

Legislation Text

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A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Appropriate City Officials To Execute A Grant Participation And Reimbursement Agreement With Brightline Trains Florida, LLC., For Construction Of Supplemental Safety Improvements At Selected Railroad Crossings In The City.

Infrastructure & Facilities

Staff Recommends: Approval of the Attached Resolution.

Explanation:

In 2018, Brightline applied for and was awarded a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant. This program is administered by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) through the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) and focuses on rail safety improvements.

In total, 48 crossings in the tri-county region will receive additional upgrades. All improvements are occurring on public crossings and are expected to be constructed over a 6-to-8-month timeframe once the grant is executed with the FRA.

Brightline and its partners were awarded \$2.3 million. The total program is approximately \$5.63 million. Brightline is contributing \$500,000 toward the program, and several cities have committed to contributing additional funds toward the safety improvements.

However, there is still a shortfall of approximately \$2.3 million, and in order to close the gap, Brightline is reaching out to each city that is receiving improvements to request at least 20 percent local match of the total cost of the improvements in each jurisdiction. A 20 percent local match is the minimum amount required for a local contribution toward a federal grant.

The attached sheet details the types of improvements and costs proposed in the City of Hollywood (Exhibit A: Agreement). The City is receiving \$232,526.46 worth of safety improvements at six crossings. Brightline is asking the City of Hollywood to contribute \$46,505.29 for the local match.

The improvements at the six crossings were determined based on an analysis using US DOT standards, incorporating traffic counts, train counts, accident history and more. The focus of this grant is to introduce new safety initiatives, such as pavement markings, delineators and signalized digital signs that are tied to the movement of trains. Brightline believes the successful delivery of this grant

City	Crossing	Edge Markings and Striping	Centerline Delineators	100' Raised Median West Side	Exit Gates (Both Sides	Exit Gates (SE)	Exit Gates (NW)	Active Signs	Blended Total tincl, PM + Design)
HOLLYWO OD	(2725785) MP 347.75; Taft St.; Hoflywood	x	x						\$ 28,787.52
OD OD	[272582G] MP 348.07) Garfield St.; Hailywood	x							\$ 19,783.28
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HOLLYWO OD	[272587R] MP 348.84; Harrison St.; Hallywood	x						x	\$116,693.58
HOLLYWO OD	[272589E] MP 349:29; Washington St.; Hollywood	x							\$ 19,207.28
									\$ 232,526.46

will prepare our region, including the City of Hollywood, for future safety infrastructure grants.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding for this project was included in the amended FY 2021 Operating Budget, and is available in account number 001.140202.51500.531170.000000.000.

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by: Azita Behmardi, City Engineer Shiv Newaldass, Director, Development Services Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager/Sustainable Development