

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: June 14, 2010
	Agenda Item No. 9 Roll Call No. [Roll Call] Communication No. <u>10-337</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd. Street Crossing Improvement Agreement for the S.E. 6th Street Widening project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Final Street Crossing Improvements Agreement with the Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd. for construction of railroad/highway crossing improvements. New surface crossing, signals, and gates will be installed. The City Council has previously authorized a preliminary agreement with Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd. for the crossing improvements. This agreement is a not to exceed amount but the actual amount paid should be less.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$519,769.01

Funding Source: 2010-11 CIP, Page Street-44, S.E. 6th Street Widening – Court Avenue to the Des Moines River, STR237, TIF Bonds

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. 6th Street Widening – E. Court Avenue to the Des Moines River. This project provides for complete reconstruction of S.E. 6th 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 improvement agreement negotiated between the City of Des Moines and Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd. provides for installation of new surface grade crossing improvements and new railroad signals with flashing lights and gate arms at the railroad crossings with S.E. 6th Street, FRA No. 603647P.

Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd. construction of the new crossing and safety improvements at the crossing is scheduled for summer 2010.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 29, 2010

Roll Call No.: [10-475](#)

Action: Approving execution of Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd. Street Crossing Improvements Agreement for SE 6th Street Widening Project, estimated cost \$300,000. ([Council Communication No. 10-172](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: March 8, 2010

Roll Call No.: [10-391](#)

Action: [On](#) SE 6th 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.

Date: February 8, 2010

Roll Call No.: [10-167](#)

Action: [SE](#) 6th Street Widening – E. Court Avenue to the Des Moines River: Receiving of bids, (2-23-10), and Setting date of hearing, (3-8-10). (Construction Estimate - \$2,232,332.25). ([Council Communication No. 10-069](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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