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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer
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SUBJECT—

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. agreement for railroad signal improvements along Vine Street.

SYNOPSIS—

The City of Des Moines and Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. have negotiated a railroad signal safety crossing improvement along Vine Street intersecting Water Street, FRA No. 603716V, S.W. 2nd Street FRA No. 603717C, and S.W. 3rd Street, FRA No. 603718J. The City shall participate in the full cost of \$39,063.44 of said signal safety improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Funds available in Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Economic Development Improvements, Account 543060, Fund CP065, Organization CMO990000, Project URR039 (Water Street Brownstones).

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

The railroad signal safety crossing improvement negotiated between the City of Des Moines and Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. provides for installation of grade crossing signalization improvement along Vine Street intersecting at Water Street FRA No. 603716V, S.W. 2nd Street FRA No. 603717C, and S.W. 3rd Street FRA No. 603718J.

The flashing lights along Vine Street running parallel with the railroad track will provide warning to traffic turning on to Water Street, S.W. 2nd Street, and S.W. 3rd Street when a train is approaching.

These improvements were identified as part of constructing Vine Street in connection with the Vine Street Lofts and Water Street Brownstone projects.

Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. will construct the new flashing lights and appurtenances. The construction for the safety improvement at the three crossings is scheduled for summer 2005.