



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**99-218**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

MAY 17, 1999

Three Agreements have been developed with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Union Pacific Railroad for upgrading existing railroad crossings at the Union Pacific Railroad crossings on East Hull Avenue, East Walnut Street, and Dean Avenue.

**SUBJECT:**

**RAILROAD  
CROSSING  
UPGRADE  
AGREEMENTS -  
EAST HULL  
AVENUE, EAST  
WALNUT STREET,  
DEAN AVENUE**

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

Project construction costs estimated at \$388,374 will be paid by IDOT funds (60 percent), Union Pacific Railroad (20 percent), and the City of Des Moines (20 percent). The City's share is estimated to be \$77,674.80.

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**TYPE:**

**Approve Railroad Crossing Upgrade Agreements with Union Pacific Railroad.**

**RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE**

**BACKGROUND -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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ENGINEER

These agreements between the City, IDOT, and the Union Pacific Railroad provide for upgrading six crossings on East Hull Avenue, two crossings on East Walnut Street, and three crossings on Dean Avenue. The new crossings will be constructed with concrete planking by the Union Pacific Railroad. The new crossings will be raised slightly (2-3 inches) and a new asphaltic concrete approach will be constructed by Public Works crews. To facilitate construction, East Hull Avenue will be closed 21 days, East Walnut Street will be closed ten days, and Dean Avenue will be closed 14 days.

Total funding for these three improvements is estimated to be \$388,374 and will be shared by the Union Pacific Railroad (20

percent), the City of Des Moines (20 percent), and IDOT (60 percent) from the Grade Crossing Surface Repair Fund. The City's share, estimated to be \$77,674.80, will be funded with General Obligation Bonds in the Capital Improvements budget for 1999-2000.

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