



# Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 3  
Roll Call No. 10-  
Communication No. 10-173  
Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.**  
City Engineer

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Norfolk Southern Railway Company Street Crossing Improvements Agreement for the S.E. 6th Street Widening project.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Street Crossing Improvements Agreement with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company for construction of railroad/highway crossing improvements for two crossings. New surface crossings and signals will be installed at both crossings.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$631,396 (estimated)

Funding Source: 2010-11 CIP, Page Street-44, S.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Widening – Court Avenue to the Des Moines River, STR237, TIF Bonds, with a \$400,000 transfer into STR237, from available land sale proceeds in the Economic Development Enterprise Fund (SP743). These funds may be replenished if additional STP funds become available for Southeast Connector or from future tax increment draw downs.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On March 8, 2010, by Roll Call No. 10-392, Council awarded a contract to Elder Corporation for the construction of S.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Widening – E. Court Avenue to the Des Moines River. This project provides for complete reconstruction of S.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street into a complete street, from the Des Moines River Bridge north to E. Court Avenue. The improvements will include a three-lane roadway with one lane of traffic in each direction, along with a center two-way left-turn lane. Bike lanes will be included on both sides of the roadway. The roadway corridor will also be improved to an urban standard with the construction of curbs, storm sewer and sidewalks. In order to accommodate the new roadway improvements, the railroad crossings within the project need to be reconstructed and new railroad signals installed.

The railroad crossing improvements agreement negotiated between the City of Des Moines and Norfolk Southern Railway Company provides for installation of new surface grade crossing improvements and new railroad signals with flashing lights at two railroad crossings with S.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, FRA No. 063381P and FRA No. 864232B.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company construction of the new crossing and safety improvements at the two crossings is scheduled for summer 2010.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: March 8, 2010

Roll Call No.: 10-391

Action: On SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Widening - E. Court Avenue to the Des Moines River: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate and designating lowest responsible bidder as Elder Corporation, (Jared R. Elder II, President), \$1,744,999.99. (Council Communication No. 10-122). Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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