

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 98-077
MARCH 2, 1998 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:

**RAILROAD CROSSING SIGNAL
AGREEMENT- MAHASKA PARKWAY**

SUBMITTED BY:

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SYNOPSIS –

An agreement has been developed for the construction and maintenance of upgrading existing automatic flashing light signals at the Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd. railroad crossing on Mahaska Parkway.

FISCAL IMPACT –

Project construction costs estimated at \$9,548 will be paid by Federal Railroad Safety Funds (90 percent) and Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd. (10 percent). There will be minimal City costs for maintaining signing which will come from the Traffic and Transportation Division operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval.

BACKGROUND –

The project involves installation of new 12-inch lenses to the existing automatic flashing light signals to provide improved visibility. This work will be paid for by the Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd., with the City's only responsibility being to provide advance signing and ensure clear view of the signals. Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd. has agreed to design, install, and maintain the signals.