

**RESOLUTION NO. 156-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,  
CALIFORNIA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE ENGINEERING GRANT  
FUND 1054 AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO  
KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR  
THE SOUTH CUTTING BOULEVARD AT-GRADE CROSSING AT CARLSON  
BOULEVARD IMPORVEMENT PROJECT**

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**WHEREAS**, the crossing at South Cutting and Carlson Boulevards has been identified as a candidate for funding under the Federal Section 130 program, aimed at hazard elimination and safety improvements at highway-rail at-grade crossings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Section 130 program is a federally funded initiative administered by the states to reduce hazards at such crossings; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Cutting Boulevard at-grade crossing consists of a four-lane, east-west oriented roadway and three Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) mainline tracks, situated approximately 30 feet east of the signalized intersection of South Cutting Boulevard and Carlson Boulevard; and

**WHEREAS**, the traffic signals at this intersection are interconnected with the railroad track circuitry system to allow for advance preemption; and

**WHEREAS**, a prior Section 130 funded project was completed in February 2020, involving upgrades to the pedestrian approaches and the installation of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Standard 8 warning devices at the northwest and southeast quadrants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond adopted its Local Roadway Safety Plan in July 2022, which includes a comprehensive set of studies and recommendations under the Travel Safe Richmond initiative, emphasizing the importance of safety improvements for bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles, including enhancements to the Cutting Boulevard crossing; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2024, staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking engineering design services for the South Cutting Boulevard at-grade crossing improvement project at Carlson Boulevard; and

**WHEREAS**, two proposals were submitted in response to the RFP, and a panel of Public Works staff members was assembled to review and evaluate the submissions using established criteria, including relevant experience, understanding of the project scope, ability to meet project deadlines, and budget adherence; and

**WHEREAS**, after a thorough evaluation, the panel determined that Kimley-Horn Inc. was the most qualified consultant for the project, based on their extensive experience, project understanding, and community engagement approach; and

**WHEREAS**, staff recommends the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$292,000 from the Engineering Grant Funds 1054 which is available from the Section 130 grant program as part of the total budgeted allocation of \$750,000 in the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase, and the approval of a contract with Kimley-Horn Inc. for the South Cutting Boulevard at-grade crossing improvement project at Carlson Boulevard, in the amount not to exceed \$550,841, and authorization for the Director of Public Works to approve change orders, if necessary, within a contingency amount of up to \$82,630, representing 15% of the contract value.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Richmond, as follows:

**Section 1:** The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and this City Council hereby so finds and determines.

**Section 2:** The City Council hereby authorizes the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$292,000 from the Engineering Grant Funds 1054 and authorizes the City Manager or their designee to execute a contract for a not to exceed amount of \$550,841, for the South Cutting Boulevard at-grade crossing improvement project.

**Section 3:** The Public Works Director is authorized to approve change orders, if necessary, for up to a 15% contingency in the amount of \$82,630, for a total design phase cost, including the base contract and contingency, to \$633,471.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held December 17, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bana, McLaughlin, Robinson, Zepeda, Vice Mayor Jimenez, and Mayor Martinez.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTENTIONS: None.  
ABSENT: Councilmember Willis.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
(SEAL)

Approved:  
EDUARDO MARTINEZ  
Mayor

Approved as to form:  
DAVE ALESHIRE  
City Attorney

State of California            }  
County of Contra Costa        }       : ss.  
City of Richmond                }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 156-24**, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on December 17, 2024.

  
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Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond