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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

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Title: **Reimagine Bridge Street-Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement Preliminary Engineering Services with Union Pacific Railroad C1805**

Jen Callaway, Town Manager

Recommended Action: Authorize the Town Manager to execute an amendment to the Reimbursement Agreement - Preliminary Engineering Services with the Union Pacific Railroad for up to and additional \$35,000 for review and design services for the Reimagine Bridge Street project.

Discussion: On May 28, 2019, the Town Council selected traffic signals as the preferred intersection improvements for the Reimagine Bridge Street Project (Project) and authorized proceeding with design. The Project includes improvements on Bridge Street, including sidewalks, crosswalks, undergrounding utilities, four railroad gates, and traffic signals at Donner Pass Road and East/West River Streets. The Town approved the preliminary design review contract with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) on January 14, 2020 in the amount of \$75,000. The preliminary design review contract amount has been expended at this time. Eastern Sierra Engineering (ESE) is leading the consultant team and has completed 80% plans, on which the UPRR has provided comments. UPRR uses a third-party team to review the plans, phasing, and preemption timing at railroad track crossings, and estimates their costs will be an additional \$35,000 to continue to review the design plans until the final design is completed and approved.

In order to continue review of the Project, UPRR requires the Town to amend the existing agreement that commits the Town to reimbursing UPRR for their additional anticipated costs. Staff recommends that the Council authorize the Town Manager to execute an amendment to the Reimbursement Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services with the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Staff also recommends Council authorize the Town Attorney to approve the form of the amendment, which is currently being prepared by UPRR staff.

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Fiscal Impact: The amendment to the agreement requires that the Town reimburse UPRR for the review and design services on a monthly basis based upon the actual time spent on the Project, estimated to be an additional \$35,000. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24 budget for the Reimagine Bridge Steet CIP (C1805) currently has \$1,650,000 unexpended funds remaining and the existing FY 2023/24 budget is adequate to fund the \$35,000 amendment with UPRR.

Public Communication: In addition to the standard Town Council Agenda posting, eleven public meetings, including PAC meetings and public presentations, occurred during the feasibility study and 30% design process, as well as numerous emails, newspaper ads, and distribution of a public survey.

Attachments:

None.