



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

02-424

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

AUGUST 5, 2002

SUBJECT:

INDIANOLA
AVENUE
CONNECTOR -
CHANGE ORDER
NO. 2

Abandonment of the railroad tracks on the north end of the Indianola Avenue Connector is pending. A change order in the amount of \$63,730 has been negotiated with Eco-Tech Construction L.L.C. (Steve Gillotti, President, 5600 Enterprise Drive, Grimes, IA 50111) to remove these tracks and make related modifications. Removal of the tracks saves the City the cost of a new railroad crossing that was estimated to cost in excess of \$200,000 and allows the vertical alignment of the roadway to be lowered providing for an increase in site distance and a better riding street.

FISCAL IMPACT -

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

This change order will be funded from General Obligation Bonds, Index Code 482943 - Indianola Avenue Connector - Account 543060 - Fund CP038 - Organization ENG990000 - Project STR129 - Activity ID 06-1999-005.

RECOMMENDATION -

SUBMITTED BY:

JEB E. BREWER P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

Approval of Change Order No. 2 with Eco-Tech Construction L.L.C., subject to renegotiation of the Union Pacific Railroad easement.

BACKGROUND -

The Indianola Avenue Connector was designed to include a railroad crossing just south of the S.W. 3rd Street Bridge. With the pending abandonment of the railroad, the crossing and signals at an estimated cost in excess of \$200,000 will not be required. To improve site distances and to allow for a better riding roadway, the street will be lowered at the existing railroad. The costs of the extra dirt work, railroad track removal, and additional survey to change the elevation of the roadway is \$63,730.

The City currently has a railroad crossing agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for the Indianola Avenue Connector. This agreement must be renegotiated to delete the railroad crossing on Indianola Avenue and to obtain an easement to remove the tracks and construct the street across the railroad right-of-way. Union Pacific Railroad has indicated that it will renegotiate the agreement, and approval of this change order is subject to this renegotiation.
