



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Lodi Central City Railroad Safety Improvement Project (Alternative to Lodi Avenue Grade Separation)

MEETING DATE: June 4, 1997

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council authorize staff to proceed with planning the Lodi Central City Railroad Safety Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The San Joaquin County Transportation Sales Tax, Measure K, includes a category for railroad safety improvements which presently consists of grade separations. Lodi's only project in this category was Lodi Avenue at the Southern Pacific tracks in Downtown. At its April 2, 1997 meeting, the Council determined not to proceed with this project due to its impacts on Downtown and high cost. (Less than half of the project cost would be covered by the \$3.9 million Measure K allocation.) Staff was directed to work on finding another project that would retain this funding for Lodi. If no alternative is found, the funds will be used elsewhere in the County.

Staff has prepared a comprehensive project which we feel meets the spirit of the Measure K ordinance and will be looked upon in favor by the majority of Lodi residents. The core of the project is the removal of the Central California Traction Company tracks in Lodi Avenue and Main Street and replacement of that rail service on the Southern Pacific Kentucky House Branch which runs parallel to Lockeford Street. Details of the project, a preliminary budget and a project map are attached.

To implement the project, we need to:

- submit the project to the San Joaquin County Council of Governments and obtain their approval, which will entail amendments to the Measure K expenditure and strategic plans
- negotiate project details and cost sharing with the railroads
- perform environmental review
- determine project phasing
- do preliminary design work

FUNDING: None needed at this time.



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Prepared by Richard C. Prima, Jr., City Engineer

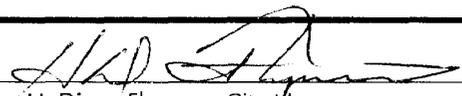
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Attachments

cc: Senator Patrick Johnston
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SJCOG Citizen's Advisory Committee Lodi Representative
Union Pacific Railroad
Central California Traction Company
Caltrans, Planning Division

Chamber of Commerce
Lodi Downtown Business Association
Pacific Coast Producers, Attn: Jim Schweickardt
Sweetener Products, Attn: Joe Tack
Arkay Industries, Inc., Attn: Eric Kuhnash
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APPROVED: _____



H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

Lodi Central City Railroad Safety Improvement Project

Project Objective: To improve vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety and convenience where these travel modes interact with railroad tracks while maintaining railroad service to existing and future businesses.

Project Description: The project consists of the removal of Central California Traction Company tracks presently located within streets, improving those streets, providing rail service along the unused Union Pacific (formerly Southern Pacific) Kentucky House Branch, and making various improvements to the Branch and adjacent streets (see project map).

Project Specifics: The project will:

- remove a mile of railroad tracks that presently run parallel with traffic within Lodi Avenue and Main Street;
- eliminate fifteen locations where railroad tracks cross travel lanes at a skewed angle or street intersections;
- repave the streets and install lighting, drainage, curb, gutter and sidewalk where the tracks are removed;
- install rubberized rail crossing surfaces at fifteen street crossings;
- install a protected pedestrian crossing of the Kentucky House Branch between Calaveras Street and Central Avenue;
- install frontage improvements - fencing, curb, gutter, sidewalk and lighting along unimproved railroad frontage; and,
- improve Lockeford Street along the Kentucky House Branch.

Project Budget: **\$6,115,000**

Project Funding: **Measure K
City of Lodi
Union Pacific Railroad**

Lodi Central City Railroad Safety Improvement Project

Preliminary Budget Summary

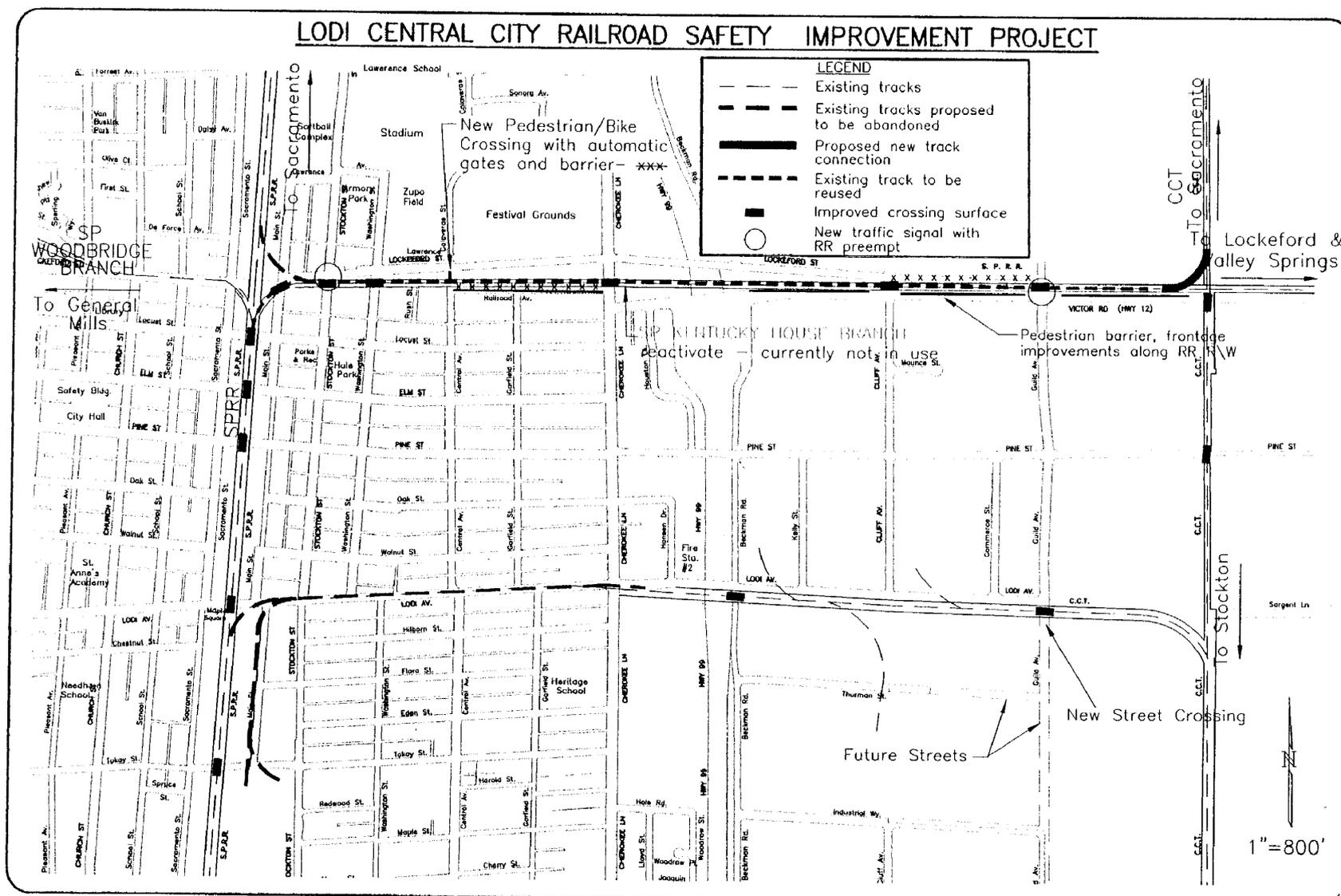
Lodi Avenue/Main Street	\$	1,283,000
Kentucky House Branch incl. Frontage	\$	1,573,000
Rail Crossing Surfaces at Streets	\$	1,092,000
Lockeford Street	\$	2,167,000
Total:	\$	6,115,000

Project Funding

Measure K	\$	3,970,000	Rail and Street Work
Union Pacific Railroad	\$	438,000	Track Connection
City of Lodi	\$	1,707,000	Balance of Project

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LODI CENTRAL CITY RAILROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



LEGEND	
	Existing tracks
	Existing tracks proposed to be abandoned
	Proposed new track connection
	Improved crossing surface
	New traffic signal with RR preempt

1" = 800'



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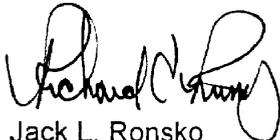
Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, June 4, 1997, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the regular calendar for Council discussion. You are welcome to attend.

If you wish to write to the City Council, please address your letter to City Council, City of Lodi, P. O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910. Be sure to allow time for the mail. Or, you may hand-deliver the letter to the City Clerk at 221 West Pine Street.

If you wish to address the Council at the Council meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Jennifer Perrin, City Clerk, at (209) 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Richard Prima, City Engineer, at (209) 333-6706.



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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk ✓

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