

#### ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

# Rail Safety Enhancement Program Request to Approve Actions for Advancement







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#### **Today's Objectives**

- Background on the Rail Safety Enhancement Program
- Update on Delivery Plan
- Request two actions to advance the program into Environmental and Design Phases – Agreements for:
  - 1. Program Management Oversight (PMO)
  - 2. Environmental and Design Services



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#### Rail Safety in Alameda County

- Agency and Federal Railroad Agency (FRA) analysis identified rail safety as critical for Alameda County
- High rail volumes and close proximity to neighborhoods and schools
- Noted as implementation effort in Goods Movement Plan



Since 2016: **22** fatalities from trespassing



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#### Alameda CTC Rail Grade Crossing Framework



Prioritization



Safety upgrade opportunities



SR2S rail safety education



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### Need for a Safety Enhancement Program

Existing safety issues at crossings and with trespassing

Requires close coordination with UPRR and CPUC

Complex regulation and design standards

Efficiencies when delivering multiple improvements at same time

Upcoming funding opportunities





- · Program management
- Close partnership with jurisdictions
- Coordination with railroads, state, and regional agencies



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#### **RSEP Key Milestones**

- Commission approved Prioritization approach (March 2018)
- Commission allocated \$5.5 million of MBB to RSEP (February 2019)
- Staff released RFP for two Agreements (February 2020)
- Interviews for top-ranked firms and selection (May 2020)
- Contract negotiations and final contract value (June 2020)

This month: Request for Commission approval and contract execution



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#### **RSEP Delivery Plan**

Two agreements for Environmental and Design Phases:

- Program Management Oversight
  - Creating and implementing program delivery strategy
  - > Directing the environmental and design consultants
  - Leading coordination with stakeholder agencies including cities, County, UPRR and CPUC
- Environmental and Design Services
  - NEPA and CEQA environmental clearance
  - Preparation of plans and construction contract documents at 30%, 65%, 95%, and 100%(final) levels



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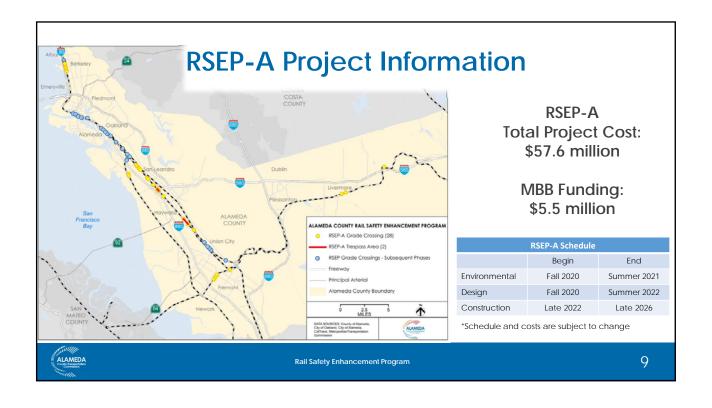
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#### RSEP Delivery Plan (cont'd)

- Partnering with Caltrans and MTC on joint-applications for grant funding for construction (TCEP and BUILD)
- Focusing on first phase RSEP-A
  - > Efficient delivery of a very large program
  - Funding application critical milestones
  - > Schools and trespass areas
  - > Similar environmental clearances
  - > 28 at-grade crossings + 2 trespass areas



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### **Anticipated Future Actions**

- Environmental clearance RSEP-A, RSEP-B
- Contract amendment to add RSEP-B crossings
- Construction Plan RSEP-A, RSEP-B
- Project updates as necessary

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#### **Recommended Action**

- Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute two Professional Services Agreements for the Rail Safety Enhancement Program (RSEP):
  - A20-0013 with TY Lin International for a negotiated amount, not to exceed \$1.59 million for Program Management Oversight (PMO); and
  - ➤ A20-0014 with **Kimley-Horn and Associates**, **Inc**. for a negotiated amount, not to exceed \$3.86 million for **Environmental and Design services**.



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## **Thank You**

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