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AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT FREIGHT AND HIGHWAY PROJECTS FASTLANE 16 GRANT FOR THE DESIGN OF THE ZARZAMORA STREET AT FRIO CITY ROAD RAILROAD OVERPASS

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WHEREAS, the Zarzamora Street at Frio City Road Railroad Overpass Project is located in the west side of San Antonio's urban core and the transportation system in this area is the key lifeline for residential and commercial land uses, as well as being in the proximity of Port SA and the former military installation known as Kelly Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Zarzamora Road and Frio City Road is a five-legged intersection which is currently an illuminated four-to-six-lane road that crosses US HWY 90, UPRR tracks, as well as commercial and residential neighborhoods and experiences heavy congestion, especially during AM and PM peak, and sizeable traffic throughout the day; and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Railroad crossing carries on an average 25.96 trains within 24 hour period with an average wait time at the gates for traffic at the intersection is about 400 seconds (6 minutes and 40 seconds), thus building up a long queue on almost all five legs of the intersections for the turning motorists, waiting for the gates to open; and

WHEREAS, South San Antonio High school and two other elementary schools makes a congested situation for parents who drive their kids to school every day, especially in the morning rush hour; and

WHEREAS, the City Of San Antonio is highly focused on our designation as Vision Zero city and finding options to enhance safety for pedestrians/bicyclists and the Zarzamora Street at Frio City Road Railroad Overpass Project would be the largest project to date to improve infrastructure for all modes of transportation.

WHEREAS, the total number of crashes have increased every year from 32 in 2012, to 43 in 2014 within this area of the five-legged intersection of S. Zarzamora/Frio City and Kirk Place; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance authorizes the submission of an application to the US Department of Transportation for the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects FASTLANE 16 Grant for the design of the Zarzamora Street at Frio City Road Railroad Overpass Project; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study was conducted by the City of San Antonio that identified many short-term solutions for the immediate needs, and highly recommended an overpass for

this intersection. Strategic Multi-Modal Transportation Plan, SA Tomorrow, identified the Zarzamora corridor for improvements for the economic competitiveness, livability, safety and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, a grant award date has not been identified by US DOT, but staff will continue to monitor the updates provided by the agency and in the meantime this Project is currently being considered for the City of San Antonio's 2017 Bond Program and MPO Long Range Transportation Improvement Program funding; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized to submit grant applications to the US Department of Transportation for the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects FASTLANE 16 for the design of the Zarzamora Street at Frio City Road Railroad Overpass Project.

SECTION 2. Should funding be awarded, upon acceptance of this award, new funds and internal order numbers will be created, upon which the award amount not to exceed \$5,417,604.77 will be appropriated in said funds. A final budget will include Internal Orders and GL Accounts will be submitted by the Transportation and Capital Improvements Department upon award.

SECTION 4. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by eight affirmative votes; otherwise it shall be effective on the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED and APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2016.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney