds to local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Redevelopment Agency agrees to secure funds for any additional costs of the project, and if any of the funding sources being applied for and then are denied, to add funding from other sources to replace the denied funding. Changes to the funding commitments outlined in the baseline agreement require an amendment, and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Redevelopment Agency wishes to delegate authorization to execute the baseline agreement and any amendments, and the funding agreement in the amount of \$12,175,000 thereto to the Executive Director of the Tulare County Redevelopment Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Redevelopment Agency that the implementing agency agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the baseline and funding agreements and applicable statutes, regulations

and guidelines for the Proposition 1B Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account Bond-funded projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tulare County Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors Chairman is authorized to execute the Baseline Agreement and Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account 1B Bond Fund Agreement thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

UPON MOTION OF DIRECTOR _____, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD December 9, 2008, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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