



## Staff Report

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Robert Vestal, Public Works Director | City Engineer  
**DATE:** November 18, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Cooperative Agreement between the City of Beaumont and Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

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**Description:** Cooperative Agreement for the Pennsylvania Grade Separation Project between the Riverside County Transportation Commission and the City of Beaumont.

### **Background and Analysis:**

#### Design Background

On June 19, 2018, City Council awarded a Professional Service Agreement (PSA) to IDC Consulting Engineers, Inc. to perform 35% level design for the Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation Project.

On August 28, 2018, City Council approved Amendment No. 1, which incorporated additional surveying for the railroad shoofly track. The 35% Level design was completed in 2019. The project was put on hold for some time due to lack of funding.

On July 19, 2022, City Council approved Amendment No. 2, which increased the contract amount for IDC to complete the final design. However, Amendment No. 2 did not include all the necessary scope to complete the project.

On October 1, 2024, City Council approved an Amended and Restated Contract with IDC to include additional scope and extend the terms of the contract for a maximum of five years.

#### Current Project Design Status

- Caltrans Geometric Approval Drawing (GAD) – 95% complete
- Caltrans Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD) – 90% complete
- Caltrans Structural Type Selection Report – 80% Complete
- UPRR Structural Design – Preparing 60% design re-sub submittal
- UPRR Track Design – Preparing 90% design submittal

### Environmental Background

On December 19, 2017, the City approved a Professional Services Agreement with Moffatt and Nichol (M&N) in the amount not to exceed \$295,523 for environmental documentation services that covered the following three projects along Pennsylvania Avenue:

- Pennsylvania Avenue Interchange (CIP 2017-001)
- Pennsylvania Avenue Widening (CIP 2017-009)
- Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation (CIP 2017-012)

On January 2, 2019, the City Council approved Amendment #1 in the amount of \$51,618. This amendment provided regulatory permitting and MSHCP services for the three projects.

On February 2, 2021, the City Council approved Amendment #2 in the amount of \$64,528. This amendment provided additional regulatory permitting funds for the Pennsylvania Avenue Widening project due to updated environmental regulations and requirements.

On November 15, 2022, the City Council approved Amendment #3 in the amount of \$144,705. This amendment added funds to the Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation project to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which is required to receive federal grant funds.

On December 5, 2023, the City Council approved Amendment #4, which unencumbered the remaining funds for the widening and interchange projects and extended the contract for the grade separation project for one year.

On October 1, 2024, City Council approved an Amended and Restated Contract with Moffet and Nichol to extend the terms of the contract for a maximum of five years.

### Current Project Environmental Status

Selection of TCEP funding in June 2025 included a provision to complete the environmental documents by December 2025. The City has worked closely with Caltrans as the lead agency and anticipates meeting this deadline. The CEQA is complete and the NEPA is approximately 95% complete.

- CEQA – The Statutory Exemption (SE) under CEQA was approved and signed by Caltrans on September 18, 2025.
- NEPA – All technical studies required for NEPA have been completed and approved by Caltrans with the exception of the following documents which will be approved in November.

- Biological Study - The final signed document was submitted to Caltrans for final signature on October 30, 2025.
- Air Quality Study – The final document was submitted to Caltrans for final review on October 31, 2025.

#### Outstanding Requirements Prior to Ready-to-List (RTL) for TCEP

- Project Reports (QMAP DEER, Traffic Management Plan, HSM Analysis, Caltrans Hydrology Report, Value Analysis)
- Caltrans PS&E Package Design and Approval
- Utility Design and Certification
- Right-of-way Acquisition and Certification
- Western Riverside Multi Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSCHP) process
- Environmental Regulatory Permitting – CDFW 1600 Permit
- Agreements and Permits (UPRR, CPUC, Caltrans, Riverside County Flood Control)
- Final Bid Plans and Specifications

Due to the complexity of the Project and strict requirements to obligate the funds prior to June 30, 2026, City staff is requesting that RCTC serve as the lead agency for the PS&E and ROW phase. RCTC will hire a consultant to finish the plans and all ROW work and push the Project through Caltrans. The City will continue to provide input and will be responsible for any funding gaps. Complete obligations for the City and RCTC are listed in the Agreement (Attachment A).

The Agreement will be amended in the future to include the remaining phases, including construction and closeout, once total construction funding is identified.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

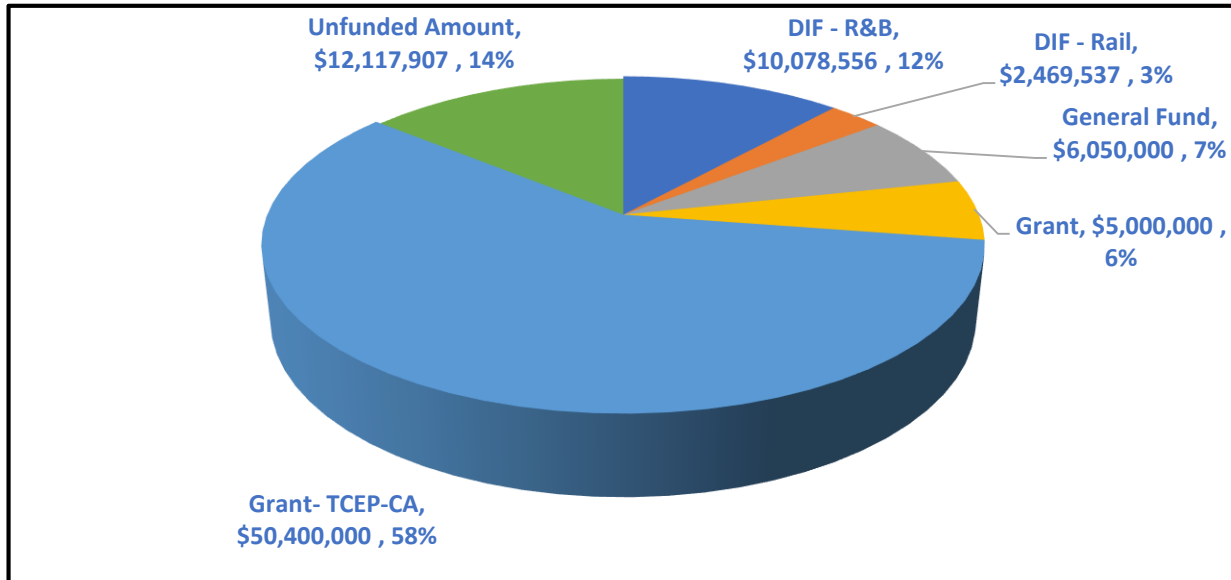
The estimated cost to prepare this staff report is \$350.

RCTC's estimated cost for PS&E and ROW support is \$13,000,000. An additional \$1,000,000 of contingency is included in the estimate to expedite incidental additional cost. The estimated cost of the Agreement is \$14,000,000 and will be paid from CIP 2017-012 Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation project.

## CIP 2017- 012 Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation Project Funding Summary

**Estimated Total Project Budget= \$86,116,000**

**Current Project Budget= \$23,598,093**



### CIP 2017- 012 Pennsylvania Avenue Grade Separation Project Budget Summary

Project Component	Est. Total Budget	Current Budget	Paid to Date	Remaining Budget
Project Management	\$2,900,000	\$900,000	\$(77,976)	\$822,024
Preliminary Services	\$112,000	\$112,000	\$(106,481)	\$5,520
Environmental	\$297,000	\$297,000	\$(192,936)	\$104,064
Design	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$(2,165,551)	\$3,834,449
Permits	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$(153,203)	\$396,797
Right-of-Way	\$2,681,000	\$9,719,537		\$9,719,537
Construction	\$65,000,000	\$5,819,556		\$5,819,556
Construction Management	\$8,576,000			
Equipment				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$86,116,000</b>	<b>\$23,598,093</b>	<b>\$(2,696,146)</b>	<b>\$20,701,947</b>

#### Recommended Action:

Approve a Cooperative Agreement between Riverside County Transportation Commission and the City of Beaumont for the Pennsylvania Grade Separation Project for Plans, Specifications, and Estimates and Right-of-Way Phases in an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000.

#### Attachments:

- A. Draft Cooperative Agreement