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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>38</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>16-0581</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>16-178</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Matthew A. Anderson, Assistant City Manager</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving amendment to agreement for professional services for the proposed Rail Port transloading facility.

**SYNOPSIS:**

On October 20, 2014 by Roll Call No. 14-1668, City Council approved a contract for professional services in an amount not to exceed \$36,340 with McClure Engineering Company (Terry Lutz, President/CEO, 1360 NW 121<sup>st</sup> Street, Clive, IA 50325) and sub-consultant Engineered Rail Solutions, LLC (David M. Thompson, President, 420 North Front Street, Suite 208, McHenry, IL 60050) for professional advisement on the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for identified City-owned land proposed for a Rail Port transloading facility.

This Roll Call requests Council approval for an amendment to the existing contract in the amount of \$15,000. The services provided under the amendment will include assistance with interviewing RFP respondents, making recommendation to City Council on a preferred operator for the Rail Port facility, and assistance with preparation of a \$5 million Fostering Advancement in Shipping and Transportation for the Long Term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the development of the project, also included on this Council agenda.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$15,000

Funding Source: CMO22000 Economic Development Enterprise Account

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- Recommendation to City Council on a preferred operator for the proposed Rail Port facility is anticipated in May 2016.
- Submittal deadline for FASTLANE Grant is April 14, 2016.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 20, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-1668](#)

Action: Items regarding the Des Moines Rail Transload Feasibility Study:

- (B) [Approving](#) agreement for professional services with McClure Engineering Company for development of Request for Proposals for Rail Transload Facility and approving Letter of Support to IDOT Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Agreement. ([Council Communication No. 14-512](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Recommendation of preferred Rail Port operator, contract negotiations with same, and approval of contract documents as needed if an award is obtained under the FASTLANE program.

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