



AGENDA REPORT

Public Works

DATE:	March 5, 2024
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Daniel Chavarria, PE, Director of Public Works Robert Armijo PE, Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ken Cheng PE, Senior Civil Engineer
Subject:	Richmond Communities Clean Collaborative – 7th Street Bike Lane Project BNSF Preliminary Engineer Agreement
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	Funded by Clean California Grant Fund. Account String: 10633031-400708-23030
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	October 18, 2022
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	A portion of the 7th Street Bike Lane Improvements Project encroaches into Burlingame North Santa Fe (BNSF) right-of-way. BNSF requires all work conducted by the City of Richmond within the BNSF right-of-way to enter into a Preliminary Engineer Agreement for BNSF review and approval.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution authorizing the Public Works Director and the City Engineer to execute a Burlingame North Santa Fe (BNSF) Preliminary Engineer Agreement for the Richmond Communities Clean Collaborative – 7th Street Bike Lane Project – Public Works (Robert Armijo 510-620-5477/ Ken Cheng 510-621-1612).

DISCUSSION:

The Clean Collaborative - 7th Street Bike Lane Project enhances pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure to foster safer passage, improve vehicle visibility on curve turns, and strengthen connectivity between the Central Richmond and North Richmond communities. The project location is on 7th Street between Hensley Street and Lincoln Avenue, positioned at the north end of the Iron Triangle.

The design phase of this project involves encroaching on the Burlingame North Santa Fe (BNSF) grade separation railway and right-of-way. The City must enter into a Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement with BNSF to permit BNSF and its employees to review and provide services related to the City's proposed plans, specifications, and construction. It encompasses payment instructions, regulations for BNSF services, scope and limitations of the collaboration, right-of-way entry permits, and a BNSF disclaimer.

Key improvements under this project include the construction of new concrete sidewalks, driveways, curb and gutters, and the installation of new signage and striping. These enhancements are designed to bridge existing sidewalk gaps and extend bike lane improvements, facilitating a future class III bike route on 7th Street.

Staff recommends authorizing the Public Works Director and the City Engineer to execute the BNSF Preliminary Engineering Agreement for the Richmond Communities Clean Collaborative – 7th Street Bike Lane Project, with a budget not exceeding \$50,000.

The project kicked off its design phase on February 1, 2024, with completion expected by March 27, 2024. This will transition into the construction phase, slated to begin on April 22, 2024, and conclude by June 28, 2024.

Funding for the planning, design, and construction phases is secured through a \$5,000,000 grant from the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Clean California Grant Fund, as approved by the Richmond City Council on October 18, 2022.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Resolution

Attachment 2 – Burlingame North Santa Fe Preliminary Engineer Agreement to the Contract