



**Council  
Communication**  
Office of the City Manager

**Date**

**August 6, 2007**

**Agenda Item No. 8B**

**Roll Call No. 07-**

**Communication No. 07-479**

**Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer and William G. Stowe, Assistant City Manager/Public Works/Engineering**

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) agreements for safety improvements at the railroad crossing of 16th Street north of Martin Luther King Jr., Parkway.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The City of Des Moines and Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. submitted two requests for Federal Grade Crossing Safety Improvement Funds (Federal Aid 23USC 130 Funds) on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, north of Martin Luther King Jr., Parkway, FRA No. 603692J. The IDOT has approved these requests. Approval of these agreements will allow construction and cost participation in the installation of railroad/highway median and constant warning time circuitry for the crossing. The estimate for the median is \$10,000 and the estimate for the constant warning time is \$40,000 for a total of \$50,000, of which the City shall participate in 10% of the total estimate, or \$5,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$5,000

Funding Source: 2007-08 CIP, Page Streets-35, Railroad Crossing Surface Repair and Signal Improvements, STR139, General Obligation Bond Funds

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The City of Des Moines and the Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. submitted requests in August 2006 to the IDOT for Federal Grade Crossing Safety Improvement Funds on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, north of Martin Luther King Jr., Parkway, FRA No. 603692J. The IDOT has approved these funds for use on this crossing. One agreement will cover installation of a median by City of Des Moines Public Works Department and the City will become signatory with the IDOT. The other agreement shall cover installation of constant warning time circuitry by Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd., and the City will become signatory with the IDOT and Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. The construction of the safety improvements at this crossing is scheduled by the IDOT for spring of 2008.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Normal actions for the construction with Public Works.