



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

November 3, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

Submitted By: Meg McWade, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY AT-GRADE CROSSING
AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
(UPRR) FOR SAN ANTONIO AVENUE**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for San Antonio Avenue, and any extensions or amendments thereto, subject to review by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This action will allow the City of Pomona (City) to complete the design plans with the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) for the San Antonio At-Grade Crossing for the Capital Improvement Project "Safety Improvements – At-Grade Crossings," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-68551.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost associated with this agreement to obtain an easement and finalize plans for San Antonio Avenue At-Grade Crossing through the UPRR process is \$47,250. The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)/Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) is serving as the lead agency for the project. The SGVCOG/ACE, has confirmed with Caltrans that this expense is eligible for reimbursement under the Section 130 Program Grant, which is the primary funding source for this project. The Section 130 Program is also known as the Railway-Highway Crossing Program (RHCP). Section 130 purpose is to reduce the number of accidents and improve safety for all modes of transportation at existing at-grade railroad crossings. Caltrans is responsible for administering funds, contracting, and overseeing Section 130 projects. The \$47,250 will be paid directly by SGVCOG, and there will be no fiscal impact to the City with the recommended action.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On April 5, 2021, City Council authorized SGVCOG to execute a Section 130 agreement on behalf of the City and re-appropriate Measure M funds amongst two Capital Improvement Projects.

On November 18, 2019, City Council adopted a resolution appropriating \$120,000 from available Measure M funds to “Safety Improvements - At-Grade Crossings,” Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-68551 and approved an agreement with SGVCOG for additional improvements.

On March 18, 2019, City Council awarded sole source purchase orders to Ameron, Iteris, and Excellence Opto, Inc. for three years, with the option to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year terms.

On February 25, 2019, City Council approved an extension to the Agreement, approved as Amendment No. 1 to Agreement

On November 20, 2017, City Council adopted a resolution approving an agreement with ACE regarding traffic signal work for the At-Grade Crossing Safety Improvements Project, and amended the FY 2017-18 CIP budget by updating revenue estimates and appropriating \$25,000 of ACE Reimbursement Funds to “Safety Improvements – At-Grade Crossings,” Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-68551, bringing the total of ACE Reimbursement Funds appropriated to this project to the amount of \$266,000.

On January 9, 2017, City Council awarded a bid to McCain, Inc. for the purchase of traffic signal materials and supplies at the prices bid for three years, with the option to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year terms.

On March 6, 2000, City Council approved an agreement with the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority of the SGVCOG for the construction of Grade Crossing Safety Improvements and Grade Separation projects.

DISCUSSION:

The Railroad/Highway At-Grade Crossing Program - Section 130 is administered through Caltrans to reduce the number and severity of highway accidents by eliminating hazards to vehicles and pedestrians at existing at-grade railroad crossings. The current CIP project, “Safety Improvements – At-Grade Crossings,” Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-68551, proposes at-grade pedestrian safety improvements at San Antonio Avenue. The proposed improvements will consist of pedestrian gates, fencing to channel pedestrians to the gates, associated street and drainage improvements, and, where determined beneficial for safety, enhancements to the existing quad-gate systems.

The proposed agreement is a two-party agreement between the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and the City. Under the terms of the agreement, UPRR grants the City the right to construct, maintain, and repair the roadway over and across the designated crossing area. The agreement cost associated with widening the crossing is \$47,250. This cost covers easement for the 1,038-sf needed to widen the proposed pedestrian pathway crossing the railroad tracks as well as UPRR related administrative costs. The SGVCOG/ACE, serving as the lead agency for the project, has confirmed with Caltrans that this expense is eligible for reimbursement under the Section 130 Program grant, which is the primary funding source for this project. Following execution of the agreement by the City, UPRR will issue an invoice directly to SGVCOG. Payment will be made directly from the SGVCOG’s Section 130 funds, after which the SGVCOG will seek reimbursement through the Section 130 Program.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1 – UPRR Agreement