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## Memorandum

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Subject: Roadway Improvements and Traffic Signal Installation at Corral Hollow Road and Linne Road Intersection

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a status on the Capital Improvement Project on the Roadway Improvements and Traffic Signal Installation at Corral Hollow Road and Linne Road intersection, CIP 72104.

### **Background**

The Roadway Improvements and Traffic Signal Installation at Corral Hollow Road and Linne Road intersection is an approved Capital Improvement Project, CIP 72104. The project was originally part of the Corral Hollow Road Widening Project CIP 73144. The intersection improvements were made into a separate project due to the specialized needs of this project, keeping federal funds separate, and funding limitations. The project was awarded to Mark Thomas & Company (Consultant) for Design Services in March 2021, with project kick-off in May 2021. The scope of work included preparation of plans, specifications, and estimate (PS&E), environmental document preparation, preparation of plats and legal description for right of way acquisition, railroad and utility coordination for the roadway improvements and traffic signal installation at Corral Hollow Road and Linne Road intersection.

### **Current Status**

Outlined below is a summary of the tasks involved in getting this project completed and its status. Attachment A to this memo provides the detailed schedule with descriptions and schedule on each step that corresponds to all the tasks below.

### **Design of Project Plans, Specifications and Estimate:**

The project is currently at 65% design in terms of plans, specifications, and estimate (PS&E) development. The project will include a widened Corral Hollow Road with two lanes in each direction, turn pockets, drainage basin, medians, upgrades to the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Gate Crossing, a pre-signal before the Gate Crossing, traffic signal at the Corral Hollow and Linne Road intersection, bike

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access, signage and striping. The City and its Consultant have been in contact with the UPRR for the design of this intersection and are awaiting comments from the UPRR on the 65% plans as well as the signal timing pre-emption calculations. The City is working with UPRR to ensure the intersection will be in compliance with the ultimate configuration as recommended in the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The TMP recommends that Linne Road extends to the west of the intersection. Even though the current project does not extend Linne Road to the west, UPRR has been hesitant in approving that concept (and allowing this intersection to be designed as a four-way intersection) and is recommending approaching UPRR with that request at a later date. It may be problematic to the City if UPRR recommends an above-grade crossing at this location for the future when Linne Road is required to be extended to the west based on the traffic demands of the City. The City is currently investigating the possibility of getting UPRR's concurrence for the future extension, but with the current at-grade crossing and with any modifications that can be accommodated at an at-grade level. The efforts with UPRR began with CIP 73144, and this project re-initiated the co-ordination with UPRR in March 2022. The project final plans are anticipated to be approved by UPRR, along with the UPRR permit issuance by November 2022.

### Environmental Compliance

The project has a Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant for the construction of traffic signals at this intersection. This requires completion of National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process to assess the environmental effects of project. The NEPA process began in May 2021. The project was evaluated by the Caltrans Environmental Group and is recommended for several Technical Studies such as Air Quality Impact Assessment, preparation of technical memoranda that addresses biological resources, cultural resources, and land use. An initial site assessment or ISA is also required to be prepared. The NEPA studies are anticipated to be approved by Caltrans by July 2022. The project also requires the completion of IS/MND (Initial Studies/Mitigated Negative Declaration) in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. The CEQA studies which began in March 2022 is anticipated to be completed by January 2023.

### Utility Coordination and Right of Way (ROW) Certification

The Consultant will be performing the required Utility coordination consistent with the project needs and in accordance with Caltrans guidelines due to the CMAQ funding requirements. This project will require purchase of right-of-way to accommodate the improvements. The ROW phase includes the preparation of appraisal maps, plats and legal descriptions, preparation of appraisals, formal offers, negotiations, final acquiring of parcels, and right-of-way certification. The right-of-way appraisals and negotiations will be performed by the City right of way consultant – Associated Right of Way Services (ARWS). The ROW phase is anticipated to be completed by September 2023.

### Bid Period Services:

The project may initiate the bid phase after the completion of the ROW phase. This involves submission of required documents and exhibits to Caltrans to get approval for the construction phase in accordance with the guidelines in the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM). The project is anticipated to be bid by January 2024.

### Budget

The project is currently funded only through the design phase and a portion of ROW Phase. The planning level estimate of this project is \$7.4 million.

### Attachment

**Exhibit A-** Project Gantt Chart