RESOLUTION NO. 2009-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE DIRECTING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY ON ALTERNATIVE 3 FOR THE QUIET ZONE NUMBER 3 CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS AND TO CONCURRENTLY PURSUE CONSTRUCTION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) published new rules that now allow train operators to avoid sounding their horns at at-grade crossings; and

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of these rules the City must establish "quiet zones" and equip them with approved supplementary safety measures; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of quiet zones within the City of Elk Grove has reduced the noise impacts from trains, improved the quality of life for residents and reduced citizen complaints arising from train whistle noise; and

WHEREAS, the first quiet zone was established In December 2007 and the second quiet zone was established in spring 2008; and

WHEREAS, City staff, along with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Quade, and Douglas (PB), has been working to establish a third quiet zone in the City; and

WHEREAS, staff has evaluated all the alternatives and recommends pursuing design and environmental study of Alternative 3, which includes sub-alternatives Alternative 3A and 3B; together, they are referenced simply as Alternative 3; and

WHEREAS, estimated construction costs for Alternative 3 range from \$550,000 to \$900,000; and

WHEREAS, the current project budget does not include funding beyond the design phase and staff will need to pursue funding for costs to construct these improvements; and

WHEREAS, if any future funding is secured, Council will consider the funding as an amendment to the budget and the Capital Improvement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove that staff is hereby directed to proceed with design and environmental study on Alternative 3 (which includes sub-alternatives 3A and 3B) for the Quiet Zone #3 Crossing Improvements and to concurrently pursue construction funding.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 22nd day of July 2009.

PATRICK HUME, MAYOR of the CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK JASON

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SUSAN COCHRAN, CITY ATTORNEY

CERTIFICATION ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2009-139

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) ss CITY OF ELK GROVE)

I, Jason Lindgren, Assistant City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on July 22, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES : COUNCILMEMBERS:

Hume, Scherman, Cooper, Davis, Detrick

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN : COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Jasða Lindgren, Assistant Čity Clerk City of Elk Grove, California