

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION 26-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC HIGHWAY OVERPASS AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD (UPRR) FOR 24TH STREET BRIDGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the 24th Street Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track was constructed in 1959, with two lanes of traffic (one for each direction), and a narrow sidewalk on the south side, with no bike lanes; and

WHEREAS, in November 2015, Caltrans awarded the City a Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) grant for designing an upgraded and expanded bridge to improve safety and throughput; and

WHEREAS, in April 2021, Caltrans allocated a grant for the right-of-way acquisition phase for the bridge project, which included the costs associated with negotiating an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to construct the bridge over the existing railroad tracks; and

WHEREAS, after many months of negotiations, UPRR has drafted a Public Highway Overpass Agreement (Exhibit A), between the City and UPRR which will allow the bridge project to proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby approves the Public Highway Overpass Agreement between the City and UPRR and directs the City Manager to execute said Agreement, subject to any non-substantive modifications approved by the City Attorney and City Manager. The City has previously adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this Project. Caltrans has also determined that this project has no significant environmental impacts as defined by NEPA and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following: 23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(28).

APPROVED this 17th day of April, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John Hamon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Martin, City Clerk