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## Yolo County Receives \$4.16 Million Grant from CalSTA for County Road 32A Crossing Relocation and Grade Separation Project

(Woodland, CA) - The County of Yolo is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a grant of \$4,160,000 from the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) for the environmental and design elements of the County Road 32A Crossing Relocation and Grade Separation Project. This important project aims to enhance safety, improve transportation efficiency, and boost economic growth in our region.

The County Road 32A Crossing Relocation and Grade Separation Project will address the existing crossing with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Martinez Subdivision. Currently, the crossing's geometry poses safety and operational challenges, as it intersects with a rail line that carries many freight and passenger trains daily. By relocating and grade separating the crossing, the county will significantly reduce conflicts between trains and those using the roadway, ensuring safer travel for our community.

"This project is a top priority for Yolo County. Having a grade-separated railroad crossing will significantly reduce the danger posed to cyclists, cars, and trains traveling on Road 32A. These improvements will not only benefit our local commuters but also strengthen our regional economic competitiveness." Said Supervisor Jim Provenza.

The funding provided by the Transportation Infrastructure Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) positions this project to be eligible for future federal and state funding programs. The county is committed to leveraging this grant as a stepping stone to secure additional resources, ensuring the successful completion of the project which has a total estimated cost of \$5,200,000. The county will request a letter of no prejudice to expedite the process, with the goal of completing the funded phases by 2026.

"We applaud Yolo County's efforts to address safety issues at grade crossings by seeking new funding opportunities at the state and federal level," said Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) Managing Director Rob Padgette. "This project will not only improve safety at this location, but also improve the reliability of Capitol Corridor service. Our top priority is for the safety of our passengers, our crews, and the community."

Yolo County is immensely grateful for the support and recognition from CalSTA in awarding this grant. The county would like to assure community members that this funding will directly benefit them by improving safety, reducing travel disruptions, and contributing to our region's economic prosperity. This is one example of the county's commitment to promoting transportation equity, sustainability, and the overall well-being of our residents.

