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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL                      DATE: JUNE 21, 2016**

**FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT                                      WARDS: 1 & 2**

**SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR PERRIS VALLEY LINE GRADE  
CROSSINGS WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY –  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,925 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000**

**ISSUES:**

The issues for City Council consideration are to approve a Maintenance Agreement for Perris Valley Line (PVL) Crossings with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA); authorize the City Manager to execute all documents required to establish a quiet zone at the Mt. Vernon Avenue, Blaine Street, Spruce Street and Marlborough Avenue crossings; and authorize future reimbursements required to establish, maintain or extend the planned quiet zone.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Maintenance Agreement (Attachment 1) with SCRRA for maintenance of PVL crossings within the City and SCRRA work to support the planned Quiet Zone at the Mt. Vernon Avenue, Blaine Street, Spruce Street and Marlborough Avenue crossings in the amount of \$12,925;
2. Authorize the contract amendments to the Maintenance Agreement with SCRRA, to reimburse SCRRA for any additional costs to establish, maintain or extend the quiet zone, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$50,000; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute Maintenance Agreement with SCRRA, including making minor and non-substantive changes, and all documents required to establish the Quiet Zone along the PVL at the Mt. Vernon Avenue, Blaine Street, Spruce Street and Marlborough Avenue crossings and for any future expansion of the quiet zones.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) recently completed construction of the PVL. The PVL will provide 24 miles of commuter rail service extending from the City of Perris to the Riverside Downtown Metrolink Station. The PVL includes seven crossings within the City, four of which are part of a planned quiet zone. The four crossings within the planned quiet zone include Mt. Vernon Avenue, Blaine Street, Spruce Street and Marlborough Avenue. The River Crest Drive, Columbia Avenue and Palmyrita Avenue crossings are not part of the planned quiet

zone.

The City and SCRRA negotiated a Maintenance Agreement to establish City and SCRRA responsibilities for PVL crossings within the City. Under the terms of the agreement, SCRRA is responsible to:

1. maintain the crossing area located within two feet of the outer rails;
2. maintain vehicular and pedestrian warning devices and pedestrian channelization devices;
3. perform preemption testing;
4. design and construct changes to Positive Train Control (PTC) to support implementation of the quiet zone; and
5. design and construct changes to railroad right of way including whistling point/quiet zone signs required for the quiet zone.

The City is responsible to:

1. assist SCRRA with railroad and traffic signal preemption testing;
2. provide SCRRA with advance notice for maintenance activities and reimburse SCRRA for flagging costs;
3. remove or control weeds and vegetation within street right of way at or near the crossings to avoid fire hazards or obstruction of railroad signs, signals and equipment;
4. maintain street improvements within the crossings;
5. reimburse SCRRA for all reasonable costs to design and construct any required PTC changes; and
6. reimburse SCRRA for all reasonable costs to design and construct any changes in the railroad right of way including whistling point/quiet zone signs to support the planned quiet zone.

SCRRA's costs for the track work and signage in the railroad right of way are estimates only and actual costs may vary. City Council approval of the agreement is requested to avoid delaying the quiet zone establishment should unanticipated work be required and costs exceed the agreement amount. The Public Works Department is also requesting authorization to issue change orders to the agreement for up to \$50,000 to cover any unanticipated costs to establish and maintain or extend the quiet zone to include the River Crest Drive, Columbia Avenue and Palmyrita Avenue crossings.

The City filed a Notice of Intent to Create New Quiet Zone at the Mt. Vernon Avenue, Blaine Street, Spruce Street and Marlborough Avenue crossings on January 30, 2012. The street and railroad signal improvements proposed for the quiet zone were funded and constructed by RCTC. The City is working with SCRRA to finalize arrangements to implement the quiet zone. Once these arrangements are finalized, the City will file a Notice of Quiet Zone Establishment (NOE)

to establish the quiet zone at the four crossings. The quiet zone will become effective on the date and time specified in the NOE.

The Purchasing Services Manager concurs with the recommendations above.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The estimated cost for SCRRRA to complete all work required to support the planned Quiet Zone at the Mt. Vernon Avenue, Blaine Street, Spruce Street and Marlborough Avenue crossings is \$12,935. There are sufficient funds available in Project Account No. 9870500-440301 to execute the agreement for a total not to exceed amount of \$50,000.

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Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Maintenance Agreement
2. Location Map Ward 1 Crossings
3. Location Map Ward 2 Crossings