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SUBJECT—

Approval and authorization for the execution of Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. Street Crossing Signal Safety Improvement Agreement for S.W. 2nd Street and S.W. 3rd Street.

SYNOPSIS—

The City of Des Moines and Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. submitted a request for Federal Grade Crossing Safety Improvement Funds (Federal Aid 23 USC 130 funds) for S.W. 2nd Street, FRA No. 603717C, and S.W. 3rd Street, FRA No. 603718J. The Iowa Department of Transportation has approved this request. Approval of this agreement will allow construction and cost participation in the installation of railroad/highway crossing signal improvements for the two crossings.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The total estimate of the project is \$340,000. The City must match 10% of the total estimates, or \$34,000. Bond funds are available in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Railroad Signal and Surface Repairs, Account 543060, Fund CP038, Organization ENG990000, Project STR139.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

The City of Des Moines and Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. submitted a request in January 2003 to the Iowa Department of Transportation for Federal Grade Crossing Safety Improvement Funds for S.W. 2nd Street, FRA No. 603717C and S.W. 3rd Street, FRA No. 603718J. The Iowa Department of Transportation has approved these funds for use on these two crossings. The agreement shall cover installing flashing lights and gate arms.

The City would sign with the IDOT and the railroad for this project. This agreement would become part of a Master Agreement between the Iowa Department of Transportation, Modal Division, and the railroad, which has not yet been finalized.

There was hope that the construction of these safety improvements would occur this fiscal year. Funding will not be available until October, though, and as a result, this project will be scheduled by the IDOT for spring of 2006. The project will be constructed by Iowa Interstate Railroad.