



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Mobility Solutions, Infrastructure, and Sustainability
AGENDA DATE: August 11, 2021
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 7
DEPARTMENT: Department of Transportation
EXECUTIVE: Majed Al-Ghafry

SUBJECT

Authorize **(1)** rescinding Resolution No. 21-0133, previously approved on January 13, 2021, for the purpose of revising the scope of work and increasing the grant amount being awarded for this project from \$1,225,000.00 to \$3,430,000.00 and increasing the total project budget from \$1,305,370.00 to \$3,655,036.00; **(2)** the acceptance of a grant from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (Agreement No. CSJ 0918-47-310, CFDA No. 20.205) in the amount of \$3,430,000.00 as federal share in the total project cost of \$3,655,036.00 (includes Federal \$3,430,000.00, Direct State \$70,000.00 and Indirect State \$155,036.00 participation) for costs related to the preparation of preliminary engineering (design schematic, right-of-way, environmental documents/public involvement, plans, specifications and estimates) and for the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge on Linfield Road over Union Pacific Railroad Rail Yard in the City of Dallas, including landscaping in the project area and along Carbondale Street; **(3)** the establishment of appropriations in the amount of \$3,430,000.00 in the Linfield Project Grant Fund; **(4)** the receipt and deposit of funds in the amount of \$3,430,000.00 in the Linfield Project Grant Fund; and **(5)** execution of the Local Project Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT in a total approximate amount of \$3,655,036.00 and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement - Total amount of \$3,655,036.00 - Financing: Texas Department of Transportation Grant Funds (see Fiscal Information)

BACKGROUND

Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) housed an intermodal operation known as Miller Yard located on the west side of Linfield Road near the Joppa community in Dallas, Texas. In 2005, UPRR relocated its multimodal operation away from Miller Yard but maintained its status as a multi-use operation. In 2002, a vehicular bridge was constructed to minimize traffic interruptions to the Joppa neighborhood considering that Linfield Road functioned as its main access. As the economy grew, the demand for Miller Yard's operations grew with it resulting in the need to add a bypass track through the Miller Yard at Linfield Road. The addition of faster moving trains along with slower moving trains within the Miller Yard posed an increased safety risk to pedestrians and vehicular traffic which necessitated the

consideration of the permanent closure of the surface railroad crossing. However, since the existing vehicular bridge has steeper grades that do not meet the current Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), the need for an alternate solution for pedestrian crossings was necessary.

Since 2015, UPRR, in collaboration with the City of Dallas, the North Central Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the Joppa community including the South Central Civic League, have engaged in numerous community meetings that culminated in a vote whereby the community agreed to permanently close the at-grade crossing with the following provisions:

- Permanently close the at-grade crossing in exchange for the construction of a pedestrian bridge parallel to the existing vehicular bridge that meets the current ADAAG (**This Action**).

As a result of the above agreement with the community, NCTCOG's Regional Transportation Council approved a total of \$8,550,000.00 of funds towards the design and construction of the pedestrian bridge and associated landscaping. There are two agenda items for Advance Funding Agreement's (AFA's) associated to this project:

1. This action (CSJ 0918-47-310) will authorize engineering and construction funds; and
2. a separate agenda item at this meeting (CSJ 0918-47-309) will authorize construction funds.

Both actions will authorize a Local Transportation Project AFA for the project utilizing a combination of Transportation Development Credits, contributions from UPRR and regional funds associated with this project.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

Begin Preliminary Engineering Design	October 2021
Complete Preliminary Engineering Design	December 2022
Begin Construction	June 2023
Complete Construction	June 2025

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

The Mobility Solutions, Infrastructure and Sustainability Committee was briefed on Union Pacific Railroad's operations on September 25, 2017.

[City Council was briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on October 2, 2020.](https://dallascityhall.com/government/citymanager/Documents/FY%2020-21%20Memos/Joppa-Neighborhood-Service-Plan_Memo_100220.pdf)
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On January 13, 2021, City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant for related to the preparation of preliminary engineering (design schematic, right-of-way, environmental documents/public involvement, plans, specifications and estimates) to allow for the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge on Linfield Road over Union Pacific Railroad Rail Yard in the City of Dallas, including landscaping in the project area and along Carbondale Street by Resolution No. 21-0133.

City Council was briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on August 6, 2021.
<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdallascityhall.com%2Fgovernment%2Fcitymanager%2FDocuments%2FFY%252020-21%2520Memos%2FUpcoming-City-Council-Agenda-Items-29-and-30-Linfield-Road-Over-UPRR-Yard-Project_memo_080621.pdf&data=04%7C01%7Camanda.ybon%40dallascityhall.com%7Ccf399713f83446369e9208d958e06b67%7C2935709ec10c4809a302852d369f8700%7C0%7C0%7C637638543162221541%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=i3ZuDqZ5R5o3Kkt16N46vflk6WUbcTsgIDpqZ1nVWXs%3D&reserved=0>

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
Federal Participation (100% for City's Environmental and Engineering)	\$0.00	\$918,750.00	\$ 306,250.00
Federal Participation (100% for City's Construction)	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$2,205,000.00
Total	\$0.00	\$918,750.00	\$2,511,250.00

Federal Participation (100% Engineering and Construction)	\$3,430,000.00
Federal Participation (100% for Direct State Costs/Engineering and Construction)	\$ 70,000.00
State Participation (TxDOT Indirect Costs/Engineering and Construction)	<u>\$ 155,036.00</u>
Total Project Cost	\$3,655,036.00

Engineering costs are planned for fiscal year (FY)22 and FY23. Construction costs are planned for FY23; FY24; and FY25.

MAP

Attached