



# City of Huntington Beach

**File #:** 19-762

**MEETING DATE:** 8/5/2019

## REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**SUBMITTED TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**SUBMITTED BY:** Dave Kiff, Interim City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Travis K. Hopkins, PE, Director of Public Works

**Subject:**

**Approve and authorize execution of a Wireline Crossing Agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company for the installation of traffic signal communication conduit on Center Avenue (CC-1489)**

**Statement of Issue:**

On May 20, 2019, the City Council awarded a construction contract for the traffic signal modification at the intersection of Gothard Street and Center Avenue. This project includes the installation of a traffic signal communication conduit under the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks at Center Avenue which will require the execution of a Wireline Crossing Agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

**Financial Impact:**

No fiscal impact.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Wireline Crossing Agreement" at Mile Post 519.28, Stanton Industrial Lead, between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the City of Huntington Beach.

**Alternative Action(s):**

Do not authorize approval of the Wireline Crossing Agreement and provide direction to staff to amend terms of the agreement.

**Analysis:**

The City applied for and subsequently received grant funding for a traffic signal modification under the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The intersection of Gothard Street and Center Avenue was identified for the installation of north-south left turn arrows based on the recent collision history. The project also included the installation of traffic signal communication conduit and cable in order to establish direct communication between the traffic signals along Center Avenue and

the City's Traffic Management Center located in City Hall. In order to complete this work, a conduit must be installed under the Union Pacific Railroad tracks at Center Avenue.

The construction contract was awarded by the City Council on May 20, 2019.

In order to construct the traffic signal communication conduit under the railroad tracks, a Wireline Crossing Agreement must be executed with the Union Pacific Railroad Company. This agreement defines the construction requirements, legal requirements and fees assessed by the UPRR.

The total estimated project cost is \$534,154 and was authorized by the City Council as part of the project award on May 20, 2019. The Wireline Crossing Agreement charges were included in the project funding approved on May 20, 2019, and therefore no additional funding is requested as part of this action.

**Public Works Commission Action:**

Not applicable

**Environmental Status:**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15303 (c).

**Strategic Plan Goal:**

Enhance and maintain infrastructure

**Attachment(s):**

1. Project Location Map.
2. Wireline Crossing Agreement, Mile Post 519.28, Stanton Industrial Lead