



LODI CITY COUNCIL

Carnegie Forum
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

AGENDA – SPECIAL MEETING

Date: January 10, 2012

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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A. Call to Order / Roll Call

B. Regular Calendar

B-1 Select Harney Lane Grade Separation as Project Nomination for San Joaquin Council of Governments' One Voice Trip (CM)

C. Adjournment

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Randi Johl
City Clerk

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CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Select Harney Lane Grade Separation as Project Nomination for San Joaquin Council of Governments' One Voice Trip

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2012

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Select Harney Lane Grade Separation as project nomination for the San Joaquin Council of Governments' One Voice trip.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) is again developing regional priorities in preparation for the annual "One Voice" lobbying trip to Washington, D.C., in April 2012. The One Voice trip is an opportunity for all jurisdictions in the county to work cooperatively to secure federal funds.

City staff recommends requesting funds for a grade separation on Harney Lane at the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. This project is estimated to cost approximately \$20 million. On June 17, 2009, the City Council voted in favor of making Harney Lane its priority for Measure K railroad grade separation funding. With new development at Reynolds Ranch and projected growth in the region, Harney Lane will become an increasingly important east-west corridor for the City.

Motorists are currently subject to approximately 680 minutes of vehicle delay each day due to trains on Harney Lane, and anticipated development will only increase this in the future, resulting in a greater potential for accidents. A grade separation will provide safe community access for all modes to transportation to nearby commercial centers and schools. Public safety will also be enhanced through improved response times for emergency vehicles, and vehicle emissions will be reduced as motorists can avoid delays waiting for trains to pass.

The City has commitments or expectations for \$16 million in funding through 2016 for this project, leaving a \$4 million shortfall that will be sought through the One Voice process.

The One Voice program began in 2000. The City has received funding for one project (\$400,000 for wastewater plant upgrades in 2004) out of \$64.2 million in awards to San Joaquin County.

FISCAL IMPACT: Award of funding for the Harney Lane grade separation would free transportation funds for other needed projects.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.

Konradt Bartlam
City Manager

APPROVED: _____
Konradt Bartlam, City Manager