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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

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Title: **Reimagine Bridge Street-Amendment #2 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 for Preliminary Engineering Services with the Union Pacific Railroad for up to an additional \$25,000 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, pedestrian gates, and traffic signals at Donner Pass Road and East/West River Streets. Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) review of the proposed project is required and the Town is required to reimburse UPRR for their review costs.

The Council authorized a preliminary design review contract with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) on January 14, 2020 in the amount of \$75,000. On September 12, 2023, the Council authorized an amendment for an additional \$35,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$110,000. The preliminary design review contract amount is almost fully expended at this time. 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 \$25,000 to continue to review the design plans until completed and approved. The additional cost is partially attributed to the fact that the project is not standard due to the constrained space, complicated signal timing and phasing, and heavy snow experienced in the area. Therefore, the reviewing agencies have disagreed about the exceptions to the standards, requiring additional meetings and review. Eastern Sierra Engineering (ESE) is leading the consultant team providing the design and has completed 85% plans, on which the UPRR has provided comments.

In order to continue UPRR's review of the Project, 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.

Priority:

<input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> Climate and Greenhouse Gas Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Investment	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency and Wildfire Preparedness	<input type="checkbox"/> Core Service

Fiscal Impact: The adopted budget for Reimagine Bridge Street (C1805) includes \$300,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025, \$218,000 of which is unexpended at this time. This amount is adequate to fund the \$25,000 amendment with UPRR, as well as the remainder of the design contract with ESE.

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.