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	Agenda Item No.	10
	Roll Call No.	[_____]
	Communication No.	<u>16-283</u>
	Submitted by:	Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. Grade Crossing Surface Repair Program Agreements for 2nd Avenue and 3rd Street.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Grade Crossing Surface Repair Program Agreements as prepared by Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT), which will allow construction and cost participation in the installation of railway/highway surface crossing improvements at these crossings. The total estimate for the surface crossing improvements is \$198,500. The City's share of these improvements is \$55,700.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$198,500

Funding Source:

- \$35,700 – 20% City share, 2016-2017 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Page Street-27, Railroad Crossing Surface Repairs and Signal Improvement, ST139.
- \$20,000 – Traffic Control 100% City share, 2016-2017 CIP, Page Street-27, Railroad Crossing Surface Repairs and Signal Improvement, ST139.
- \$35,700 – 20% share, Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd.
- \$107,100 – 60% share, IDOT.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines and Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. submitted a request to the IDOT for Iowa Grade Crossing Surface Repair Funds for 2nd Avenue (FRA No. 603717C) and 3rd Street (FRA No. 603718J). The IDOT Office of Rail Transportation has approved these funds for repair and improvement on these crossings. The agreements shall cover construction of new surface crossings with full depth rubber panels and drainage improvements. The total estimate for the surface crossing improvements is \$198,500. The City shall participate in 20% of the surface crossing improvement, or \$35,700, plus participate in 100% of the traffic control estimate of \$20,000 for a total City participation of \$55,700.

In addition to the surface crossing improvements, the City has requested the 3rd Street crossing be extended from its current width to accommodate a future sidewalk to be installed on the east side of the grade crossing. Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd. has estimated the costs for extending the crossing to be \$8,029.18. The cost for extending the crossing will be 100% City of Des Moines's responsibility under a separate agreement between the City and Iowa Interstate Railroad, Ltd.

The construction of the surface crossing improvements is scheduled for the summer of 2016.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions on construction contracts.

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