



REPORT TO COUNCIL
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CONSENT
April 25, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

**Subject: Creation of and Appointments to Railyards Track Relocation
Reimbursement Ad Hoc Committee**

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation:

Create a special committee comprised of four councilmembers to provide policy guidance to City staff in negotiating a track relocation reimbursement agreement with Thomas Enterprises, and make recommendations to City Council on matters relating to the agreement.

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Presenter: N/A

Department: Development Services

Division: New Growth

Organization No. 4823

Summary:

Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the Council Rules of Procedure, staff is requesting approval of the formation of a special council committee known as the Railyards Track Relocation Reimbursement Ad Hoc Committee and the appointment of four Councilmembers to serve until the charge of the committee has been accomplished.

Background Information:

Staff is in the process of negotiating and drafting the reimbursement agreement with Thomas Enterprises for track relocation in the UP downtown railyards. Staff believes that negotiations would proceed in an efficient manner by the formation of a Council ad hoc to make policy recommendations to staff during the negotiations and, ultimately, to the City Council during its consideration of the agreement. The committee is to remain in existence only until its duties as stated in this report are fulfilled. The Mayor has

requested the creation of the Railyards Track Relocation Reimbursement Ad Hoc Committee and has nominated the following Councilmembers as its members: Mayor Fargo and Councilmembers Tretheway, Cohn, and fourth to be named.

Rule 13-a of the Council Rules of Procedure state that special council committees may be formed at the Mayor's request with council approval, or by the Council itself. Rule 13-c states that the Mayor can appoint the members of the committee with council approval.

Financial Considerations: None.

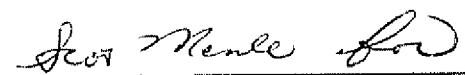
Environmental Considerations: None.

Policy Considerations:

The Council has previously entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Thomas Enterprises, directing staff to expedite approval of the railyards development project. Thomas Enterprises is in the process of entering into escrow with Union Pacific for the purchase of the 280 acres railyards property. A key consideration in the acquisition of the property is the ability to expedite relocation of the tracks that bisect the project site. The creation of the Railyards Track Relocation Reimbursement Ad Hoc Committee will promote an efficient negotiation of the agreement for consideration by the full Council in the future.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
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