

MEASURE C
COOPERATIVE PROJECT AGREEMENT
GRADE SEPARATION PROGRAM
Blackstone & McKinley BNSF Grade Separation Project

This Cooperative Project Agreement ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into on April 22, 2020, by and between the City of Fresno, a municipal corporation ("**Responsible Agency**") and the Fresno County Transportation Authority ("**Authority**").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the 2006 Measure C Expenditure Plan included the Alternative Transportation Program ("ATP"), which was intended to provide seed funding for relocating the BNSF Railroad from its existing alignment to the UP Railroad alignment located near Golden State Blvd.; and,

WHEREAS, the Expenditure Plan expressly provided that if Rail Consolidation proved infeasible, ATP funding was to be utilized to construct grade separations that coordinated with transit, and provided the greatest public benefit in terms of improvement to air quality and reduction in traffic congestion; and,

WHEREAS, at their April 22, 2020 meeting, the Authority Board ("**Board**") approved the conversion of the ATP to a Grade Separation Program ("**GSP**") and selected the Blackstone & McKinley BNSF grade separation project for funding through that program; and,

WHEREAS, in its next update of the Strategic Implementation Plan ("**SIP**"), the Authority will revise the SIP to reflect the replacement of the ATP with the GSP; and,

WHEREAS, Authority and Responsible Agency desire to enter into an Agreement for funding of this transportation improvement project ("**Project**") in Fresno County pursuant to the Measure C GSP, and the Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan ("**Expenditure Plan**"), which was approved by the voters of Fresno County in November 2006; and,

WHEREAS, Responsible Agency desires to receive eligible Measure C (“**Measure C**”) funding from the Authority for the transportation improvement to build grade separations under the BNSF Railroad crossings between Blackstone and McKinley Avenues, as referenced in the ATP portion of the Expenditure Plan, and as effectively modified by Board action on April 22, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, approval by the Authority of Project funding, for payment to Responsible Agency from the GSP in accordance with this Agreement, is authorized by those provisions of the Expenditure Plan that explicitly contemplated the potential conversion of the ATP to the GSP, in conjunction with the Board’s action of April 22, 2020 that implemented the transition to the GSP and approved the selection of the Blackstone & McKinley BNSF Grade Separation Project; and,

WHEREAS, Authority has agreed to provide funding to Responsible Agency from the GSP for eligible Project costs “not to exceed” \$6,000,000 of Measure C funding; and,

WHEREAS, Responsible Agency is prepared to begin Project Development and has requested funding sufficient to complete the Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED) and Design Phases of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and undertakings herein made and the mutual benefits to be derived therefrom, the parties hereto represent, covenant and agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

SECTION I

Covenants of Responsible Agency

Responsible Agency agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the receipt of Measure C funds and to comply with the Expenditure Plan, SIP, and all adopted Policies and Procedures, as well as any subsequent amendments, updates, or other applicable plans. Responsible Agency also agrees to comply with the Draft SIP update provisions included as Exhibit D to this Agreement, at least until such time as the Board approves the next update to the SIP to reflect the conversion of the ATP to the GSP. Upon adoption of the updated SIP, the draft SIP provisions attached hereto as Exhibit D will be incorporated into, or to the extent of any conflict will be deemed to have been superseded by, the corresponding

provisions of the updated SIP as adopted, and the Responsible Agency will be required to comply with those provisions of the updated SIP as adopted.

1.1 Project Scope, Schedule and Funding Program. The Project scope of work, schedule and funding program, as well as any change thereto such may not be implemented or initiated until it has been approved by the Authority in accordance with the SIP. For purposes of this Agreement, the Project scope, schedule and funding program is as defined and described in the SIP and as further described below. The Responsible Agency must demonstrate in the funding program that the Project or Project phase is fully funded.

1.1.1 Project Scope. See Attached Exhibit A.

1.1.2 Project Schedule. See Attached Exhibit B.

1.1.3 Project Funding Program. See Attached Exhibit C.

1.2 Eligible Project Costs. Notwithstanding section 1.1, the Authority reserves the right to consider on a case by case basis, eligible costs incurred after July 1, 2007, but before a Responsible Agency has entered into an Agreement with the Authority. Eligible Project costs shall be equal to or less than Measure C funds allocated to a Project as specified in Section 1.1.3 of this Agreement and in the SIP.

NOTE: Expenses incurred after July 1, 2007, but before a Responsible Agency has entered into an Agreement with the Authority for a currently active project, are incurred at the risk of the Responsible Agency.

Responsible Agency commits to seeking any and all potentially available funding sources to cover the costs of subsequent project phases.

1.3 Compliance with California PUC Code 142257. Responsible Agency agrees to the following:

1.3.1 Measure C funds will not be used to substitute for property tax funds, which the Responsible Agency had previously used for regional or other transportation purposes. It is hereby acknowledged by Responsible Agency that such substitution of property tax funds is expressly prohibited by California Public Utilities Code Section 142257.

1.3.2 The Responsible Agency has segregated property tax revenues from its other general fund revenues used to support the Project so that verification of non-substitution can be proved through audit or that the non-substitution of funds shall apply to the Responsible Agency's entire general fund.

1.3.3 Responsible Agency shall account for Project funds received pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 142257. Responsible Agency shall maintain current records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and shall separately record expenditures for each type of eligible purpose. Responsible Agency shall make such records available to the Authority for inspection or audit at any time.

1.4 Compliance with Other Laws. In performance of its obligations relating to administration and completion of the Project, Responsible Agency shall at all times comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations currently in force as well as those that are subsequently enacted, promulgated or amended and thereby become applicable during the term of this Agreement.

1.5 Measure C Funds Defined. For purposes of this Agreement, eligible Project Measure C funds are deemed available as of the effective date of this Agreement. Eligible Project costs shall be equal to or less than the amount of funding available for the Project on a fiscal year basis as specified in the SIP and in Section 1.1.3 of this Agreement. In no case shall the total amount of Measure C funds for the Project in the SIP or referenced in Section 1.1.3 be exceeded without written amendment to this Agreement and to the SIP.

1.6 Invoices. The Responsible Agency shall submit invoices to the Authority no more frequently than monthly for activities conducted over the prior unbilled month. These documents shall include the following specified information:

1.6.1 Monitoring Expenditures and Progress Payments. The Responsible Agency will monitor expenditures and progress payments against the "not to exceed" limits specified in Section 1.1.3 of this Agreement.

1.6.2 Project Progress. If Project costs have not been invoiced for a six-month period, Responsible Agency agrees to submit a written explanation of the absence of the Project's progress to the Authority, along with a target billing date and a target billing amount.

- 1.6.3 Direct and Indirect Costs. Responsible Agency may include in the Project invoice, direct and indirect costs of the Project. Indirect costs (as defined by OMB Circular A-87) will be considered an eligible expense.
- 1.6.4 Copies of Invoices. Responsible Agency shall provide the Authority with one (1) copy of appropriate source documentation to substantiate Project expenses or costs.
- 1.6.5 Eligible Project Cost Request Deadline. Invoices for eligible Project costs incurred by the Responsible Agency shall be submitted to the Authority on the approved form. The appropriation request will specify the use of the funding and the manner in which local matching funds were applied. The Authority's Executive Director will review invoices for accuracy and sufficiency in terms of compliance with the foregoing requirements. Unsatisfactory or inadequate invoices will be returned to the Responsible Agency for correction and resubmission. Upon receipt of a proper invoice, eligible Measure C funds (as applicable) shall be provided to the Responsible Agency within 45 days.
- 1.6.6 Use of Funds. Responsible Agency shall use Measure C funds consistent with the Expenditure Plan, SIP, and Section 1.1.1 of this Agreement.
- 1.7 **Reporting Form.** Responsible Agency will indicate in the invoice form, its intent to complete and return the Annual Reporting Form (reference Appendix H in the SIP) to the Authority no later than October 15th of each year. If the Responsible Agency does not return the Annual Reporting Form to the Authority by that deadline, the Authority will withhold Measure C funds (as applicable) until such time as the form is returned by the Responsible Agency and reviewed for correctness by the Authority.
- 1.8 **Cost Savings and Excess Costs.**
- 1.8.1 Cost Savings. After the Project has been accepted by the Responsible Agency as complete, any positive difference between the total Project cost, as approved by the Authority pursuant to Section 1.1.3 and the total amount invoiced to the Authority shall be considered Project cost savings and shall be reprogrammed to other Tier 1 projects by Fresno COG and the Authority as the SIP is amended or updated.

- 1.8.2 Excess Costs. In the event the actual total Project costs exceed the estimate approved by the Authority, this amount will be considered an Excess Cost.
- 1.8.3 Reconciliation of Excess Costs. In the event that costs to complete the Project exceed the total amount of funds programmed, the Responsible Agency will be fiscally responsible for the full amount of Excess Costs associated with the Project, unless otherwise agreed by the parties pursuant to Section 2.3.
- 1.9 Project Management/Formation of Project Development Team (PDT). To ensure that the Project is implemented in a timely manner and consistent with the SIP and Expenditure Plan, a Project Development Team (PDT) shall be formed under the control of the Responsible Agency. The Responsible Agency will form, notice, conduct and administer the PDT for the Project. The PDT formed for the Project shall include a staff member from both the Authority and Fresno COG.
- 1.10 Award of Project. The Responsible Agency shall administer the Project, including but not limited to its advertisement and award of all contracts, in accordance with applicable legal requirements as provided above in Section 1.4 and in full conformity with the standards applied by Responsible Agency in the administration of its own road construction projects.
- 1.11 Maintenance of Project Records. Responsible Agency shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to costs addressed in Section 1.1.3 of this Agreement. All such records shall be maintained on a generally-accepted accounting basis and be clearly identified and readily accessible. Responsible Agency shall provide free access to the Authority at all times to such books and records. Responsible Agency shall maintain all work data, documents, and proceedings of this Agreement for a period of five (5) years from the date of final audit from the Authority.
- 1.12 Project Groundbreaking and Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies; and Press Conferences. Responsible Agency shall acknowledge Measure C funding contribution to the Project at the groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremony and at any project Press Conferences should the Responsible Agency conduct such events. Groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies are encouraged,

but not required unless specifically requested by the Authority. Authority shall be invited to participate at all scheduled events.

1.13 Project Signage. Responsible agency agrees to the following:

1.13.1 Responsible agency shall provide signage at construction sites or on equipment, as appropriate, for the projects funded partially or wholly by Measure C sales tax revenue, so that Fresno County Taxpayers are informed as to how those funds are being used. Responsible Agency shall include the Measure C logo on all project reports, bulletins, flyers, press releases, webpages or other related media.

1.13.2 Responsible Agency shall erect funding signs as a first order of work of any construction contract. The signage shall be in conformance with specifications approved by and on file with the Authority, and included in Appendix J to the SIP. Responsible Agency shall keep signs cleaned, well maintained, and visible throughout all phases of the construction contract. Signage shall remain in place at least three (3) months after completion of the Project. Installation. Removal of signage is an eligible expense.

SECTION II

Covenants of Authority

Authority agrees to provide Measure C funds to the Responsible Agency for eligible Project costs in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, and in compliance with the Expenditure Plan, the SIP, all Measure C Policies and Procedures, as well as any subsequent amendments or updates, and to other applicable plans and programs.

2.1 Eligible Project Cost Payments. The Authority shall make payments to Responsible Agency for actual incurred eligible Project costs as specified in Section 1.1.3 of this Agreement and consistent with the SIP. To receive payments for Project work completed, the Responsible Agency shall comply with the following procedures:

2.1.1 Ineligible Costs. The Authority reserves the right to recover payment from the Responsible Agency if an invoice includes ineligible Project costs.

2.1.2 Payment Amount. The amount of Project payments to the Responsible Agency shall be made pursuant to the SIP and this Agreement.

2.1.3 Suspension of Payment. Payments for eligible Project costs shall be suspended without interest when a dispute arises as to whether or not a cost item(s) is eligible for payment.

2.1.3.1 Dispute Resolution. All disputes shall be settled in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Once a dispute has occurred, the Authority and Responsible Agency shall attempt to resolve the dispute informally in a mutually agreeable manner.

2.2 Right to Conduct Audit. The Authority shall have the right to conduct an audit of all Responsible Agency's records pertaining to the Project at any time following completion of the Project.

2.2.1 Notice of Audit. The Authority must provide at least 30 days' advance written notice to the Responsible Agency if an audit is to be conducted.

2.3 Reconciliation of Excess Costs. Excess project costs to complete a Project are not eligible for reimbursement. The amount of Measure C funds identified in Section 1.1.3 of this Agreement and in the SIP are the maximum funds available for reimbursement to the Responsible Agency and will not be exceeded by the Responsible Agency without an approved amendment to this agreement. If needed for that purpose, the Responsible Agency shall make a written request to the Authority for an amendment to this Agreement. Any such amendment shall constitute an effective modification of this Agreement only if signed and approved by duly authorized representatives of both the Authority and the Responsible Agency.

SECTION III

Mutual Covenants

The Authority is released from any liability to Responsible Agency regarding the Authority's administration and issuance of the Measure C proceeds except for any breach of Authority's fiduciary duty as set forth in the Expenditure Plan and SIP.

3.1 Effective Date and Term. This Agreement shall become effective as of the date of its execution by the Authority and Responsible Agency and shall

remain in full force and effect through **December 31, 2026**, unless earlier terminated as provided in Section 3.2 or in Section 3.4 or unless the Agreement's term is extended by amendment in accordance with Section 3.8.

3.2 Discharge. This Agreement shall be subject to discharge as follows:

3.2.1 Termination by Mutual Consent. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of Responsible Agency and Authority. If this Agreement is terminated by the parties as provided herein, Responsible Agency will be paid for eligible Project costs incurred prior to such termination of the Agreement as appropriate, consistent with the funding program identified by Section 1.1.3 and contained in the SIP. If this Agreement is mutually terminated by the parties, Responsible Agency will no longer receive Measure C funds for this Project, unless a new agreement between Responsible Agency and Authority is formed.

3.2.2 Discharge Upon Completion of Project. Except as to any rights or obligations which survive discharge as specified in Section 3.14, this Agreement shall be discharged, and the parties shall have no further obligation to each other, upon completion of the Project as certified by the Authority.

3.2.3 Termination by Authority. The Authority reserves the right to terminate the Agreement at any time by giving written notice to Responsible Agency of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof. If this Agreement is terminated by the Authority as provided herein, Responsible Agency will be paid for eligible Project costs incurred prior to termination of the Agreement by the Authority consistent with the funding program identified by Section 1.1.3 and contained in the SIP. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents and other materials shall, at the option of the Authority, become its property subject to the terms and conditions of Section 1.11.

3.3 Indemnity. It is mutually understood and agreed, relative to the reciprocal indemnification of Authority and Responsible Agency:

3.3.1 Responsible Agency shall fully defend, indemnify and hold harmless Authority, and any officer or employee of Authority, against any and all damages, liabilities, claims and expenses, arising out of Responsible Agency's errors, omissions, negligent acts or willful misconduct during

the term of this Agreement. It is also fully understood and agreed that, pursuant to Government Code Section 895.4, Responsible Agency shall fully defend, indemnify and hold the Authority harmless from any liability imposed for injury as defined by Government Code Section 810.8 occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by Responsible Agency under this Agreement or in connection with any work, authority, or jurisdiction delegated to Responsible Agency under this Agreement.

3.3.2 Authority shall fully defend, indemnify and hold harmless Responsible Agency, and any officer or employee of Responsible Agency, against any and all damages, liabilities, claims and expenses, arising out of Authority's errors, omissions, negligent acts or willful misconduct during the term of this Agreement. It is also fully understood and agreed that, pursuant to Government Code Section 895.4, Authority shall fully defend, indemnify and hold the Responsible Agency harmless from any liability imposed for injury as defined by Government Code Section 810.8 occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by Authority under this Agreement or in connection with any work, authority, or jurisdiction delegated to Authority under this Agreement.

3.4 Limitation. All obligations of the Authority under the terms of this Agreement are expressly subject to the Authority's continued authorization to collect and expend the sales tax proceeds provided by Measure C funds. If for any reason the Authority's right to collect or expend such sales tax proceeds is terminated or suspended in whole or part, the Authority shall promptly notify the Responsible Agency, and the parties shall consult on a course of action. If, after twenty-five (25) working days, a course of action is not agreed upon by the parties, this Agreement shall be deemed terminated by mutual or joint consent; provided, that any future obligation to fund from the date of the notice shall be expressly limited by and subject to (i) the lawful ability of the Authority to expend sales tax proceeds for the purposes of the Agreement; and (ii) the availability, taking into consideration all the obligations of the Authority under all outstanding contracts, agreements to other obligations of the Authority, of funds for such purposes.

3.5 Notices. Except as may be otherwise required by law, any notice to be given shall be written and shall be either personally delivered, sent by electronic mail or sent by first class mail, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

AUTHORITY:

Mike Leonardo, Executive Director
Fresno County Transportation Authority
2220 Tulare Street, Suite 2101
Fresno, CA 93721
Ph: (559) 600-3282 Fax: (559) 600-1499
mike@thefcta.com

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:

Scott Mozier, Director of Public Works
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street, Room 4016
City, CA 93721
Ph: (559) 621-8811
Scott.mozier@fresno.gov

3.5.1 Notice personally delivered is effective when delivered. Notice sent by electronic mail is deemed to be received upon successful transmission. Notice sent by first class mail shall be deemed received on the fifth day after the date of mailing. Either party may change the above address by giving written notice pursuant to this paragraph.

- 3.6 Additional Acts and Documents.** Each party agrees to do all such things and take all actions, and to make, execute and deliver such other documents and instruments, as shall be reasonably requested to carry out the provisions, intent and purpose of the Agreement.
- 3.7 Integration.** This Agreement represents the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. NO representations, warranties, inducements or oral agreements have been made by any of the parties except as expressly set forth herein, or in other contemporaneous written agreements.
- 3.8 Amendment.** This Agreement may not be changed, modified, or rescinded except in writing, signed by all parties hereto, and any attempt at oral modification of this Agreement shall be void and of no effect.
- 3.9 Independent Agency.** Responsible Agency renders services under this Agreement as an independent agency under the Agreement. None of the Responsible Agency's agents or employees shall be agents or employees of the Authority and none of the Authority's agents or employees shall be agents or employees of Responsible Agency.

- 3.10 Assignment.** The Agreement may not be assigned, transferred, hypothecated, or pledged by any party without the express written consent of all parties hereto.
- 3.11 Binding on Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding upon each of the parties and their respective successor(s), assignee(s) or transferee(s). Provided however that this provision shall not be construed as an authorization to assign, transfer, hypothecate or pledge this Agreement, other than as provided in Section 3.10 above.
- 3.12 Severability.** Should any part of this Agreement be determined to be unenforceable, invalid, or beyond the authority of either party to enter into or carry out, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect; provided that, the remainder of this Agreement can, absent the excised portion, be reasonably interpreted to give effect to the intentions of the parties.
- 3.13 Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts and shall become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by all of the parties; each counterpart shall be deemed an original but all counterparts shall constitute a single document.
- 3.14 Survival.** The following provisions in this Agreement shall survive discharge:
- 3.14.1 Responsible Agency. As to Responsible Agency, the following sections shall survive discharge: Section 1.6 (Invoices); Section 2.0 (Project Management/Formation of Project Development Team); and Section 3.3 (Indemnity).
- 3.14.2 Authority. As to Authority, the following sections shall survive discharge: Section 2.5 (Right to Conduct Audit) and Section 3.3 (Indemnity).
- 3.15 Time.** Time is and shall be of the essence of this Agreement and each and all of its provisions in which performance is a factor.
- 3.16 Remedies Cumulative.** No remedy or election of remedies provided for in this Agreement shall be deemed exclusive, but shall be cumulative with all other

remedies at law or in equity. Each remedy shall be construed to give the fullest effect allowed by law.

- 3.17 **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The parties agree that this contract is made in and shall be performed in Fresno County, California.
- 3.18 **Captions.** The captions in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not a part of this Agreement. The captions do not in any way limit or amplify the provisions of this Agreement and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of any of its provisions.
- 3.19 **No Continuing Waiver.** The waiver by any party of any breach of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not constitute a continuing waiver or a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same, or of any other provision of this Agreement.
- 3.20 **No Rights in Third Parties.** Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement on any third party, nor is anything in this Agreement intended to relieve or discharge the obligation or liability of any third party to any party to this Agreement, nor shall any provision of this Agreement give any third party any right of subrogation or action over or against any party to this Agreement.
- 3.21 **Responsible Agency Legal Proceedings.** The Responsible Agency shall inform the Authority of all pending legal agreements, scheduled settlement hearings, or other scheduled legal proceedings associated with the Project and invite and allow Authority to participate in such proceedings or hearings.
- 3.22 **Attorney's Fees and Costs.** Authority and Responsible Agency will bear their own respective costs, including attorney's fees, in connection with any legal proceedings related to the interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement or any of the terms and conditions hereof.
- 3.23 **Exhibits and Recitals.** The Recitals and Exhibits to this Agreement are fully incorporated into and are integral parts of this Agreement.
- 3.24 **Signator's Warranty.** Each party warrants to each other that he or she is fully authorized and competent to enter into this Agreement in the capacity

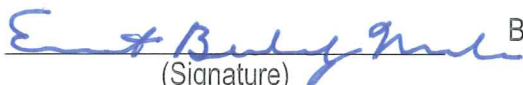
indicated by his or her signature and agrees to be bound by this Agreement as of the day and year first mentioned above upon the execution of this Agreement by each other party.

- 3.25 Force Majeure.** Any party shall be excused from performing its obligations under this Agreement during the time and to the extent that it is prevented from performing by an unforeseeable cause beyond its control, including but not limited to: any incidence of fire, flood; acts of God; commandeering of material, products, plants or facilities by federal, state or local government; national fuel shortage; or a material act or omission by any party; when satisfactory evidence of such cause is presented to that other party, and provided further such nonperformance is unforeseeable, beyond the control and is not due to the fault or negligence of the party not performing.

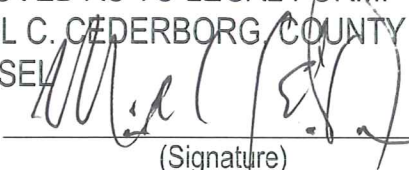
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

FRESNO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

REVIEWED AND APPROVED

By <u></u>	By <u></u>
(Signature)	(Signature)
Name <u>Ernest "Buddy" Mendes</u>	Name <u>Mike Leonardo</u>
(Typed)	(Typed)
Title <u>Chair of the Authority</u>	Title <u>Executive Director</u>

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
DANIEL C. CEDERBORG COUNTY
COUNSEL

By 

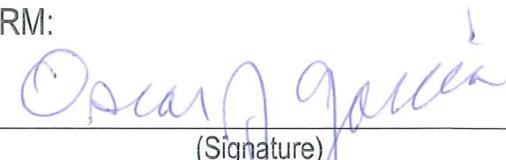
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Name Michael E. Rowe

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Title Principal Deputy County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING
FORM:

By 

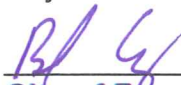
(Signature)

Name Oscar J. Garcia, C.P.A.

(Typed)

Title Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector

ATTEST:
YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

 6/26/2020
City of Fresno YVONNE SPENCE

By 

(Signature)

Name Scott Mozier

(Typed)

Title Director of Public Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

BY:  6/25/2020
Kristi Costa Date
Deputy City Attorney



EXHIBIT A – PROJECT SCOPE

Blackstone McKinley BNSF Grade Separation



Responsible Agency

City of Fresno

Project Limits

The project limits East McKinley Avenue from N. Glenn Avenue to N. Effie Street and North Blackstone Avenue from E. Pine Avenue to E. University Avenue.

Project Phase *(Choose the Project Phase(s) applicable to this Agreement)*

- ☒ Phase 1 - Preliminary Engineering *[Includes Preliminary Design/Engineering (PS&E) and Environmental]*
- ☐ Phase 2 - Right-of-Way Acquisition
- ☐ Phase 3 - Construction *(Includes Project Construction & Construction Management)*

Project Phase(s) Scope *(Provide detail to describe the Phase(s) that is the subject of this Agreement as checked above)*

The project will eliminate two existing at-grade crossings by grade separating N. Blackstone Avenue and E. McKinley Avenue under the BNSF Mainline Track. The project will require Right of Way acquisitions, utility relocations, will be compatible and complementary to the "Better Blackstone" Initiative and the South Blackstone Smart Mobility Strategy. The project will improve on-time service performance for the City's Bus Rapid Transit Service and remedy traffic for Fresno City College located at the northwest quadrant of the Blackstone and McKinley intersection. Phase 1 includes preliminary design/engineering (PS&E) and environmental review and approval. This agreement encompasses Phase 1 only.

Complete Project Scope *(Provide detail to describe all phases of the Project - It is important for the Authority to understand the scope of the entire Project; not just the Project phase(s) that is described above)*

Phase 1 will begin with the design consultant RFQ process in June 2020 with design starting in November 2020. Phase 1 includes preliminary design/engineering (PS&E) and environmental review and approval. Phase 2 includes ROW acquisition and will begin after approval of the preliminary environmental study (CEQA). Phase 3 will be initiated after completion of Phase 2 and relocation of existing utilities. Phase 3 involves construction of the Project, the associate traffic control operations and construction management activities.

Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to provide for improved mobility by grade separating the existing at-grade crossings at N. Blackstone Ave and E. McKinley Ave. along the BNSF Mainline.

Transportation Benefit

The project will improve air quality, reduce blocking delays, traffic congestion, and eliminate Train/Pedestrian/Vehicle interaction thereby improving safety and travel time for motorists, transit services, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Implications of Not Doing the Project

The existing at-grade crossings create an average of 250 blocking delays per week, averaging over 2 minutes per delay event, creating unnecessary idle times for cars and commercial trucking. The Blackstone Avenue/McKinley Avenue intersection supports multiple FAX Bus routes including the Blackstone Ave. BRT Route. Without the grade separation, Train/Vehicle/Pedestrian interface will continue contributing to air pollution, decreased level of service and potential loss of life due to suicides or vehicle/train incidents.

Community Engagement

The project limits are within a moderately populated residential area. Residents, businesses, and property owners will be informed of the Project's status and schedule through Project newsletters, public information meetings, the City's website and local media.

Construction Staging

Construction phasing may be implemented due to the potential impacts on adjacent residences, businesses, schools, which use these streets to access their property.

Detours

During construction of this Project, which includes utility relocation, railroad shooflies, and grade separation construction, traffic will be encouraged to use north/south collectors Palm and First Avenues, and east/west arterial Shields Avenue. Access to residences, businesses, and schools will be provided and maintained throughout construction using alternative routes via Fresno, Clinton, and Weldon Avenues.

Current Status

Phase 1 will start with the execution of this agreement, because the project is a railroad grade separation a statutory and categorical exemption for CEQA will be filed upon City Council approval. Phase 2 will begin after CEQA Notification period expires. Phase 3 construction will be initiated after completion of Phase 2 and relocation of existing utilities.

Contact

For inquiries, you may contact Scott Mozier, P.E., Public Works Director, City of Fresno Public Works Dept. at (559) 621-8811.

Blackstone McKinley BNSF Grade Separation

*3 Project Construction & Construction Management



EXHIBIT C – PROJECT SCHEDULE

Blackstone McKinley BNSF Grade Separation



Replace information below with information for subject project phase

Responsible Agency

City of Fresno

Project Limits

The project limits East McKinley Avenue from N. Glenn Avenue to N. Effie Street and North Blackstone Avenue from E. Pine Avenue to E. University Avenue.

Project Phase (Choose all applicable to this Agreement – funding for the phase(s) must be fully funded at the time that the agreement is approved by the Authority and the Responsible Agency)

- ☒ Phase 1 - Preliminary Engineering [Includes Preliminary Design/Engineering (PS&E) and Environmental]
☐ Phase 2 - Right-of-Way Acquisition
☐ Phase 3 - Construction [Includes Project Construction & Construction Management]

Contact

For inquiries, you may contact Scott Mozier, P.E., Public Works Director, City of Fresno Public Works Dept. at (559) 621-8650.

Funding Program (\$ in millions)

(Double click on Table on the following page to complete for all Project phases – It is important for the Authority to understand the funding program for the entire Project; not just the Project phase(s) that is checked above and the subject of this Agreement).

PROJECT PHASE	START YEAR	END YEAR	PRIOR COST & FUNDING	NEW ALLOCATION												TOTAL COST & FUNDING
				SHORT-TERM PROGRAM FY 2020/21 - 2031/32												
Preliminary Engineering - 1	2020/21	2022/23	\$0.000	\$6.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$6.000
FUNDING PROGRAM																
Measure "C" Original Program																\$0.000
Measure "C" Regional																\$0.000
RTMF																\$0.000
STIP																\$0.000
TCRP																\$0.000
Local Development Fees																\$0.000
Federal Aid																\$0.000
Other State - State Cash																\$0.000
Measure "C" GSP	2020/21	2022/23		\$6.000												\$6.000
Other Local (Specify)																\$6.000
Other Local (Specify)																\$0.000
TOTAL FUNDING PHASE 1:			\$0.000	\$6.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$6.000
PROJECT PHASE	START YEAR	END YEAR	PRIOR COST & FUNDING	NEW ALLOCATION												TOTAL COST & FUNDING
				SHORT-TERM PROGRAM FY 2020/21 - 2031/32												
Right-of-Way - 2	2020/21	2022/23	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$19.750	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$19.750
FUNDING PROGRAM																
Measure "C" Original Program																\$0.000
Measure "C" Regional																\$0.000
RTMF																\$0.000
STIP																\$0.000
TCRP																\$0.000
Local Development Fees																\$0.000
Federal Aid																\$0.000
Other State - State Cash																\$0.000
Measure "C" GSP	2021/22	2022/23			\$19.750											\$19.750
Other Local (Specify)																\$0.000
Other Local (Specify)																\$0.000
TOTAL FUNDING PHASE 2:			\$0.000	\$0.000	\$19.750	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$19.750
PROJECT PHASE	START YEAR	END YEAR	PRIOR COST & FUNDING	NEW ALLOCATION												TOTAL COST & FUNDING
				SHORT-TERM PROGRAM FY 2020/21 - 2031/32												
Construction - 3	2022/23	2025/26	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$53.750	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$53.750
FUNDING PROGRAM																
Measure "C" Original Program																\$0.000
Measure "C" Regional																\$0.000
RTMF																\$0.000
STIP																\$0.000
TCRP																\$0.000
Local Development Fees																\$0.000
Federal Aid																\$0.000
Other State - State Cash																\$0.000
Measure "C" GSP	2022/23	2025/26				\$ 53.75										\$53.750
Other Local (Specify)																\$53.750
Other Local (Specify)																\$0.000
TOTAL FUNDING PHASE 3:			\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$53.750	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$53.750
TOTAL FUNDING ALL PHASES:			\$0.000	\$6.000	\$19.750	\$53.750	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$79.500

¹ Preliminary Engineering: Preliminary Design/Engineering (PS&E), Environmental

² Right-of-Way Acquisition

³ Project Construction & Construction Management