

Date.....January 28, 2013

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission has advised that at a public hearing held on January 3, 2013, its members considered a motion to recommend approval of a request from Union Pacific Railroad (owner) to vacate the following four segments of street right-of-way where the railroad right-of-way intersects:

- A) Hull Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Dixon Street.
- B) Scott Avenue between Southeast 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Southeast 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- C) Southeast 34<sup>th</sup> Street between Scott Avenue and East Court Avenue.
- D) Southeast 36<sup>th</sup> Street at a point north of Scott Avenue.

Subject to the following:

1. Reservation of any necessary easements for all utilities in place, including the water lines, until such time that they are abandoned or relocated.
2. Construction of the following improvements:
  - a) Installation of a flashing notification signal on Guthrie Avenue at the Dixon Street intersection.
  - b) Lengthening of the East Euclid Avenue turning lane and installation of a left turn light at the Dixon Street intersection.
  - c) Enlargement of the Dixon Street and Hull Avenue intersection to accommodate semi truck turning movements.
  - d) Construction of turning lane and traffic light improvements at the Dean Avenue and East 30th Street intersection.
  - e) Construction of a permanent SE 38<sup>th</sup> Street crossing.
  - f) Paving of Laurel Hill Road with an overlay surface.
  - g) Construction of an emergency access road along the south perimeter of the tracks that would connect SE 34th Street to the proposed SE 38th Street crossing.

-CONTINUE-

Date January 28, 2013

WHEREAS, the motion failed by a vote of 5-8 and no further motions were made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council desires to receive and file the City Planning Commission communication and directs staff to meet with the Union Pacific railroad to determine if additional options and improvements can be considered to mitigate the proposed closures.

MOVED by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive and file.

FORM APPROVED:

(Council Communication No. 13040 )

  
Michael F. Kelley

Assistant City Attorney

(11-2012-1.22, 11-2012-1.23, 11-2012-1.21, 11-2012-1.24)

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED	APPROVED			

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item 54

Roll Call # \_\_\_\_\_

January 9, 2013

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Des Moines, Iowa

Members:

Communication from the City Plan and Zoning Commission advising that at their meeting held January 3, 2013, the following action was taken regarding a request from Union Pacific Railroad (owner) for vacation of four segments of street right-of-way where the railroad right-of-way intersects.

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

After public hearing, the members voted 5-8 as follows:

Commission Action:	Yes	Nays	Pass	Absent
JoAnne Corigliano	X			
Shirley Daniels	X			
Jacqueline Easley		X		
Tim Fitzgerald		X		
Dann Flaherty		X		
John "Jack" Hilmes	X			
Ted Irvine	X			
Greg Jones	X			
William Page		X		
Christine Pardee		X		
Mike Simonson		X		
CJ Stephens		X		
Vicki Stogdill		X		

**The MOTION** to approve the requested vacations listed below **FAILED**:

- A) Hull Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Dixon Street. (11-2012-1.22)
- B) Scott Avenue between Southeast 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Southeast 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.  
(11-2012-1.23)
- C) Southeast 34<sup>th</sup> Street between Scott Avenue and East Court Avenue.  
(11-2012-1.21)
- D) Southeast 36<sup>th</sup> Street at a point north of Scott Avenue. (11-2012-1.24)

No further motions were made.



CITY PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION  
ARMORY BUILDING  
602 ROBERT D. RAY DRIVE  
DES MOINES, IOWA 50309 -1881  
(515) 283-4182

ALL-AMERICA CITY  
1949, 1976, 1981  
2003

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE P&Z COMMISSION

Staff recommends approval of the requested vacations subject to the following:

1. Reservation of any necessary easements for all utilities in place, including the water lines, until such time that they are abandoned or relocated.
2. Construction of the following improvements:
  - a) Installation of a flashing notification signal on Guthrie Avenue at the Dixon Street intersection.
  - b) Lengthening of the East Euclid Avenue turning lane and installation of a left turn light at the Dixon Street intersection.
  - c) Enlargement of the Dixon Street and Hull Avenue intersection to accommodate semi truck turning movements.
  - d) Construction of turning lane and traffic light improvements at the Dean Avenue and East 30th Street intersection.
  - e) Construction of a permanent SE 38<sup>th</sup> Street crossing.
  - f) Paving of Laurel Hill Road with an overlay surface.
  - g) Construction of an emergency access road along the south perimeter of the tracks that would connect SE 34th Street to the proposed SE 38th Street crossing.

### Written Responses

6 In Favor

47 In Opposition + petitions

## STAFF REPORT

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Purpose of Request:** Union Pacific Railroad is proposing the permanent closure of these crossings. This would improve train movement through Des Moines and reduce vehicle backups at the crossings at Hubbell Avenue, East Grand Avenue, East Walnut Street and Dean Avenue. It also would create rail capacity to serve expanding operations at the ADM facility and would increase capacity in the Union Pacific Short Line Yard to serve future local and regional needs.
2. **Existing Zoning and Land Uses:** The Hull Avenue and Scott Avenue areas contain a mix of industrial and commercial uses. The properties in these areas are zoned a mix of "M-1" Light Industrial District and "M-2" Heavy Industrial District zoning. The SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street area contains a mix of single-family dwellings and light industrial uses. The area consists of a mix of "R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District, "R1-70" One-Family Low-Density Residential District, "R-2" One- and Two-Family Residential District and "M-1" Light Industrial District zoning.

3. **Applicable Recognized Neighborhood(s):** The Hull Avenue right-of-way is not located within the boundaries of a recognized neighborhood association. However, the Fairmont Park, Highland Park and the Union Park Neighborhoods are in the vicinity. The Scott Avenue right-of-way is not located in or near a recognized neighborhood. The SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street area is located in the Laurel Hill Neighborhood. The Capitol East and Fairground Neighborhoods are also in the vicinity.

These neighborhood associations were notified of the Commission meeting by mailing of the Preliminary Agenda on November 30, 2012. Additionally, on December 10, 2012, separate notifications of the hearing were mailed to the neighborhood association contacts. A Final Agenda was mailed to the neighborhood associations on December 14, 2012. All agendas and notices are mailed to the primary contact(s) designated by the recognized neighborhood association to the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Development Division.

The Fairmont Park Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Steve Walter, 3114 East 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50317. The Highland Park Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Trudy McCormick, 1226 East Oak Park Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50316-1236. The Union Park Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Marsha Steele, P.O. Box 16113, Des Moines, IA 50316. The Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Cynde Rayman, 404 SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50317. The Capitol East Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Peggy Ingram, 1441 Capitol Avenue #10, Des Moines, IA 50316. The Fairground Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Sharon Cooper, P.O. Box 8057, Des Moines, IA 50301.

Additional notice and neighborhood meetings are discussed in Section II of this report.

4. **Relevant Zoning History:** None.
5. **2020 Community Character Land Use Plan Designation:** All four locations are designated "General Industrial" on the Future Land Use Map.
6. **Applicable Regulations:** The Commission reviews all proposals to vacate land dedicated for a specific public purpose, such as for streets and parks, to determine whether the land is still needed for such purpose or may be released (vacated) for other use. The recommendation of the Commission is forwarded to the City Council.

## **II. ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE INFORMATION**

1. **Utilities:** Easements must be provided for all existing utilities until such time they are relocated at the applicant's expense. Staff is aware of water lines in the Hull Avenue and SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-ways that would require easements.

- 2. Emergency Response Access:** The proposed vacations have been reviewed by the Fire Department and Police Department for impacts on emergency response services. The Fire Department has requested the installation of a flashing notification signal on Guthrie Avenue at the intersection of Dixon Street and Guthrie Avenue. This signal will face toward Guthrie and would be visible to east and west bound emergency vehicles. The signal will be wired to flash when the railroad crossing at Dixon Street between Hull Avenue and Guthrie Avenue is occupied by a train and blocking traffic. This will alert emergency responders to continue on Guthrie Avenue in the event they were coming from the east to respond to an emergency in the Hull Avenue area west of Delaware Avenue. The areas east of the Hull Avenue railroad closure would not be impacted by the fire department since it is accessible by Euclid Avenue and Guthrie Avenue.

The SE 34th Street and SE 36th Street railroad crossing closures will not impact the ability of the fire department to provide emergency services. It was stated by homeowners during the public forums that flooding on Scott Avenue would not allow the fire department vehicles to access that area due to high water. The fire department vehicles have a higher clearance than automobiles, but depending on the severity of the flooding, emergency vehicle access could be delayed.

- 3. Traffic:** The Traffic and Transportation Division has evaluated the impact the vacations would have on traffic and the street system. As part of their review they obtained the following traffic counts for the subject streets and other impacted streets.

	AVG WEEKDAY TRIPS
East Euclid Avenue	19,000
Hull Avenue	2,800
Guthrie Avenue	10,600
Hubbell Avenue	10,000
East Grand Avenue	3,125
East Walnut Street	1,760
Dean Avenue	4,340
SE 34 <sup>th</sup> Street	420 (2,300)*
SE 36 <sup>th</sup> Street	150 (135)*

*\* Traffic counts taken during the 2012 State Fair.*

Traffic counts were not obtained for Scott Avenue as the right-of-way west of the railroad crossing was previously vacated and is blocked off. A barricade was installed on the east side of the tracks by the Public Works Department to keep vehicles from entering the crossing area for safety purposes. Vacation of this crossing would make the current situation permanent.

Hull Avenue, SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street carry minimal levels of traffic. The surrounding street network has the capacity to accommodate any increases the vacations may cause. The closures would facilitate the installation of automatic track switches. The current track switches are done manually, which requires trains to make multiple stops to allow a crew member to climb off and on the train to manually operate each switch. The closures in conjunction with these switch improvements would reduce the train delay experienced at Hubbell Avenue, East Grand Avenue, East Walnut Street and Dean Avenue by as much as 30% according to Union Pacific's calculations. These four streets carry a combined average of 19,225 vehicle trips a weekday. Roadway improvements that would be constructed as part of this project to address impacts are discussed in Section II(5) of this report.

4. **Neighborhood Meetings:** On July 11, 2012, a meeting focused on the SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street crossings was held at the Chesterfield Community Center. Meeting invitations were sent to those owning property within the area generally bound by Dean Avenue to the north, Laurel Hill Cemetery to the east, Scott Avenue to the south and the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Ditch to the west. On July 24, 2012, a meeting focused on the Hull Avenue crossing was held at the ADM facility. Meeting invitations were sent to those owning property within the area generally bounded by 3230 Dixon Street at the north, the railroad tracks just west of Delaware Avenue at the east, East Sheridan Avenue at the south, and the railroad tracks just west of Dixon Street at the west. The Des Moines Register published articles regarding these meetings before and after they were held.

On November 1, 2012, a follow up meeting with impacted Hull Avenue business owners was held at the ADM facility. On November 8, 2012 a follow up meeting was held for the Hull Avenue and SE 34<sup>th</sup>/SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street areas at the Des Moines Botanical Center. Meeting invitations were sent to those that received them for the July meetings and to anyone that signed in at the July meetings.

5. **Impacts and Proposed Improvements:** The primary concerns that were raised during the initial Hull Avenue meeting was the flow of truck traffic in the area and turning movements at the Hull Avenue and Dixon Street intersection. To address truck traffic concerns the westbound left turn lane on East Euclid Avenue is proposed to be increased from 200 lineal feet to 400 lineal feet. A left turn arrow would also be added to the traffic lights at this intersection. The Dixon Street and Hull Avenue intersection would also be enlarged to better accommodate turning semi truck movement. The Des Moines Public School District has indicated that the closure of Hull Avenue would not impact their ability to provide school bus service in the area.

Concerns raised in the SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street area focused on State Fair traffic and access during flood events that block Scott Avenue to the west of SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street and to the east of SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street at the same time. To address these concerns turning lane and traffic light improvements are proposed for the Dean Avenue and East 30<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. A new permanent crossing with lights and safety arms is proposed at SE 38<sup>th</sup> Street. This would provide a north/south connection from Laurel Hill Road to Scott Avenue. Laurel Hill Road currently consists of a gravel surface. If this project moves forward a 3-inch overlay surface would be applied to Laurel Hill Road.

An emergency access road is proposed along the south perimeter of the tracks that would connect SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street to the proposed SE 38<sup>th</sup> Street crossing. The road would be fenced off and opened by the Public Works Department as needed during flood events. The road would be constructed with a granular surface and would be capable of supporting truck traffic. The Public Works Department would be responsible for maintaining the road.

Pedestrian and bicycle connectivity would be impacted in the Hull Avenue and SE 34<sup>th</sup>/SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street areas. There is also a business on SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street south of the tracks uses SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street to access the fairgrounds during the State Fair to deliver supplies to food vendor. The closures would require business to utilize SE 30<sup>th</sup> Street or the proposed SE 38<sup>th</sup> Street crossing to access the fairgrounds.

## **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Jason Van Essen introduced the representative for Union Pacific Railroad.

Brenda Mainwaring, Director of Public Affairs, IA NE Union Pacific Railroad, 1400 Douglas Street, Omaha, NE stated three years ago the City Council asked Union Pacific Railroad to address the public's concern in regards to traffic delays on the east side corridors. They were instructed to find a way to make vehicle traffic flow better on the east side. About 100 locally based customers ship using Union Pacific, about 12 trains daily arrive in short line yard. There are an additional 5 to 10 that pass through Des Moines. She explained that there are four primary reasons for the delays on the east side due to the rail traffic:

1. The sharp curve limits the speed that trains can travel
2. Local industries on the line that have to be served which requires stop and go service.
3. Hand thrown switches which consist of the conductor climb off the train, manually move the switch so the train can go on the track that it needs to be on.
4. Limited space between road crossings requires Union Pacific to put a train both in the yard and outside of the yard. There is no place to put a standard length train where they do not block a street crossing.

Union Pacific is willing to invest \$759,000 to install power switches that would be controlled onboard of the locomotive. The issue of yard capacity is not solely due to the number of cars on the train or number of cars in the yard. Equally important is the length of track that they have to accommodate those inbound and outbound trains. The train length is determined by the customer's need across the country. After they determined what the issues were they took a look at the area. In order to add capacity there are two things they needed, space within the yard and space outside of the yard where they could put a train



without blocking a city street. Within the yard the only place to gain any capacity is on the east end around SE 34<sup>th</sup> and SE 36<sup>th</sup>. There is no comparable option on the west end because of the curve and because of the layout of the receiving tracks for the yard. Without those closures they do not have space in the yard to bring in a train efficiently. Even if they add power switches, they do not have any place to move the train into the yard because they do not have enough space from one end to the other to park a train.

The proposal is to close SE 34<sup>th</sup> and SE 36<sup>th</sup> and install a new crossing at SE 38<sup>th</sup> because of the flooding issues Union Pacific heard about at the neighborhood meetings. Union Pacific would make available to the City of Des Moines a roadway along their right-of-way that would be used for emergencies during flooding. They would also pay for the improvements at Dean Avenue to put in an improved turning lane so that the traffic that is traveling on Dean would be able to clear that crossing a little bit better. Union Pacific does not receive trains from the east. On the south side they have sufficient space, they can sit south of Maury Avenue and hold the train until they have space. Most of the trains that are north bound do not go into the yard. It is the trains coming from the north that causes the biggest problem. They do not have enough space to put a train any place where they do not block a crossing.

In order to have sufficient space to build that train they are looking for closure of Hull Avenue. By creating space for them to hold a train, and by installing the power switches to improve east side rail crossings, it also creates space for some ADM improvements that are planned. ADM will be needing rail capacity in order to expand in the future and Union Pacific will need the space to serve future business.

Until Scott Street is officially vacated Union Pacific is obligated by federal law to maintain the crossing even though it is no longer accessible to traffic. Union Pacific will also do some real time emergency notification for first responders so they will know if there is a train blocking Dixon south of Easton or any of the other roads.

The City of Des Moines did some traffic counts and the data shows there are about 3,370 vehicles on a daily basis that would have to find an alternate route and about 19,225 vehicles on a daily basis that will benefit from the improvements. Their proposal is in response to the City of Des Moines' request to reduce traffic delays on the east side. It will also improve their operations. Because of this Union Pacific is willing to invest more than 2 million dollars in the project. It also allows them to meet the need of their current customers. In order for Des Moines to compete for future economic development it must have good rail service. The Department of Transportation, MPO, Bridgestone and ADM all are in favor of this request. Without these improvements Union Pacific cannot do what the City has asked them to do which is to improve the flow of traffic on the east side and they cannot meet the continued needs of their current customers and they cannot meet any new capacity needs that might come into the City. They are requesting that the Commission approve the vacation of these right-of-ways.

Will Page expressed concern about the capacity and ADM's needs and questioned if trains would actually block E. Euclid Avenue.

Brenda Mainwaring stated that the E. Euclid crossing is grade separated.

Will Page asked for clarification regarding Dixon needing a flashing light to warn first responders to use a different route.

Tom Patava, City of Des Moines Fire Marshall stated that their concern as if they could not use Delaware if they were coming from Station No. 3 to get to the northeast they wanted to be able to use Dixon. But if there was a train crossing at Dixon they did not want to turn north on Dixon and get to the crossing and find out that there was a train. Therefore, they asked for some type of signal at Guthrie so they know if there was a train across Dixon they would continue east on Guthrie to E. 14<sup>th</sup> and then come in from that direction. Union Pacific has indicated that they could install the flashing light at Guthrie signaling there is a train on Dixon. With that the Fire Department has no concern about responding to that area.

CJ Stephens asked if Union Pacific considered acquiring more land to park trains.

Brenda Mainwaring clarified when she says park she is talking about holding the train while it waits to go into the yard. They are occupying their track but there are road crossings that go across their track. They do not have any place where there is sufficient space to hold the train while they are waiting to get into the yard without blocking a street crossing.

CJ Stephens asked how long are the trains.

Brenda Mainwaring stated typical length is about 7,500 feet.

CJ Stephens asked if anything has changed about the flood plain area.

Jason Van Essen stated at the neighborhood meetings in July there were concerns raised that at certain times the Four Mile Creek to the east and the 7<sup>th</sup> ward ditch to the west are flooded onto Scott Avenue at the same time. It was reviewed with stormwater engineering staff and the problems at those two points are independent of each other so they do not always flood at the same time but there are times when they both do. Union Pacific has proposed to supply an emergency access road that Public Works would have the keys to access and maintain.

CJ Stephens asked if the railroad is going to build it and the City is going to maintain it.

Jason Van Essen stated if this project moves forward and the City Council ultimately supports the closures. The City will develop an agreement with the railroad to include the list of improvements to be made and responsibilities for maintenance.

CJ Stephens expressed concern that other neighborhoods do not have paved streets and the City is not maintaining them and if the City says they are going to maintain some more she believes that this will stretch an already constrained budget.

Jason Van Essen went through staff recommendation that reflects the improvements.

Mike Simonson asked how confident is staff that the issues can be resolved. Such as the property owner on the corner where it appears the turn lane would have to encroach quite a bit on their parking lot.

Jennifer Bohac, City Traffic Engineer stated they looked at the turning radius at this intersection and this is their ultimate scenario. They have been in discussion with property owners along Hull Avenue in general about this project. They have not had specific discussions about right-of-way needs and right-of-way purchases. They do have more land on the west and on the north sides of the intersection. If they cannot get land on the southeast then maybe they can widen to the northwest.

Will Page asked if the alternate route for emergency responders has been discussed with property owners so they know that Dixon Street might not be available for emergency vehicles at times.

Jennifer Bohac stated that they do understand that a lot of the traffic will have to use Dixon and it has been explained to them how emergency vehicles would have to reroute in this area, especially those that are east of Dixon along Hull. It has been communicated to them.

#### **CHAIRPERSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING**

*The following spoke in favor of the applicant's request.*

James Pirolli employed with ADM located 1935 E. Euclid Avenue. Read ADM's letter of support. (Attached) He also told of a time when he received a call from an ADM employee that there was a tractor trailer stuck on the railroad tracks at Hull Avenue. They immediately contacted Union Pacific manager on duty who had also just heard of the situation moments before and was in the process of sending out a special agent. Several tense minutes had passed before it was reported that the truck was able to move off and clear of the tracks. This is an extremely dangerous crossing due to the number and frequency of times it is crossed by trains everyday and the number of tracks a vehicle has to cross to clear the intersection. Because of this they have suggested that commercial vehicles use a route which will allow them to arrive from the west on Hull Avenue when delivering or leaving ADM. Infrastructure improvements are extremely expensive. This is an opportunity for the community and local residents to benefit from private investment through improved roads and intersections coupled with less wait times. Union Pacific is offering several million dollars to make improvements to road signals and intersections that are otherwise not required and the improvements will not be made if they are to be paid for by public funding. The total of private investment related to the success of this project and road closure amounts to more than 20 million dollars. A significant portion of this amount is related to labor, design, and construction of railroad track and local improvements in industry. If this project receives City Council approval and investments are made revenue will stay in the Des Moines area.

Ted Irvine asked if the improvements and closures increase the amount of rail traffic out of or into the ADM plant, what will it do to the ratio of truck to rail shipments.

James Pirolli stated the ratio would remain the same. The majority of the raw materials arrive by truck and the majority of the outbound materials leave by rail.

Todd Ashby, Executive Director of MPO stated they support the applicant's request. This project supports many of the MPO's goals and long range transportation plan improvements to rail infrastructure. It reduces impediments to rail traffic. Rail transportation is critical to the success of the transportation system in the region as well as to the economy. Submitted a letter supporting the request.

*The following spoke in opposition of the applicant's request:*

Cherie Mortice 2904 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street representing the neighborhood "Keep Hull Opened Campaign" stated that they have been involved in a petition drive for the last two months and have accumulated over 400 signatures. Included in that count are 60 signatures from the owners and employees of small businesses in the community. These businesses are located up and down Delaware business corridor north and south of Hull Avenue. Small businesses on Hull Avenue, in the neighborhood and along the E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. The general consensus among these businesses is the request would cause a loss of direct access for their customers to get to their businesses. This closure will also cut the small business owners off from quick routes to access supplies and services that they require to conduct daily business. The businesses she has talked with along the Delaware Corridor, east of the railroad tracks are concerned they will be cut off from the Hull Avenue UPS service center on the west side of the track which many of them use on a daily basis. She believes that it is important to be reminded that all of the small businesses employ more people than the 170 people reportedly employed by the railroad. ADM is not offering to add jobs with the expanded capacity that they would be allowed through this project. When small businesses are not properly protected and supported it has a negative impact on the neighborhoods they reside in. As the small businesses go, so goes the neighborhood. These people eat at their restaurants, buy gasoline, grocery shop and buy merchandise at their retail outlets. The impact on the residential neighborhoods is equally destructive by allowing big business to build barricades that create unsightly dead end neighborhoods, which lowers their property values and threatens their viability and sustainability as a community.

Mike McHenry 1947 Hull Avenue stated he and his brother have occupied this property since 1964. In the meetings that Union Pacific held the question regarding fire and rescue did not come up if there is a train blocking Dixon. What happens if the train is occupying both Dixon and Hull Avenue and fire and rescue responders are unaware. This is a great concern. The design for widening Dixon and Hull is not enough for what that area produces. Due to the price of soy beans being up there is more traffic than that area can handle. Part of ADM's solution is they added another lane into their area for the trucks that are coming in. That area has been opened and they still have trucks parked on Hull Avenue waiting to get into the plant. The moving time is quicker than what it used to be but there are still vehicles parked there. By blocking Hull Avenue instead of getting traffic from two directions it will all be congested into one direction which would also create a big problem for rescue responders.

It has been suggested to possibly try out the blockage of Hull Avenue for 30 to 60 days and see what happens. If it does not work then it is not worth blocking permanently. Why can't they park their trains in the country and not the city until there is room to put it in their short yard.

Frank Coll 125 E. 35<sup>th</sup> Court stated his concern is the same as everyone else in Laurel Hill. They keep getting promises that flooding issues at 30<sup>th</sup> & Dean will be fixed. Now they are asking for paving to be put in on the north side of the track to run from 34<sup>th</sup> down to 38<sup>th</sup> which will take away their escape routes during the flooding and during the State Fair. The railroad and the City of Des Moines have yet to offer any compensation for their loss of property values.

Jason Merkley 409 SE 35<sup>th</sup> Street stated his concerns are with the security of the neighborhood, the dead end streets, the dumping that happens on dead end streets and near the ball field. He is also concerned about the flooding between Four Mile Creek and the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Ditch and the emergency roadway that would be at the 38<sup>th</sup> Street area. Finally he is concerned with how the first responders would reach their destination in that area.

Dow Current 2912 Dean Avenue asked why the railroad has not already put in the automatic switches if it will speed the trains up. The only thing he has heard is how the changes will be good for the railroad. He has heard nothing about how the changes will be good for the people who live in the area. Will the railroad compensate the neighborhood as residential property values will be lowered for the railroad's gain.

Cynde Rayman 416 SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street, representing Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association asked that the copy of a petition with 270 plus signatures of people who are in opposition of the applicant's request be received and filed. The financial contribution that the railroad speaks of does not appear to be sufficient for the changes they propose. She is also a member of the Good Neighbor Task Force. It is a city task force that has neighborhoods represented that are either encompassed in or bordering the enterprise zones. This includes the SE 34<sup>th</sup> & SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street area. Any improvements in that area whether it is expansion, or a new building, should go before the Good Neighbor Task Force. This was not done. The Good Neighbor Task Force polices are:

1. Ensure that new development does not have an odor
2. Demonstrate new development or expansion will not only protect but enhance the environment.
3. Maintain a safe and secure site.
4. Minimize negative traffic impact on surrounding areas.
5. Best faith efforts to hire established residents.
6. Utilize local contractors.

She believes that the changes proposed will ruin her neighborhood by cutting it in half.

Christine Pardee asked if signatures on the petition represented citizens from her the Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association or general residents.

Cynde Rayman stated that the petition was drawn up for the first meeting of just the neighborhood and anyone who uses the road and is effected by the changes is able to sign if they wish.

Christine Pardee asked if the neighborhood association had taken a formal stand on this proposal.

Cynde Rayman stated she believes they oppose the request. They are in the process of reorganizing but she believes that would not make the opinion of the people in the neighborhood any less.

Suzette Jensen 3127 Thompson Avenue, President of Northeast Neighbors which is a coalition of neighborhood groups on the northeast side of Des Moines has voted to support the neighborhoods and their efforts to keep their intersections open. Everyone knows that the east side has issues with trains and they have issues with the rain. If it is a little bit icy no one wants to go over the Guthrie overpass, it is extremely steep, scary and very slick. She believes we might be selling out our communities in our neighborhoods for economic development. Quality of life, access for businesses, and access for community is involved. The park will not be readily accessible for some of their children. Safety and security of these neighborhoods are also a concern should these intersections close. There is also a question about whether funding that has been talked about will be enough for the improvements that are being proposed.

Marty Mauk 2701 Arthur asked for the show of hands of the people who are opposed to the applicant's request to give the Commission an idea of how many people are present to try and protect the neighborhoods they are living in. He believes there is a lack of planning for this entire proposal. There has been mention of three closings of intersections but there has not been any mention of the other future closings that may be happening at these railroads. He has asked at the beginning for a complete composite picture of what is going to happen in the future with all of the crossings in these areas. He has heard from a couple of people that there are two more closings that may have to happen for the railroad to get the results they desire. He believes that the entire process has been done in a piece meal matter to divide and conquer the opposition. He urges the Commission to go back to the drawing board to find out what it is going to take for all these railroads, tracks, and crossings in the future. Eastsiders are not against advancement but they are against the fact that it is being done in a divide and conquer manner that does not make any sense from a planning perspective. He also believes that this proposal has been poorly negotiated by staff. To think that a couple of million dollars is paying for the economic impact of the eastsiders is ridiculous. What needs to happen in the long term is some consideration of some viaducts to keep this city tied together in a way that will allow for traffic flow. The only requirement by law for railroads is to pay 5% of a viaduct. Viaducts to keep these areas open would cost approximately 15 to 20 million dollars. The benefits that the railroad is claiming are bogus. They claim that 19,000 people will benefit from the closing. There may be a gain of five or ten minutes at some of these crossings but when they were asked if they could guarantee no more than a ten minute blockage if they close these areas they said they could not guarantee that. He is asking that the Commission send this back to the City Council and refuse to recommend the closing of these intersections until better planning is done. We must know the impact of the City long term and they can begin planning to benefit the citizens who are severely being handicapped as a result of this process.

Christine Pardee asked if the Des Moines Neighbors had taken a formal position on this matter.

Marty Mauk stated the Des Moines Neighbors deferred to Northeast Neighbors who did take a formal position opposing this request.

Tim Fitzgerald asked if there was any give and take at the meetings.

Marty Mauk stated there was very little give and take with the railroad. The railroad has so much power under federal law to do what they want. The neighbors expectation is when city staff is sitting at the table they will negotiate the best deal possible on behalf of the City.

Tim Fitzgerald asked if the neighbors suggested any ideas at these meetings.

Marty Mauk stated no they did not. He went to the meetings but there was no discussion about anything, just the railroad saying they must have this.

CJ Stephens asked if the street closures in that area could be reopened that would help with this. She is really concerned about dead ending these neighborhoods because that creates impact on neighborhoods and the value of their homes.

Marty Mauk stated that he knows of no street closings that could be reopened. Staff may have the answer.

John "Jack" Hilmes asked what are the alternatives.

Marty Mauk stated he believes that there are always compromises that could be made. The viaduct would be the best for both sides. If the expectation is that railroads are only putting up 5% of something that will benefit them, and not the citizens around them, then there should be a reconsideration of negotiating. Maybe talk about the 5% being increased to 50%, or a guarantee from the railroad that says when a major intersection is closed it should not be closed more than 10 minutes.

John "Jack" Hilmes reiterated the solutions that Mr. Mauk supports, are to wait and study this further.

Marty Mauk agreed.

Valerie Madison 2716 Sampson stated her concern is the school. There are a lot of kids in the immediate neighborhood that attend Garton Elementary. Right now all their parents have to do is drive across Hull Avenue. Across Delaware their kids are at school. There will be a big mess if these changes are made. She also agreed that the Guthrie overpass gets very icy and scary. She attended meetings and she did ask about the time they counted cars. She believes it was during Spring Break and it did not show the true count of the people who would be affected.

She asked that her petition be received and filed to oppose the closing of Hull Avenue.

John Morrissey 2913 Oxford Street stated that he attended one of the public meetings that the railroad held. A representative from Snyder Engineering indicated that they would take their feedback and do something with it. To his knowledge he does not know what they did with it. At that time he did ask that a trip study be made to indicate how people are crossing the intersections, why are they crossing, and what is the relationships between neighborhoods. The Union Pacific wants to deposit this as a traffic matter which is the way it began, but the Commission's jurisdiction is as planners and it is within the Commissions purview to determine what the impacts are going to be when access is restricted.

### Rebuttal

Brenda Mainwaring stated Union Pacific is America's largest railroad, Iowa's largest railroad and Des Moines largest railroad. They would like to continue to serve Des Moines and all of the things that Des Moines wants to do. This leads to some challenging positions. She reiterated that this proposal started three years ago because the City of Des Moines wanted to address the issues that had come up on the eastside and because the City wants to continue to allow Des Moines to grow and to expand the services that it offers in rail, to expand its economy. They have discussed a lot of options, addressed a lot of concerns in these neighborhood meetings, and changed their plans. They have made a lot of modifications to their original plan in order to address the issues that the neighbors have brought up. They are trying to create a situation that causes the least disruption for the most people that addresses the issues that they were asked to address and that allows Des Moines to continue to grow, to continue to expand the rail services that it offers. They believe that what they are offering is the best that they can offer. They are going to pay for the benefit that they see out of this offer. There are drawbacks but Union Pacific believes that they have come up with the best solutions that they can come up with.

Ted Irvine asked about the staging of the train in the country.

Brenda Mainwaring stated that at least half of the trains that are in the Des Moines yard originate in Des Moines. They would have to leave Des Moines and bring them back in order for them to stage trains in the country. These are trains that are produced by Des Moines businesses, by people who work in Des Moines, by people who shop in Des Moines. These are Des Moines trains. They cannot take them out to the country to stage them.

Christine Pardee asked if Marty Mauk's request for alternatives to closing the intersections, such as viaducts were considered and could Union Pacific go up higher than 5% of the cost. What could Union Pacific do to address the concerns of so many people who are concerned.

Brenda Mainwaring stated the reason it has taken three years is because they have considered all of the concerns. Viaducts come with their own sets of challenges. Viaducts are long, require a run up and a run down and could require acquisition of houses. Viaducts are not necessarily a good solution.



John "Jack" Hilmes asked what are the options that were discussed.

Brenda Mainwaring stated she would defer to staff. Union Pacific completely revised the plan for SE 34<sup>th</sup> and SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street because of the neighbors concerns. All of the options that were presented to the City of Des Moines were reviewed. Union Pacific is before the Commission because the City asked Union Pacific to come up with a solution to improve traffic and serve Des Moines.

Dann Flaherty asked if the prospect of alternative staging areas had been looked at.

Brenda Mainwaring stated that the trains are on that line because they are either coming into Des Moines to off load for Des Moines customers or because they have been built here in Des Moines from Des Moines customers who need their shipment to go outside of Des Moines. If they tried to move those trains onto an industrial line, which by nature are not high speed lines, they would be going through curves, a lot more traffic, a lot more neighborhoods. Operational, they are not looking for some place to store a car, they are looking for some place for all of the traffic that they have coming in to serve the City of Des Moines and they need some place to put the train in order to continue service. Currently it cannot be done without blocking a street. Trains coming from the south headed north have to be able to make that line, if they hold the north of Hull, and the standard length of the train is about 7500 feet, they block the line to the north. Trains that are northbound that would normally be going through are now stopped on Maury, Hull, Dean and cannot get through.

CJ Stephens stated the money that the railroad is spending is just change. Has the railroad given any consideration for doing some enhancements in these neighborhoods if they can come to some agreement and help them.

Brenda Mainwaring stated they go through 7500 communities. They operate in 23 states, 2 million dollars is a very large project and investment. Union Pacific has gone to the City of Des Moines to make sure their investment is being spent in the right place. They have asked for the City of Des Moines' perspective with neighborhood input on where the investment is best spent to offset the inconveniences that are being brought into place.

Mike Ludwig asked for clarification of what the 2 million dollars of improvements includes.

Brenda Mainwaring stated there is 1.1 million dollars for roadway improvement, Union Pacific started off with an idea of what those roadway improvements were and it was going to cost about a million dollars. Then after neighborhood input those were not the right improvements. So the City went back and Union Pacific told them they were still in for a million but the City of Des Moines should decide where it needs to be spent. The other million is for improvements to rail infrastructure. Yes the railroad will also be benefitting from the improvements. As a gesture of good faith the bridge over the Des Moines River has already been removed and is not included in the 2.1 million dollars.

Mike Ludwig stated that there were a lot of good comments tonight. That was the purpose of the neighborhood meetings as well as the planning commission's public hearing. All the comments get summarized and forwarded to the Council for any consideration of further action. The Commission has been asked to make a recommendation. Therefore, by no means is this the final answer on this request. Noted there was a question about trains

blocking Dixon and there being multiple crossings that might be impacted by a train. Would the signal on Guthrie alert the emergency responder of any blockage on Dixon?

Jason Van Essen pointed out the one intersection that was identified by the fire department as a concern.

Mike Ludwig stated right-of-way acquisition has not been finally determined at this point. It would be subject to further analysis. Negotiation with individual property owners would be required. The concern about the soils along the railroad right-of-way between E. 30<sup>th</sup> and E. 38<sup>th</sup> and the roadway sub base would be looked at as part of the roadway construction design. It would have to meet the City standard for a roadway which would include sub base.

Jason Van Essen reiterated that throughout this process the design section of the Engineering Department has provided feedback about feasibility and placement of that emergency road and construction of the 38<sup>th</sup> Street crossing. Staff have gone to the level of detail beyond just drawing a line on the map and assuming that it could be done.

Mike Ludwig stated Union Pacific proposal is 2.1 million dollar contribution for improvements. The City Council would have to decide if that is sufficient. Asked if access to the parks, was brought up at the neighborhood meetings.

Jason Van Essen stated yes there has been a lot of discussion about access to the park which is to the north and that is one of the things that is hard to sort through. The proposal for E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street crossing will provide another means of north south egress besides E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street. This also addresses multiple issues such as the Fair time traffic.

Mike Ludwig asked when traffic counts were done.

Jennifer Bohac stated spring break 2011 for Des Moines Public Schools was March 14<sup>th</sup> through March 18<sup>th</sup>. The count for Hull Avenue study was taken the week of March 7 through March 11 and the week of March 24<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Ludwig asked if a study was done during the State Fair.

Jennifer Bohac stated that counts were taken both during the State Fair and not during the Fair in the area SE 34<sup>th</sup> and SE 36<sup>th</sup> to show the difference.

Mike Ludwig asked about the meeting where the neighbors were told that their feedback would be analyzed. He believes that a few things in the staff report were in response to those meetings. There was a follow up done with the school district to ask for their input on the impact of the schools; also traffic counts were mentioned and the emergency impact. The emergency signal on Dixon was a result of what was heard at the meeting.

Jennifer Bohac stated that as a follow up to that meeting they worked extensively with the Fire Department to see what their needs would be in order to maintain good emergency response in this area. As to the schools they contacted the transportation director for the district to find out if a closure at Hull would be problematic for the busing and other things that they do. They replied that it would not be problematic for them if Hull was to be closed at this point. Questions about traffic volume was reconfirmed with ADM consultant that

that performed the study at Hull Avenue. They actually did license plate surveys where they stood on Dixon and Delaware and wrote the license plate of the car that drove by to find out how many people are just coming to the industrial park and how many people are using this for through trips. Only 280 vehicles a day are through trips.

Mike Ludwig stated renumeration to private property owners for impacts is not the Planning Commission's purview. Also the request to be sent back to Council for further review is what the Commission is doing tonight.

Vicki Stogdill asked about the northern line that goes to Ankeny.

Jennifer Bohac stated that the line that goes to Ankeny essentially serves John Deere. They have determined that they no longer need rail service. That is a dead end line and will do no good for traffic that is originating and terminating in Des Moines. From an operating stand point that line has no value of any use for the operating issues that are being addressed here.

### **CHAIRPERSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING**

Greg Jones stated that location B, C, and D probably has been addressed. However, the biggest question is A – Hull Avenue. He believes that it needs more consideration. He would like for A to remain open.

CJ Stephens would like to see more study and a master plan if there are more closings in the future. It would possibly be appropriate to have a price put on viaducts or flyovers.

Will Page agrees with CJ Stephens. He believes the Commission should come to a decision in a comprehensive way not a piece meal way.

John "Jack" Hilmes stated that he believes the Commission's charge is to look at the four segments and therefore, cannot look at it piece meal. He believes that it does not accomplish much to consider separating A, B, C, D. The Commission will have to affirm the city staff or say no.

JoAnne Corigliano stated that she does not like the closing of Hull Avenue but does not have a problem with the other requests.

Jacqueline Easley stated the Commission should use their role as messenger.

Christine Pardee stated she agrees with Jacqueline and she cannot ignore the responses of the residents and neighborhood associations.

Vicki Stogdill stated that she agrees with John "Jack" Hilmes and she cannot support what this will do to the neighbors.

Will Page stated that Iowa Lutheran Hospital was founded in 1910 because there was an emergency on the east side and the emergency could not reach the hospital because it was on the west side.

Shirley Daniels stated no additional comments.

Tim Fitzgerald stated he believes the opposition should form a coalition to come up with a compromise.

Ted Irvine stated to say that we have not planned for this is inaccurate. To say that the City has not considered a lot of the issues around this is inaccurate and he believes that this is particularly tough. From an economic development standpoint or economic preservation standpoint we are not putting our city in a good spot if we are going to limit the ability of the railroad to get the cars in and out. He will support staff recommendation because of the big picture.

Greg Jones stated that he only wanted to separate the vacations because they are here to help the City Council come up with an answer. He agrees that they need to look at it as one. So he is going to change his view and vote in support because it needs to be sent on.

JoAnne Corigliano asked if Ted would entertain a friendly amendment to include extra considerations for Hull Avenue.

Shirley Daniels suggested that all of the information that has been shared is going to be forwarded to City Council. Therefore, she believes the friendly amendment is unnecessary.

Mike Simonson stated that he hopes that they are going to help find a way to make the railroad successful. He just does not believe that all of the options have been explored.

### **COMMISSION ACTION:**

Ted Irvine moved staff recommendation to approve the requested vacations subject to the following:

1. Reservation of any necessary easements for all utilities in place, including the water lines, until such time that they are abandoned or relocated.
2. Construction of the following improvements:
  - a) Installation of a flashing notification signal on Guthrie Avenue at the Dixon Street intersection.
  - b) Lengthening of the East Euclid Avenue turning lane and installation of a left turn light at the Dixon Street intersection.
  - c) Enlargement of the Dixon Street and Hull Avenue intersection to accommodate semi truck turning movements.
  - d) Construction of turning lane and traffic light improvements at the Dean Avenue and East 30th Street intersection.
  - e) Construction of a permanent SE 38<sup>th</sup> Street crossing.
  - f) Paving of Laurel Hill Road with an overlay surface.

- g) Construction of an emergency access road along the south perimeter of the tracks that would connect SE 34th Street to the proposed SE 38th Street crossing.

Motion failed 5-8 (Greg Jones, John "Jack" Hilmes, JoAnne Corigliano, Shirley Daniels, and Ted Irvine voted in favor. Mike Simonson, CJ Stephens, Jacqueline Easley, Dann Flaherty, Christine Pardee, Vicki Stogdill, Will Page, and Tim Fitzgerald voted in opposition). No further motions were made

Respectfully submitted,

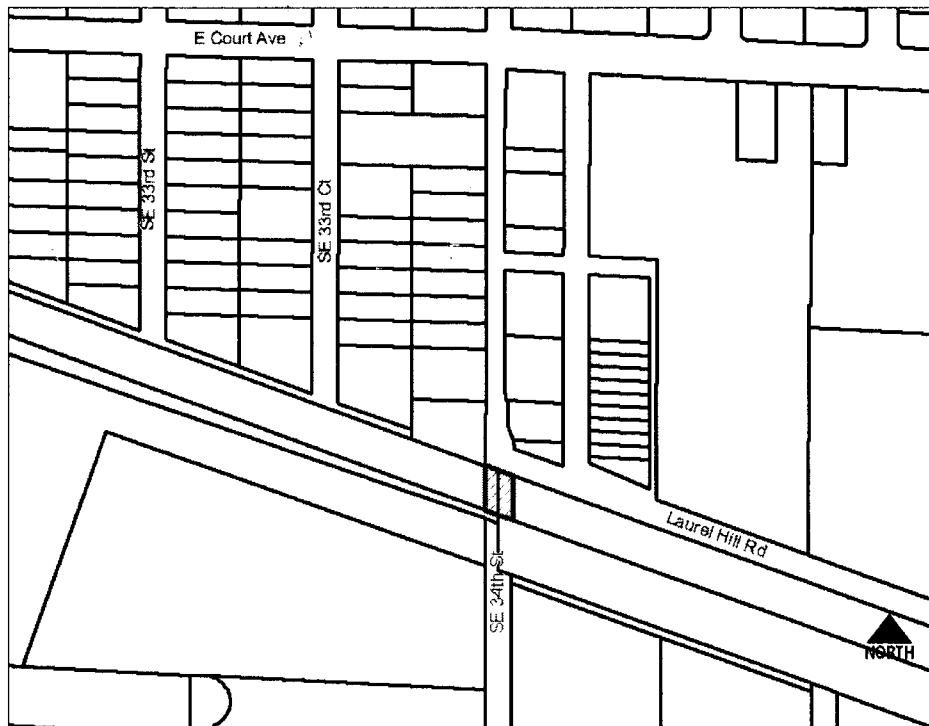
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike L.", is written over the typed name.

Michael Ludwig, AICP  
Planning Administrator

MGL:clw  
Attachment

Request from Union Pacific Railroad (owner) for vacation of the following segment of street right-of-way: Southeast 34 <sup>th</sup> Street between Scott Avenue and East Court Avenue where the railroad right-of-way intersects. This would result in the termination of the public street on either side of the railroad, thereby closing it to through traffic.				File #		
				11-2012-1.21		
Description of Action		Motion to approve the vacation of Southeast 34 <sup>th</sup> Street between Scott Avenue and East Court Avenue street right-of-way where the railroad right-of-way intersects failed.				
2020 Community Character Plan		General Industrial				
Horizon 2035 Transportation Plan		No Planned Improvements				
Current Zoning District		"R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District				
Proposed Zoning District		"R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District				
Consent Card Responses		In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition	
Inside Area		6	47			
Outside Area						
Plan and Zoning Commission Action		Approval	5-8	Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council	Yes	
		Denial	Motion failed		No	

Union Pacific Railroad - SE 34th Street South of E Court Avenue 11-2012-1.21



Request from Union Pacific Railroad (owner) for vacation of the following segment of street right-of-way: Hull Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Dixon Street where the railroad right-of-way intersects. This would result in the termination of the public street on either side of the railroad, thereby closing it to through traffic.				<b>File #</b>		
				11-2012-1.22		
<b>Description of Action</b>		Motion to approve the vacation of the following segment of street right-of-way: Hull Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Dixon Street where the railroad right-of-way intersects failed				
<b>2020 Community Character Plan</b>		General Industrial				
<b>Horizon 2035 Transportation Plan</b>		No Planned Improvements				
<b>Current Zoning District</b>		"M-2" Heavy Industrial District				
<b>Proposed Zoning District</b>		"M-2" Heavy Industrial District				
<b>Consent Card Responses</b>		In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition	
Inside Area		5	23			
Outside Area						
<b>Plan and Zoning Commission Action</b>		Approval	5-8	<b>Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council</b>	Yes	
		Denial	Motion failed		No	

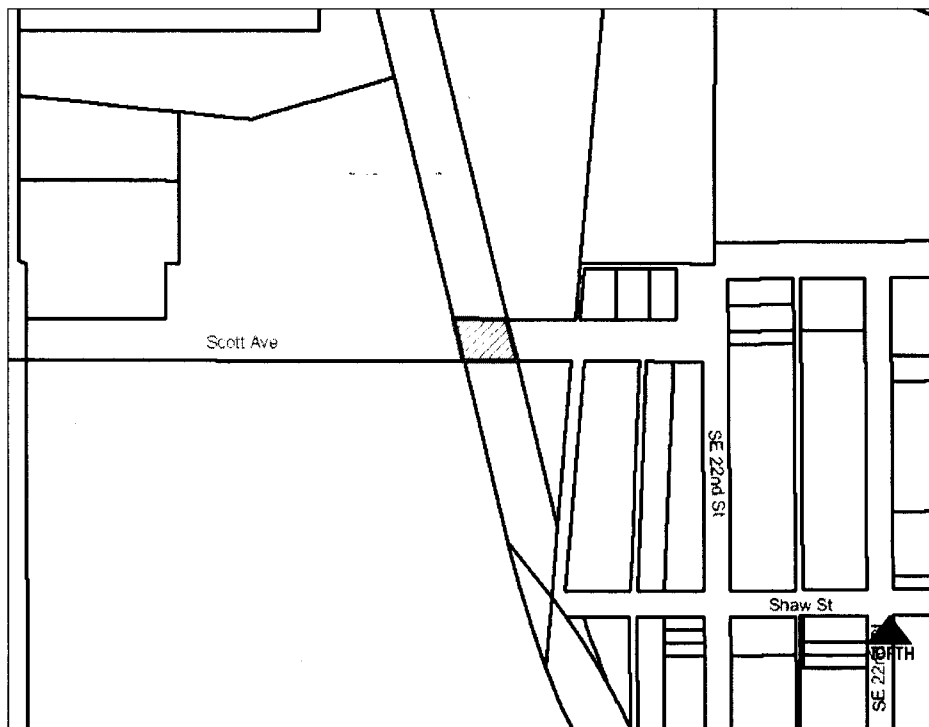
Union Pacific Railroad - E Hull Avenue West of Delaware Avenue 11-2012-1.22



Request from Union Pacific Railroad (owner) for vacation of the following segment of street right-of-way: Scott Avenue between Southeast 20 <sup>th</sup> Street and Southeast 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street where the railroad right-of-way intersects. This would result in the termination of the public street on either side of the railroad, thereby closing it to through traffic.				File #		
				11-2012-1.23		
Description of Action		Motion to approve the vacation of the following segment of street right-of-way: Scott Avenue between Southeast 20 <sup>th</sup> Street and Southeast 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street where the railroad right-of-way intersects failed.				
2020 Community Character Plan		General Industrial				
Horizon 2035 Transportation Plan		No Planned Improvements				
Current Zoning District		"M-1" Light Industrial District				
Proposed Zoning District		"M-1" Light Industrial District				
Consent Card Responses		In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition	
Inside Area						
Outside Area						
Plan and Zoning Commission Action		Approval	5-8	Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council	Yes	
		Denial	Motion failed		No	

Union Pacific Railroad - Scott Avenue West of SE 22nd Street

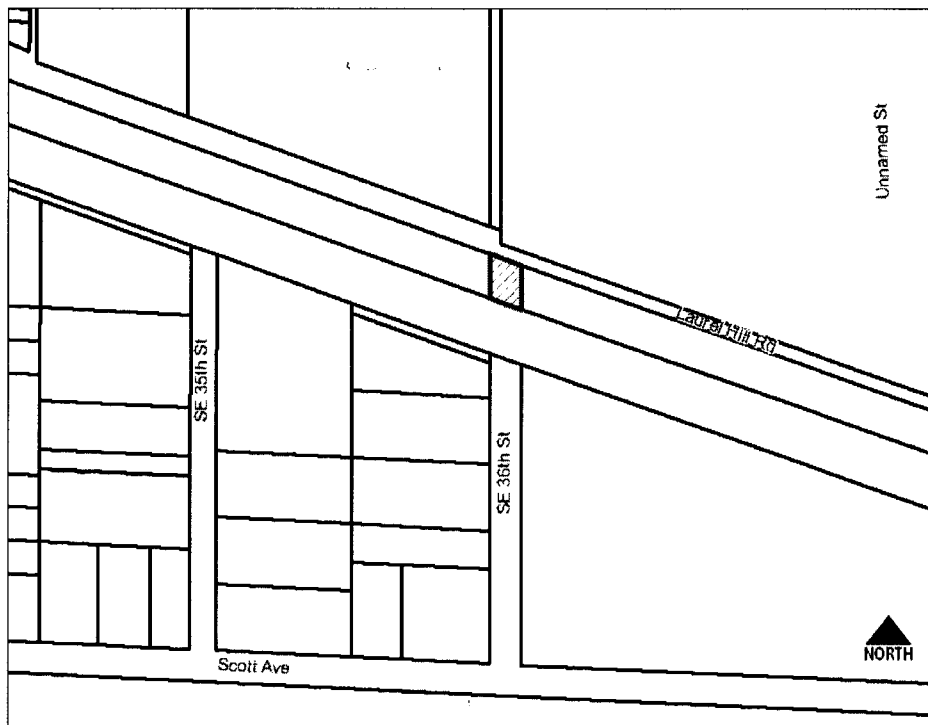
11-2012-1.23





Request from Union Pacific Railroad (owner) for vacation of the following segment of street right-of-way: Southeast 36 <sup>th</sup> Street at a point north of Scott Avenue where the railroad right-of-way intersects. This would result in the termination of the public street on either side of the railroad, thereby closing it to through traffic.				<b>File #</b> <b>11-2012-1.24</b>		
<b>Description of Action</b>		Motion to approve the following segment of street right-of-way: Southeast 36 <sup>th</sup> Street at a point north of Scott Avenue where the railroad right-of-way intersects failed.				
<b>2020 Community Character Plan</b>		General Industrial				
<b>Horizon 2035 Transportation Plan</b>		No Planned Improvements				
<b>Current Zoning District</b>		"R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District				
<b>Proposed Zoning District</b>		"R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District				
<b>Consent Card Responses</b>		In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition	
Inside Area		6	47			
Outside Area						
<b>Plan and Zoning Commission Action</b>		Approval	5-8	<b>Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council</b>	Yes	
		Denial	Motion failed		No	

Union Pacific Railroad - SE 36th Street South of Laurel Hill Road 11-2012-1.24



Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/31/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Vivian Miller

Signature Vivian Miller

Address 409 SE 35th

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

---

---

---

---

---

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date Dec 13, 2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name MAXINE ELMORE

Signature Maxine Elmore

Address 414 SE 35 Street

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Limits MY ACCESS  
DANGEROUS TO RESIDENTS  
WHEN IT FLOODS -  
CHILDREN MUST CROSS  
TRACKS TO GO TO PARK.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-2012

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Grant Scott

Signature Grant Scott

Address 3108 Maury St DM La

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

the RR could expand west instead  
of East

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-13-12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Robert J. Brooks

Signature Robert J. Brooks

Address 3209 Scott Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

reverse comm Development

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date \_\_\_\_\_

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name LARRY ELMORE

Signature Larry J Elmore

Address 414 S.E. 35 Street

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Limits MY ACCESS.  
DANGER to residents when  
it FLOODS.  
CHILDREN MUST CROSS TRACKS  
to go to PARK.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Don Current

Signature Don Current

Address 2912 DENN. AVE

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I THINK THE RAILROAD IS TELL  
US A LIE SO THEY CAN GET WHAT THEY  
WANT. THEY DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPEN  
TOO US SO THEY CAN GET WHAT THEY  
WANT. I DON'T BELIEVE THEY CAN BLOCK A STREET AS  
LONG AS THEY SAY NEED TO CHECK THIS

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Kevin Casey

Signature [Signature]

Address 3016 Carr Street

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I am still not sure about it

[Scribbled out text]

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/13/12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Larry Six

Signature [Signature]

Address 417 SE 35<sup>th</sup> St DM

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date December 14, 2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name MICHAEL S. WILSON

Signature Michael S. Wilson

Address 112 SE 33<sup>RD</sup> STREET

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

THIS WILL RESTRICT VEHICLE MOVEMENT IN AND OUT OF THE  
AREA (SE OF FAIRGROUNDS) UNACCEPTABLY, TO CLOSE OFF SE 34<sup>TH</sup> & 36<sup>TH</sup>  
WILL ALSO BOTTLE UP FAIRGROUNDS TRAFFIC FOR MAJOR EVENTS, & RESTRICT  
ACCESS BY EMERGENCY AND CITY SERVICE VEHICLES. PLEASE DO NOT  
LET THEM (UNION PACIFIC) CLOSE THESE STREETS!

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-13-2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name DEWITT HARKER

Signature Dewitt Harker

Address 3028 Daisy Dr. SE 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Closing at 34<sup>th</sup> & 36<sup>th</sup> would hurt the trucking  
business located there and would interfere with  
Police & Fire Responds.

I'm a Disabled Veteran and can't attend the  
public hearing.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Melody A Riley

Signature Melody A Riley

Address 3033 Can St

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

\* Against 11-2012-1.21 would not be  
able to cross tracks except E 30th  
or Pleasant Hill

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-17-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name MIKKI GRIFFIN

Signature Mikki Griffin

Address 3404 SCOTT AVE

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12 Dec 12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request. As represented in the single mailing received on this date,  
(Circle One)

Print Name Harlan Donaldson

Signature Harlan Donaldson

Address 4143 Knob Hill Dr

President - Valley High Manor N.A.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

1. Mailing did not reflect entire E-Side impact
2. No mention of reopening E 38th, No mention of possible E 34 emergency openings
3. With the MLK entention, the SE. 30 viaduct repair the possibility of "Perfect Storm" exists for crossing V.P. track
4. No reference to or mitigation to the state of Williams Street

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-18-12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Shauna Sturdivant

Signature Shauna Sturdivant

Address 3015 Carr St.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Find another way

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-17-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name VICTOR IRVIN

Signature Victor Irvin

Address 3520 E COURT AVE

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

with the City and all agencies involved  
with closures for the change, IT seems  
to me that it's a done deal for the  
Railroad inspite of everything that has not  
been dealt with.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-13-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Elizabeth Thompson

Signature Elizabeth Thompson

Address 1210 E- 33rd St.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

---



---



---



---



---

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date \_\_\_\_\_

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

**RECEIVED**  
(Circle One)  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

DEC 17 2012

**DEPARTMENT**

Print Name James Pirillo-Shirley Pirillo

Signatures Shirley Pirillo James Pirillo

Address 128 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Ct. Des Moines, Ia.  
50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below: Jim and I are opposed to the following requests because -

1. We live in an area that floods & need the crossing, because of that reason.
2. Working on the intersection of E. 30<sup>th</sup> & Boone will cause a problem & we again need the crossing on 34<sup>th</sup> St. My husband rides his bicycle daily in Spring, Summer & Fall because of health reasons & if one crossing is closed for hrs. at a time he has to use the other one. This can be a problem for him especially traveling on a road that may be dusty & bumpy.
4. Safety - It would take the emergency vehicles



just a note

longer to get to the Laurel Hill & Scott St. area if crossings are closed.

5. Hair Time - Citizens from the South use the crossing on 34<sup>th</sup> St. during the Hair

Sincerely:

Shirley Pirillo

128 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Ct.

Des Moines, Ia.

50317-7305

† AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION.  
Fighting for Air

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-13-12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name JANET M. R. NEHART

Signature Janet M. Nehart

Address 3535 E Court

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Court One is a dead-end street. Closing 34<sup>th</sup>  
leaves residents with only 1 way to 30<sup>th</sup> St and  
during fair is a total mess. Also during  
the fair leaves Emergency equipment  
trying to get through leave traffic

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date \_\_\_\_\_

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name FRANK COLL

Signature FRANK COLL

Address 125 E. 35TH CT

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

NOT ONLY WILL THIS LOWER MY PROPERTY VALUE  
BUT WILL LEAVE NO ESCAPE ROUTE WHEN  
FLOODING OR DURING STATE FAIR. MY WIFE IS  
SERIOUSLY ILL & I NEED TO BE ABLE @ ANYTIME  
TO GET OUT TO GET TO HOSPITAL

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date Dec, 12, 2012

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request

(Circle One)

Print Name ART OLDES

Signature 157-S.E. 34TH

Address DES MOINES, IA

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Use South East 18th St.  
and leave us alone  
or South East 16th St.  
Rock Island was never  
this bad - STUPID!  
LIVED HERE SINCE 1931.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request

(Circle One)

Print Name Virginia Roberts

Signature Virginia Roberts

Address 3050 Kott Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

It is important a throw street we would  
be closed in if a flood, also the  
emergency would not be able to get  
through. I'm sure the railroad company  
can figure a different way.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/13/12I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Mike Pick - Johnson TransportSignature MIPAddress 200 5934th Street DM 2A

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Pls see numerous emails with Jason  
Van Essen and City Council for the  
numerous concerns. Hopefully Jason  
will be presenting those concerns to  
the Pt2 Committee

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12 14 12I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Charles P Cook JrSignature Charles P Cook JrAddress 3804 Launch Hill Rd.

P 5m 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Don't want to be trapped. Feel like living  
on a island. Only one way out. Don't think  
railroad should have that much control!!

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/12/12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name DAWN WATERSON

Signature Dawn Waterson

Address 3040 Scott Ave., O.M., Ia. 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

State Fair traffic  
Closure would increase traffic on  
Scott

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name MARK GRIMM

Signature Mark Grimm

Address 3408 Scott Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

We use SE 34th St as often as possible,  
when a train isn't blocking the Rd. It's  
our "short cut" to get to other Eastside  
locations. We do not want to be cutoff from  
Des Moines! Also - what about flooding on either  
side of our house?

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-14-12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Debra McCool

Signature Debra McCool

Address 3804 Laurel Hill Rd.

50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Moved there because there was too much traffic.  
Don't want all that traffic coming into my  
drive way. Live on dead in street.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Barbara A. Musgrave

Signature 2206 E Walnut

Address Barbara A. Musgrave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

My husband is buried in Laurel  
Hill & I come from Scott to get  
the cemetery. don't drive this  
street

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date \_\_\_\_\_

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Victoria M Collins

Signature Victoria M Collins

Address 3500 E Court Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

No way to get out in the fair time, also  
water of Scott no escape except E 34th +  
railroad tracks. Bussines will  
be effected with no ability to  
rush off E 34th.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-13-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Francis & Maureen Nalevanko

Signature Francis Nalevanko Maureen

Address 3800 Laurel Hill Rd Nalevanko

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Increased traffic on Laurel Hill which  
is substandard at best. Safety for bikers  
4 wheelers and pedestrians who will still  
try to cross closed roads which are the only  
North-South access between E 30th & Pleasant Hill  
Bld.



Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-18-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name

Janet + David Drey

Signature

[Signature]

Address

112 E 35th Ct DSM 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Not in favor:

I have concerns that residents will lose access to a means to travel to/from the neighborhood during two specific times: 1) when there's flooding of streets, and 2) during the State Fair.

However:

If the proposed street closing means fewer train whistles, this could be a positive reason.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date \_\_\_\_\_

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name

ROBERT WHITE

Signature

[Signature]

Address

120 E. 35th Ct.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

HOUSES SOUTH OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS  
WOULD BE LANDLOCKED IN CASE OF A  
HEAVY RAIN OR FLOOD. SCOTT STREET  
FLOODS EAST OF SE 36th ST AND WEST  
OF SE 34th ST.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-18-12

I (am) ☒ in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Kenneth Heim

Signature Kenneth Heim

Address 118 E 33<sup>rd</sup> Ct.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Safety - if closed, kids will cross over at  
SE 34<sup>th</sup> rather than walk around to SE 38<sup>th</sup>  
and possibly get run over by trains,  
also flooding, availability to get out of  
neighborhood during fair.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/17/12

I (am) ☒ in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Jackie Johnson

Signature Jackie Johnson

Address 200 SE 34<sup>th</sup>

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Flooding in area, lack of access,

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-15-12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Steve and Vicki Pratt

Signature Vicki Pratt

Address 109E. 32nd ST.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I am against this because of an emergency situation was to occur it makes it impossible during the state fair to get out of our neighborhood because of the back up of traffic, <sup>also</sup> when it floods that is our way out, not all of us can afford the gas to go all the way to university or Pleasant Hill also my family likes to walk & ride bikes that way too.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/18/12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Leon Johnson

Signature Leon Johnson

Address 200 SE 34th Street

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Flooding / Access to business / Property  
valuations / Neighborhood access

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-17-12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name THOMAS J GRIFFIN

Signature TJ Griffin

Address 3404 SCOTT AVE

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Closing the road doesn't solve  
R.R. problem with the need  
for longer trains! Temporary  
Solution! WHERE'S THE MASTER PLAN!  
1yr 5yr 10yr 20yr NOT IN MY COMMUNITY  
NEIGHBORHOOD! BUILD A NEW YARD IN YOUR AG. PARK

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/12/12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name John Hoch

Signature John Hoch

Address 3340 Scott Ave.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

This will hurt residential  
property values

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 11-~~20~~<sup>18</sup>-2012I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Mary Jo KainSignature Mary Jo KainAddress 116 - E. 34th St.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I would not be able to get  
out of my driveway at State  
Fair time. Why can't you ~~open~~  
open up the road at 38th Street  
again.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/18/2012I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name John & Susan EvansSignature Susan Evans 125 E 36th St.Address Des Moines, 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

We use E. 34th daily. Also E. 34th  
is great during the fair. Without  
E. 34th we have to fight fair traffic  
or go out around through Pleasant Hill.  
This is just not fair to homeowners  
that use these streets.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12.28.12

I (am) ☒ in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Cheryl Kern  
Signature Cheryl Kern  
Address 128 SE 33rd St

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

My boyfriend Lives on Scott Ave.  
My Grandpa Lives on SE 33rd St  
on the other side of tracks.  
I use it two to three times  
a day and it would be real inconvenient  
if I had to go over viaduct and take long way

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-12

I (am) ☒ in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name David R. Bellantyne  
Signature David R. Bellantyne  
Address 3424 S.E. Scott

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-15-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name CYNTHIA D. RAYMAN

Signature Cynthia D. Rayman

Address 416 S.E. 36 STREET, DM, 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

- IN THE CASE OF FLOODING WE WOULD BE TRAPPED/EN ISLAND
- UNSAFE! ESPECIALLY WHEN SOME WOULD TRY TO CROSS THE YARD INSTEAD OF GO AROUND.
- IT WOULD LOWER PROPERTY VALUES
- LESSENS QUALITY OF LIFE.
- CUTS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN HALF.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date Dec 17, 2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name ELLEN Webb

Ellen Webb Signature 3032 Scott Ave

Address Des Moines, Ia 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Semi driving on Scott Ave will increase. The truck company is in a bad location - possibly move them out on Vandavia Road.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-18-2012

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Patrick & Tammy Thompson

Signature Patrick Thompson

Address 107 SE 33rd Ct

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

34TH St. is our main way of  
travel when going south. It's a  
life saver during the fair also!

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date Dec. 19, 12.

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name John & Betty Tully.

Signature B. John Tully.

Address 143 SE 34TH ST.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I don't think SE 34TH Street should be closed  
you would hurt a lot of people that  
uses this Road + SE 36TH ST.



Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date \_\_\_\_\_

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name LAWRENCE KLOSTERMANN

Signature Lawrence Klostermann

Address 3309 SCOTT AVE

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have heard that 34<sup>th</sup> & 36<sup>th</sup> Sts will have gates that can be \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ opened in times of flood. Who will open the gates? I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ concerned about who has knowledge of flooding away from the \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ tracks and the response time if I need to get to my job. I do not \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ want to rely upon the RR as I do not believe they will consider my \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ needs over theirs. I would prefer the streets remain open as \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ much as possible to allow traffic when not in use by RR. \_\_\_\_\_

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name LINDA KLOSTERMANN

Signature Linda Klostermann

Address 3309 SCOTT AVE.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

The RR currently blocks SE 34<sup>th</sup> for many hours at a time but we are able to use the crossing when it is open. I would prefer that both 34<sup>th</sup> & 36<sup>th</sup> remain open for residential use as much as possible. I believe the RR could do a better job of scheduling the long trains to arrive at times of minimal street usage, i.e. midday during the week and at night. This would reduce the negative impact to the residents and people accessing the bypass at Vandalia. A turning lane on 30<sup>th</sup> is of far less value than the condition of any of the roads that would see increased use, i.e. Laurel Hill and the roads along the south side of the tracks that are supposed to be used by the RR.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-20-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Catherine Everett

Signature Catherine Everett

Address 3300 Scott Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Flooding problems  
Fair Traffic

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-18-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Juanita Lovlyn

Signature Juanita Lovlyn

Address 403 SE 34 - 409 SE 34<sup>th</sup>  
1166 S. E. 34<sup>th</sup> St. C# 83814

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

34<sup>th</sup> St is used all the time to get over to  
Deer Ave. This would be a big ~~inconvenience~~ inconvenience  
for people. Some times the creek  
over flows & you can't come down Scott St.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-28-12

☒ (am) ☐ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Mek Baccam

Signature 

Address 119 E. 34th ST

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Trailers Traffic ~~During~~ <sup>during</sup> State Fair,  
Speeding, Sammy Truck Head on Street.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-16-2012

☒ (am) ☐ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Liluvina Navarro

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address 121 & 124 E 32ND COURT

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24

Date Feb 13, 2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name MARGARET L. EVANS

Signature Margaret L. Evans

Address 3743 Dean Ave.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

This really doesn't affect me as I  
really don't go that route. I'm sure  
that it does mean a great deal  
to people that use that route.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24

Date 12-12-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name S & G Real Estate  
Investments Inc

Signature Paul O Herglin President

Address 14274 Wildwood Dr.  
Clive Tn 37035

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/12/12I ☒ (am) ☐ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name

Robert Fausett

Signature

Robert Fausett

Address

144 SE 34th St.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

No more speeding cars down the street.  
No more having to listen to the  
dinging of the train all the  
damn time! Go for it!! (//)

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/13/12I ☒ (am) ☐ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name

Jerry Easley

Signature

Jerry Easley

Address

139 S.E. 33rd Ct.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

If it would alleviate some of the  
whistles & horns, great. The street is  
blocked 50% of the time anyway. I've  
never had a problem getting out due to water.

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12-12-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Steven Walter

Signature Steven Walter

Address 3114 E. 24<sup>th</sup> St

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I drive on Hull Ave on a regular  
basis to get to my mother's house  
and to other businesses such as U.P.S.  
Union Pacific has no intent to compensate  
citizens for closing their street which  
cost extra gas to "go around" the closed section.

This costs adds up over the next 40 years

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12/19/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Boyer Petroleum Co

Signature [Signature]

Address 1817 Hull Av

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Proposed Traffic Plan is not sufficient & will  
cause restricted access and interruption  
of business due to increased congestion.  
Security, safety, snow removal, police patrols, vandalism  
property values are also of concern

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12/17/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name

Jeff Witte

Signature

[Signature]

Address

2501 Morton

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I believe separating neighborhoods is not a  
good thing for us in Des Moines, we have  
data on this. Just look at Guthrie after opening  
up the road, it is vibrant neighborhood now.  
We have to vote for family!

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12/12/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name

BILL MARTIN

Signature

[Signature]

Address

4136 E 27

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

WHEN ECLIP FLOODS WE NEED

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12-16-12I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Mike McHenry (McHenry Dist.)Signature Mike McHenryAddress 1947 HULL AVE.7113 Benton CT URBANDALE

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Backed up Traffic on Hull Ave  
Increased Crime on Hull Ave  
Inconvenience of closed Road

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12-12-12I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name EVA & BILL HORSTMANSignature E. HorstmanAddress 1720 Oak St. Des Moines, Ia  
50316

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Hull Ave is a main artery on the east  
side!! Plus it would hurt the businesses  
in the area. All or most of the east  
side is against this closing!!



Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12-21-2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Marlon Mormann

Signature Marlon Mormann

Address 3320 Kinsey Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Oppose.

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12-15-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Mary Ann Douglas

Signature M. Douglas

Address 2225 Hull Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Hull is the street I use to get to East 14th.  
Euclid is already extremely busy and Sutherland  
is not an option when streets are icy.  
University carries a lot of traffic from Pleasant Hill.

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12-17-12I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name CAROL WESTBROOKSignature Carol WestbrookAddress 2403 Richland Dr

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I oppose this movement because  
it will put a burden on those who need  
to get past the tracks to reach families,  
schools & etc. It will also affect  
businesses on our east side - this  
must not be done -

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12-12-12I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name ROBERT ELLISSignature Robert EllisAddress 1525 E. Tiffin Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Emergency Vehicle Access, cuts off use  
of Hull Street thru, affects property values

THIS ALSO DOES MORE LIVING OF THE PROJECTS OF  
BIG BUSINESS AT TAXPAYERS EXPENSE

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12/12/12I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name

Eleanor Hawkins

Signature

Eleanor Hawkins

Address

1525 E Tiffin Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Blocks off access for emergency  
vehicles. Lowers the value of my  
home because the main <sup>thru</sup> street going east  
from my property would be cut off. Blocks  
off the safe route to Perkins restaurant. Going to Euclid  
to turn into Perkins is not safe because of the 235 traffic.

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12-18-2012I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name

DAVE PERKINS

Signature

Dave Perkins

Address

1947 HULL AVENUE

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

TRAFFIC IS CONGESTED NOW WITH THE ROAD OPEN FROM  
BOTH DIRECTIONS.  
REDUCED ACCESS FOR POLICE, FIRE, PARAMEDICS  
INCONVENIENT FOR EMPLOYEE ACCESS AND  
DELIVERIES

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12/12/12I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Stephen OlsonSignature [Signature]Address 3010 Villa Vista Dr, DM 50316

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

The city has done some great things but I think long term this is potentially a big mistake, but, maybe not as big as all of the used car lots. I have noticed Dixon being blocked by rail tracks, huge mess if Hull is closed. You are cutting the east side in half. Property values will decline. However, I am not relying on a city pension 30-40 years from now. Either way, I hope it works well. Steve

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12-18-12I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Bauer Built Tire By: Steve SpindlerSignature [Signature]Address 2040 Hull Avenue

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Our reason for opposing this is because it will greatly inconvenience our customers as they make their way to our facility. Of course our own vehicles will suffer the same inconveniences. You could argue that there are still other streets that our customers and our trucks can travel but removing the access thru the vacated area will more likely add traffic congestion on those alternative streets. So we respectfully ask that you deny the request.

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12-20-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Candice K. Brown

Signature Candice K. Brown

Address 4015 Lay St. DM 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Property values, safety, convenience,  
respect for homeowners and the  
neighborhood

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12/17/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Diane George %Aramak

Signature Diane George

Address 2500 Delaware Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

We use Hull Ave regularly and have  
several businesses in this area

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12-15-12I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name MICHAEL LEBERSignature Michael L. LeberAddress 1424 ROYER STREET

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

THIS ACTION WILL REDUCE AREA RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY  
VALUES, CREATE SAFETY ISSUES FOR FIRE, POLICE, AND  
MEDICAL PERSONNEL AS WELL AS AREA RESIDENTS, CREATE  
AN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC JAM SITUATION ON DIXON STREET  
ALL SO THE RAILROAD, ADM, AND PIER CAN INCREASE PROFITS  
AT THE EXPENSE OF AREA RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS.

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12-13-12I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Cherie MorticeSignature Cherie MorticeAddress 2904 E. 22nd St. 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

1. Lower our property values by making us a "dead end neighborhood."
2. Create detour routes for rescue and fire services that will put  
life and property at greater risk.
3. Giving public property away without requiring <sup>something</sup> in return  
to the adversely affected neighborhood!
4. Hurts our small businesses on Delaware and E. 14th St.

Item 11-2012-1.22 Date 12/12/12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name

Roger Godron

Signature

Roger Godron

Address

3400 Delaware

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Accessability to businesses in the  
area.

Item 11-2012-1.22 Date 12-14-12

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name

Arthur Boyer

Signature

Arthur Boyer

Address

1817 Hull

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Less Traffic = more vandalism

Snow plowing will suffer with doo-dend

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name SUZY FORKNERSignature Suzy ForknerAddress 2924 E. 22 ST 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

makes my neighborhood 'dead'. Freeway on the east,  
dead end on the west. What improvements will  
city make to our neighborhood? Fairmont Park  
sits doing nothing. Bad Idea! Shut down truck  
traffic and allow cars only on Hull Ave

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12/12/12I (am) ☒ (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Tom McFaddenSignature TomAddress 1775 East Euclid

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

There is no way the corner at Euclid + Division  
can handle the added Traffic from Hull  
Closing even if changes are made at the  
intersection



Item 11-2012-1.22

Date Dec. 17, 2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Paul Sadler UPNA Secretary

Signature Paul Sadler

Address P.O. Box 16113 DSM, IA 50316

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Union Park Neighborhood Association stands in opposition to the proposal with residents who will be impacted, Those who use Hull Ave on a regular basis and see this action as a negative impact on this part of the City of Des Moines. Not in Favor

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date Dec. 14, 2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Lawrence Malmin

Signature Lawrence Malmin

Address 1426 Osceola Ave. D.M.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Residents who pay your salaries are going to get the "shaft." Two million dollars is nothing to U. Pacific. The City ought to hold out ~~for~~ for at least four million.

Planning & Zoning

Thursday, January 03, 2013

6 pm / City Council Chambers

Copy of Petition

To Keep S.E. 34th & S.E. 36th

OPEN

Submitted by

Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association

13 pages / 279 signatures

Petition for the continued availability of established traveled routes.

We the undersigned do here by affix our signatures to this document asking that the intersection of S.E. 34th and Union Pacific rail line and the intersection of S.E. 36th and Union Pacific rail line, be kept open and useful for the safety and wellbeing of our neighborhood as well as the continued use by those driving through our neighborhood, whose quality of life will be adversely affected by the closing of these intersections.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
<i>Karen Ketch</i>	Karen Ketch	117 SE 34th	266-1572
<i>Cynthia D. Rayman</i>	CYNTHIA D. RAYMAN	416 SE 36th DR	266-2352
<i>Jon Bobzien</i>	JON BOBZIEN	3500 Scott Ave	263-0417
<i>Larry Six</i>	Larry Six	417 SE 35th St	360-5756
<i>Sylvia Bailbrey</i>	Sylvia Bailbrey	3424 SE SCOTT	265-5486
<i>Mike Thies</i>	MIKE THIES	3414 Scott Ave.	707-5138
<i>Cathy Grimm</i>	Cathy Grimm	3408 Scott	729-1939
<i>Karen L. Murphy</i>	Karen L. Murphy	504 SE 34th St.	447-1086
<i>Tracy L. Hartwig</i>	Tracy L. Hartwig	511 SE 34th St	238-0261
<i>Troy Gill</i>	Troy Gill	500 SE 34th St.	447-1198
<i>Desiree Smith</i>	Desiree Smith	409 SE 34th St	774-8651
<i>Alice D Groves</i>	Alice D Groves	2131 Capital	
<i>Paul Harrison</i>	Paul Harrison	3324 Scott Ave	917-474-274
<i>John Brannen</i>	John Brannen	3316 Scott Ave.	515-974-7112
<i>Mary Brannen</i>	Mary Brannen	3316 Scott Ave	515-326-0471
<i>Guthrie Hildroth</i>	Guthrie Hildroth	501 SE 33rd	515-7109957
<i>Sara Hildroth</i>	Sara Hildroth	501 SE 33rd St	515-707-2700
<i>Paul Borg</i>	Paul Borg	9500 Madison Ave Urb.	309-9121
<i>Meagan Stakepik</i>	Meagan Stakepik	4205 E Madison Ave	202-0492
<i>Ryan Sepp</i>	Ryan Sepp	3510 Dubuque Ave	669-4486
<i>Joseph Young</i>	JOSEPH YOUNG	2249 E GRAND	266-6735
<i>Sara O'Connor</i>	Sara O'Connor	2328 E 41st St	720-6907
<i>Denise Blakeman</i>	Denise Blakeman	2519 G 25th St	266-1746
<i>Tom W. Northrup</i>	Tom W. Northrup	6401 W. 140th St. S.	971-5955
<i>Dorinda Lawler</i>	Dorinda Lawler	3115 E Shawnee	2051392


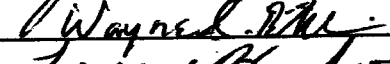
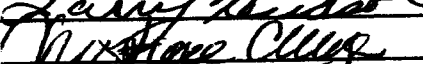
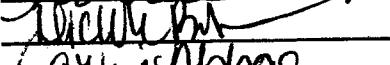

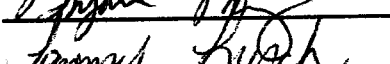
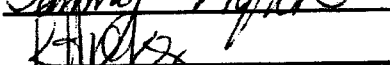


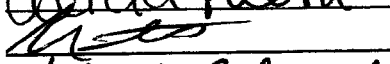
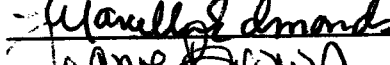

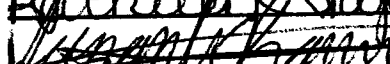
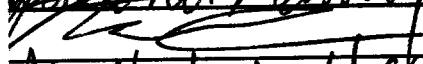



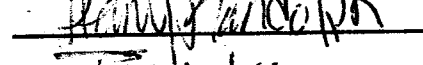
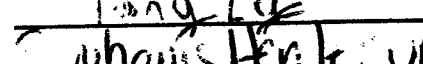
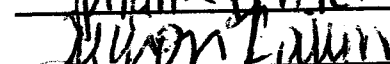
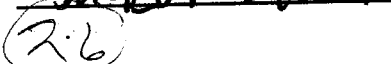

Petition for the continued availability of established traveled routes. a

We the undersigned do here by affix our signatures to this document asking that the intersection of S.E. 34th and Union Pacific rail line and the intersection of S.E. 36th and Union Pacific rail line, be kept open and useful for the safety and wellbeing of our neighborhood as well as the continued use by those driving through our neighborhood, whose quality of life will be adversely affected by the closing of these intersections.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
	JENNIFER PERINICH	1100 NE 57th St	405-511-1111
	Rich Armstrong	4730 E Lincoln St	202-2730
	Nicole Shattman	309 E 35th St	771-2268
	Manda Hews	2112 Morton Ave	815-9691
	Holly Robinson	1826 E 32nd Ave	360-2652
	Chuck Y. Spang	" Same as above	423-5003
	Raci Wolfe	2537 E 31st Ave	971-5477
	Kyle Goodrick	2537 E 31st Ave	299-8951
	Jacob Hays	2112 Morton Ave	571-8183
	Brian Price	4137 E 24th Ave	515-299-9039
	Rick Belnen	2008 Motley	515-779-8231
	Michael James	785 Alameda Ln	515 979-4539
	Lori Miller	4400 67th St	515 554 9211
	Vicki Howell	811 SW 28th St	515 720 4219
	CINDI DOORNBAL	124 SW 36th	515-314-3678
	FRITZ JAMES	685 FOSTER / PM.	515 255 2199
	MARK HOLUB	1054-45th St / OS	515-274-1804
	KATHY CARNEY	5008 NW 6th Ave	515-299-1010
	Larry Wightman	513 58th St Wom	515-
	LORE OWENS	7701 NW 10th	
	Corey Brown	12749 N 47th Ave W	575 306 6525
	Barb McChesney	3950 NE 46th St	515-202-4021
	Barb McChesney	1418 70th St SW	515-371-1942
	V. BACCAM	1415 Briarwood Ave	515 778 1396

Petition for the continued availability of established traveled routes.

We the undersigned do here by affix our signatures to this document asking that the intersection of S.E. 34th and Union Pacific rail line and the intersection of S.E. 36th and Union Pacific rail line, be kept open and useful for the safety and wellbeing of our neighborhood as well as the continued use by those driving through our neighborhood, whose quality of life will be adversely affected by the closing of these intersections.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
	Joe Schminkey	405E Madison	202-4776
	Wayne S. Birkin	1032 E. SHAW	262-6503
	LARRY H. Nelson	1714 E 13th	771-6612
	Christine Clew	190 Burr Oak Blvd	
	Nicole Rose	5486 Pine Valley Dr.	
	Carrie Abbas	6201 Goldfinch Dr.	
	Bryan May	4691 Parkview Dr.	266-4528
	Tammy Lynch	540 N.E. 47th Pl	289-1003
	Kim Hicks	3912 EAST AVE, DEN	285-3728
	Sarah Sharp	3928 2nd Ave, DEN	720-9817
	Branci Wince	3928 2nd Ave DEN	802-9820
	Alicia Moran	6407 E 39th Ct	447-0755
	Mike Jimenez	3701 K. 4501 Ave	859-0096
	Marcelle Edmonds	1439 Dixon St.	480-7452
	Joanne Brown	699 Sherryllyn Blvd	770-1610
	Kathleen Snyder	3303 Scott Ave.	266-1446
	Fernando Ramirez	2750 E Madison	3105045
	Rocky D. Habelt	2750 E Madison	Ale 50317
	Marshall Matt	4144 80th	
	Chris Turner	210 44th NW	554-2413
	Patti Banks	545 Christie Ln	266-7717
	Delores A. Brees	5145 Sycamore Dr	265-0672
	Tiffany Randolph	6201 35th St	779-0196
	Tony Ly	3519 Deane Ave	264-9603
	Sharon H. K. on	4415 Parkview Dr	720-3642
	Allison Baum	2020 Emma	577-2587

# Petition for the continued availability of established traveled routes.

We the undersigned do here by affix our signatures to this document asking that the intersection of S.E. 34th and Union Pacific rail line and the intersection of S.E. 36th and Union Pacific rail line, be kept open and useful for the safety and wellbeing of our neighborhood as well as the continued use by those driving through our neighborhood, whose quality of life will be adversely affected by the closing of these intersections.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
<i>Jason Merkley</i>	JASON MERKLEY	409 SE 35 <sup>TH</sup> ST	(515) 508-1105
<i>Dean E. Lettington</i>	DEAN E. LETTINGTON	405 SE 35 <sup>TH</sup> ST	(515) 262-5046
<i>Homer Blackford</i>	HOMER BLACKFORD	140 E 34 <sup>TH</sup> ST	(515) 266-1908
<i>Nancy Schrader</i>	Nancy Schrader	1626 E 32 <sup>nd</sup>	<del>515-262-2620</del>
<i>Harlan Donaldson</i>	Harlan Donaldson	4443 Knob Hill	515-263-4922
<i>Jackie Johnsrud</i>	Jackie Johnsrud	200 SE 34 <sup>TH</sup>	263-8265
<i>Larry Elmore</i>	Larry Elmore	414 SE 35 <sup>th</sup> ST	263-0737
<i>Johnne Prock</i>	Johnne Prock	3436 Scott Ave	263-0384
<i>John Prock</i>	John Prock	3436 Scott Ave	263-0384
<i>Harold Young</i>	Harold Young	3314 East Court Ave	265 0486
<i>Barbara Haws</i>	Barbara Haws	135 1/2 SE 34 <sup>th</sup> St	262-2295
<i>Sandy Haws</i>	Sandy Haws	135 SE 34 <sup>th</sup> St	262-1526
<i>Carol Bennett</i>	Carol Bennett	122 SE 34 <sup>th</sup> St	262-5499
<i>Cliff Bennett</i>	Cliff Bennett	122 SE 34 <sup>th</sup> St	262-5499
<i>Michael Young</i>	Michael Young	101 SE 33 <sup>rd</sup> St	577-1758
<i>Jeffrey D. Hartwig</i>	Jeffrey D. Hartwig	511 SE 34 <sup>th</sup> St	371-1888
<i>Michael Stapleton</i>	Michael Stapleton	3260 Scott Ave	262-5878
<i>Betty M Stapleton</i>	Betty M Stapleton	3260 Scott Ave	262-5878
<i>Cherie L. Morris</i>	Cherie L. Morris	3255 Scott Ave	266-5264
<i>Marrin C Morris</i>	Marrin C Morris	3255 Scott Ave	266-5264
<i>Brian E. Elbert</i>	Brian E. Elbert	124 E 35 <sup>th</sup> Ct	265 8825
<i>Frank Coll</i>	FRANK COLL	125 E 35 <sup>TH</sup> CT	778-5082
<i>Mikki Griffin</i>	Mikki Griffin	3404 Scott Ave	265-9179
<i>Matt Welt</i>	Matt Welt	110 SE 34 <sup>th</sup>	447-6738
<i>Shane Bainter</i>	Shane Bainter	110 SE 34 <sup>th</sup> St	557-9669
<i>Crystal Bainter</i>	Crystal Bainter	110 SE 34 <sup>th</sup> St	266 6809

## Petition for the continued availability of established traveled routes.

We the undersigned do here by affix our signatures to this document asking that the intersection of S.E. 34th and Union Pacific rail line and the intersection of S.E. 36th and Union Pacific rail line, be kept open and useful for the safety and wellbeing of our neighborhood as well as the continued use by those driving through our neighborhood, whose quality of life will be adversely affected by the closing of these intersections.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
	Olivia's Arp	134 E PARKVIEW W24 ST	
	Brittany Barton	110 SE 34th St	266-6809
	Kathy Stahon	113 SE 34th St	321-3424
	ROGER CATZ	129 33rd St	664-4031
	Stephen Amato	2530 Dean Ave	979-9611
	ADAM M. HIRSH	6104 A. NORTON ST	515-661-838
	BERNICE Gillaspay	110 SE 34th St	266-6809
	Emmy Shelley	1001 Franze St Newark	285-6141
	Rick Risch	140 4th Ave SW	321-5301
	James M. Patton	2813 Stanton DR E 32nd	285-6943
	Ruth Petal	32 1/2 1st St #304	771-9013
	David G. Anderson	905 E 10th St S Redon	515-313-3312
	ROY D. JAMES	108 S. ST. LYNNVILLE	344-5733
	Connie Ferchko	4774 1st St Redon	722-9335
	Debra Debaniecher	1105 Caribou Rd. Oak	674-673-5800
	Norma Viet	482 Yarrow Lane	641-8472
	Larry Allge	3445 Sand. Dr	675-3511
		73481 156th 641-462-768	
	LEONHETT R. Gillaspay	7829 SE 6th Ave PH	515-265-2901
	BIANE BARRETT	1175 NW 106th Ave CANBY	515-740-703
	Jana Tanner	20551 Hwy 92 Ackworth GA	515-961-8392
	Paul McNeil	9395 SE 26th AVE RAINIER	515-205-3908
	Deb Core	889 92nd Ave Pleasant	115-641-842-60
	Mike Williams	3626 36th St Des Moines	724-510
	Jodi Anania	1004 N 9th Indianola	901-3234
		305 9th St SE, Des Moines	

26





33

337 signatures

54

## Petition to Oppose Closing of Hull Avenue

We, the undersigned residents who live east and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks oppose the proposal by Union Pacific to close through traffic and make Hull Avenue a dead end on both the east and west side of the tracks.

Local  
Businesses

Bauer  
Built  
Fire  
Service

Heating &  
Cooling  
Supply  
T.M. Davis

Hedberg  
Roofing

Hydra  
Q&P

SDOS  
(phone hood  
down)  
Capital City  
Group

Iowa Fire  
Equip.

Tompkins  
Industries

Name	Address	Phone
Don Ward	2040 Hull	266-7128
Adam Antisdal	2040 Hull	266-7128
Joetha Jones	2040 Hull	266-7128
Charles Rodriguez	2040 Hull	SAME
James W. Wray	2421 South Union	515-689-8268
Robert Thompson	3100 Delaware Ave	261-0765
Timothy King	3100 Delaware Ave	473-6583
Jeff Routier	3100 Delaware	261-0765
Bill Sample	3211 Delaware	262-7318
Tom K. Lanning	3211 Delaware Ave	265-7318
Tommy Green	3211 Delaware Ave	265-7318
MATT SAMPLE	3211 DELAWARE AVE	265-7318
ARON HEDBERG	3407 DELAWARE AVE	265-0616
CHRIS SABUS	3407 DELAWARE AVE	265-0616
Nick Hedberg	3407 Delaware AVE	265-0616
Roger Godron	3400 Delaware Ave	265-1453
Reeb Benson	3400 Delaware Ave	265-1453
David Godron	3400 Delaware Ave	265-1453
Jan Wilkerson	3400 Delaware Ave	265-1453
Charles King	3400 Delaware Ave	265-1453
Thomas King	3400 Delaware Avenue	265-1453
Marla Riley	3123 Delaware Ave	262-2955
Bethany Welton	3123 Delaware Ave	262-2955
William Z. Davidson	2905 Delaware	263-1658
Bob McFarlin	2724 DELAWARE	265-4061
Mike Tugans (IFE Warehouse)	2800 DELAWARE AVE	265-8030
Jeff Lowe	2800 Delaware Ave	515-559-3920
Frank R. Ezze Jr.	2535 Delaware Ave	515-266-1161
Tom Shaffer	2535 Delaware Ave	515-266-1161
Tom Shaffer	2535 Delaware Ave	515-266-1161
Kevin Clark	2535 Delaware Ave	" "

# Petition to Oppose Closing of Hull Avenue

We, the undersigned residents who live east and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks oppose the proposal by Union Pacific to close through traffic and make **Hull Avenue a dead end** on both the east and west side of the tracks.

[illegible]

Best  
Heating  
E.145 (cool)

E. 14 St.  
Diner

$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ 33 \\ \hline 54 \end{array}$$

## Petition to Oppose Closing of Hull Avenue

We, the undersigned residents who live east and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks oppose the proposal by Union Pacific to close through traffic and make **Hull Avenue a dead end** on both the east and west side of the tracks.

Name	Address	Phone
Larry Vaughn	Bayard Dr	712 651 2821
James G. Fisher	CONWAY IA	515-418-4974
Michael A. Carter	Des Moines	515 401 0102
Ellen Verdy	Des Moines	515 577-1618
Barbara Verdy	Des Moines	515-265-5584
Nate Kist	Des Moines	515-313-7308
Barb Kitzhorn	Des Moines	515 979 5098
Carl Sullivan	Van Meter	515 996-3281
Robert J. Sauerman	Des Moines	515-263-3243
* Karen Webb	Des Moines	515-222-5202
Stacey Pruitt	Des Moines	515-556-7126
Gary Reynolds	Des Moines	515 988-7106
Annette McLeod		515 265-7419
Deane M. Low	2207 East Bay	515 265-2419
John W. Webb	1947 Hull	515 494 7602
Connie VanHouten	1115 Bell	515-262-0656
Tom Barton	DM	865-3063
Jarred Soule	DM	745-2952
Raymond Smith	DM	(515) 238-4013
Deb Baker	2716 Hull DM	515 262-3367
Therese Service Corp	3012 E 14	515-262-2222 (Business)
John Therese	140 SE 64th Ave	515-265-3229
James D. Miller	303 12th St	515-992-3550
Dave Vance	3845 8th St	515-580-1047
Hilary Hamilton	DM	615-441-7028
Justin Hanes	Des Moines	515-975-2418
Nicole Lust	Des Moines	515 971-9224 (Business)
Jessica Lust	Des Moines	515 (971)-0530
Thaddeus Hagler	Des Moines	515 306-9259
Bob B Art + Collectibles	Des Moines	515 265-4889 (Business)
Cindy Mamar	Des Moines	515 441-2355
Rodney McCuen	Des Moines	515 280 5420

5442

## Petition to Oppose Closing of Hull Avenue

We, the undersigned residents who live east and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks oppose the proposal by Union Pacific to close through traffic and make **Hull Avenue a dead end** on both the east and west side of the tracks.

Name	Address	Phone
<del>Don</del> <del>Arthur</del>	<del>2910 E 9th St</del>	515-210-3247
Arthur To Body	2910 E 9th St	95-285-691 (Business)
Jay Woodhewer	2412 Hull	
Lorenda Cruz	2218 E 24th St	(515) 979-0041
<del>Gregory</del>	2535 E 23rd	
North Williams	1520 York Ave	515-661-9877
MARTIN MUÑOZ	2504 24th St	
Lucas Portolow	1301 E 19th St	
Zane Taylor	2210 E Ave	
Jeni Cole	282 E Clinton Ave	
Gam Khattiva	1801 E 22nd St	609 576-3573
Thomie Khattiva	" " "	917-951-4445
Ruth Phaviset	1801 E " 72nd St	
Theresa Nyon	1326 McCormick St	(515) 261-7167
Sarah Bunnin	2417 Richmond Ave	515 988-3082
Mark Hernandez	619 17th Ave NW 3001	95-829-0002
Tammie Kadden	619 17th Ave NW #9212 50004	515-829-0001
Chloe Boush	1404 Sampson St	422-3828
Christa Anderson	3301 Richland Dr	943-8975
Janae Brown	2301 Richland Dr	505-6255
Don Supple	2520 E 21st	515-422-8070
Donna Smith	3411 E 24th St #4	
Robert Kiley	2601 Searle St	771-2441
Jim Bette	2145 CLEVELAND	263-8114
David Bette	224 E 12th DSM	206 770-9124
Flaynida Parker	1333 6th Ave DSM	
William Hill	7555 Wedgewood Rd	668-8987
Ange Tulander	2417 Mansfield Dr	418-7251
Ronda Gillaspay	2719 E Washington	
Jaynette Balthan	2820 E 24th St	242-8408
(Barton Principal)		

Sarton  
Elementary  
Principal

Contact Cherie 266-4981

54

## Petition to Oppose Closing of Hull Avenue

We, the undersigned residents who live east and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks oppose the proposal by Union Pacific to close through traffic and make **Hull Avenue a dead end** on both the east and west side of the tracks.

Name	Address	Phone
Malvin Keosauqua	3930 13th	619-4280
Janet Keosauqua	3930 13th	289-3177
Jacquie Maxwell	3178 Cornell St	243-1948
Joan Guilbert	6505 NW 56th St	276-5162
Giff Kunkell	1430 E. Johnson	265-4655
Bryant Deschamps	440 NE 48th Pl	344-0094
Adrian Van Zee	832 Walnut	515-973-6685
Shirley Palmer	5515 E 3rd	315-979-8543
Dorothy J. Green	4695 E. Oakwood	515-261-3466
Krista Maeder	1529 E 13th St DSM	515 205 9574
Debra Sydnor	3106 Wright St	360-9832
James Brooks	1008 Bay	528 2150
Virginia A. Laurena	1080 NW 9th Place	289-1334
Bob Hubby	1119 east 9th	262-8466
Kern Hunt	3828 N. Union	288-5109
Thelma Boyd	526 Arthur Ave	788 2947
Tada D. Dabson	738 E. WASHINGTON AVE.	262-3223
Gill Essex	902 Cleveland	264-8562
Lisa Mergold	5802 NE 3rd St	326-5862
Caranne Petersen	3423 E. 38th Ct	419-6295
Linda K. Killam	144 NW 72nd Pl.	289-1487
Carly Mattingly	3417 Blinnel Ave NW	262 8725
Margie Schmidt	4032 11th St, NW	770-1937
Jane Crawford	5864 Robin Rd Pl	266-4741
Lisa Livingston	818 NE 57th Ave.	289-2804
Marilyn Kneig	1275 NW 70th Ave	289-0241
Connie Ectorne	3019 Garden Ave	255-6214
Ed Underman	1440 WILSON AVE	360-3025
Sue Brown	1151 NW Aurora Ave	664-3090
Mac Gill	2821 E. 38th St.	331-1685
Elvie Shepherd	3014 E 36 Ct	515-262 9257
Jeff	300 NE 42nd	515-711-2570

Contact: Cherie @ 490-2748

JANA (→ 5:00)

## Petition to Oppose Closing of Hull Avenue

We, the undersigned residents who live east and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks oppose the proposal by Union Pacific to close through traffic and make **Hull Avenue a dead end** on both the east and west side of the tracks.

Name	Address	Phone
Desiree Johnson	1738 Lynn Street	(515) 339-2769
Charles Brightman	737 Hull Ave	515-619-3964
Wade S. Copic	5710 Allison Ave	578-865-5978
Mike Machel	2240 Logan Ave	515-778-4340
Chadley S Ruby	2765 NE 44th Ave	515-803-6676
Raymond Lee	740 NE Aurora Ave.	515-419-8819
Stacia Mathis	1452 AMMUNITION AVE	515-971-2411
Linda White	1312 Boyd	515-289-6081
Michelle Ritchie	1224 E Vic Ave	515-262-2415
Scott Machel	2701 E 16th St	515-262-1819
Jan Duha	4450 SE 17th Ct, DSm	515-897-1232
Cornel Berima	4045 7th	515-771-6164
Clayton	1312 Boyd St.	515-473-4877
Harold Davis	2936 Walker	556-2213
Debra Underwood	3237 Cleveland	788-5300
Nicole Weirich	1925 39th St.	515-779-9241
Jerry Hall	5210 Jubin Park	515-778-7145
Kristine Blessing	953 40th St W.D.M	563-210-2845
Tara Bozarth	305 S F St.	515-622-3825
Wancy Harrison	209 NW College	(515) 250-2481
Steph	1251 Stewart	515-266-5423
Alexia	5013 Kansas Ave.	515-270-8799
Filk An/Map	3628 Kansas Ave	505-699-0183
Alta R. Herrick	1330 Richmond Ave 4500, 50316	712-244-8191
Brian Ritchie	1224 E 0012th	494-4123
Tom Can	1312 Boyd St	515-473-2149
Wendy	1358 Henderson	785-7402
Judy McCormick	2914 E 22nd St	263-9163
Romy	2040 Hull Ave	266-7128
Dan Stoppel	2040 Hull Ave	266-7128 (Business)
Deb Mark	2040 Hull Ave	266-7128
Korella	2040 Hull Ave	266-7128

Bauer Built  
Twe

## Petition to Oppose Closing of Hull Avenue

We, the undersigned residents who live east and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks oppose the proposal by Union Pacific to close through traffic and make **Hull Avenue a dead end** on both the east and west side of the tracks.

Name	Address	Phone
Cherie Mortice	2904 E. 22nd St. DM	515-266-4981
Patricia Parky	2204 Boyd St.	515-265-2146
2224 Kennedy	2214 Boyd St.	515-980-7106
Lee Sacklin	2228 Boyd St.	515-953-9557
Kathleen Jackson	2228 Boyd St.	515-953-9476
Barry Aldrich	2231 Boyd St.	515-243-4391
Allen Whisenand	2904 E 22nd CT	515-971-3488
Wilma Karnoz	2924 E 22nd CT	515-265-5007
John Storkel	2107 - Boon	515-366-8270
John Shraeder	Lutheran Park	971-0122
James Martell	2824 E 16th D34	515-710-2575
Ruby Kent	2824 E 16th D15	515-971-0433
Pat Rubina	2824 E 16th D-7	515-285-5760
Marv E. Wilson	2824 E 16th St.	515-240-9996
Linda K. Owsland	2824 E 16th St.	515-265-5098
Phyllis Mason	2824 E 16th St.	515-288-4359 59442
Hattie M. Lee	2824 E 16th St.	
Wayne T. Gandy	2824 E 16th	515-243-1846
Sue Patton	1523 McCormick St.	515-318-1187
Hanna Nielsen	2824 E 16th	515-266-7161
Sue Hale	2824 E 16th St.	515-280-3401
Phyllis Webb	2824 E 16th	515-282-7542
Marle Murphy	2824 E 16th St.	515-266-7352
Patricia St. John	2824 E 16th	515-282-0535
x Geraldine T. Kern	2824 E 16th	515-339-9536
Jonna Fitzgerald	2824 E 16th	515-266-7070
Janet Baggett	1305 Morton	515-265-7079
Mary Devine	2824 E 16th	NO PHONE SERVICE
Helen Busia	2824 E 16th	515-262-7162
Dorothy Mickey	4153 Tenth Avenue	515-262-3358
Jamette Wilson	8315 SE 13 Ave	515-265-3660

# Luther Park Apartments : Hull Ave (2824 E. 16<sup>TH</sup>)

## Petition to Oppose Closing of Hull Avenue

We, the undersigned residents who live east and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks oppose the proposal by Union Pacific to close through traffic and make **Hull Avenue a dead end** on both the east and west side of the tracks.

Luther  
Park Apts

Name	Address	Phone
Jean Gunther	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> DM 50316	NO SERVICE
Bernice Layton	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> DM 50316	
Shirley Warren	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> DM 50316	
Margaret Smith	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup>	
Thorey Stenlund	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> DM 50316	
Michael Chingwood	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> DM 50316	
Leatrice Hakee	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> ST 50316	
Janet Jensen	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> B214	
Mary Ann Walker	2669 E Sheridan Ave	
Norma J. Jarnestede	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> DM 50316	
A. Wash	2669 E. Sheridan Ave	
Betty J. Jarnestede	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> 50316	
Cynthia Calkins	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> 50316	
Mike Murray	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> 50316	
Margaret Thompson	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> 50316	
Barbara Olson	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> 50316	
Theresa Davis	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> 50316	
Donald Ramsey (M)	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> 50316	
Carlene Weaver	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> 50316	
Betty Weeghe	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> 50316	
Shirley Daniels	Albion Ave 50001	
CURTIS CARINGTON	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> ST	
W. W. C. C. C. C. C.	" " " " " "	
Jaida J. Cooper	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> + Hull 50316	
Barbara E. Poole	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> 50316	
Betty E. J. J. J. J.	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> 50316	
Art Matheson	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> Apt 326	
Emma Sweet	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> Apt 316	
Enrique Guichon	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> Apt B314	
Domini Guichon	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> Apt B314	
Betty J. J. J. J. J.	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> Apt B316	
Nancy E. Hardy	2824 E 16 <sup>TH</sup> Apt B317	

210  
32  
242



## Petition to Oppose Closing of Hull Avenue

We, the undersigned residents who live east and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks oppose the proposal by Union Pacific to close through traffic and make **Hull Avenue a dead end** on both the east and west side of the tracks.

Name	Address	Phone
Erinette B. Jones	2824 E 10 <sup>th</sup> Apt B 319	
Donnie Stearns	2824 E 16 <sup>th</sup> Apt B 318	
Jeff Rownt	1919 E 33 <sup>rd</sup> St. 50317	
Mary Wood	2549 E Sheridan Ave	
Ben D	3310 York St 50316	
Jacqueline	22550 E Sheridan	(515) 321-5450
Luis	3979 E 22 <sup>nd</sup> St	(351) 419 8188
María Jaime	1301 Boyd St	515-224-1560
Martin Muriu	2504 Gay St	(515) 480-5157
Amara Nolaskey	2770 E. 25 <sup>th</sup> St.	(515) 488-9325
Edwin E. Thomas	1348 Macdonald	265-5785
Maria Vargas	2555 Wedgewood	202-4850
Guillermo	1441 5 <sup>th</sup> St	515-494-2664
Gosino Barber Jr.	2531 Mansfield Pl. DSM, IA	515-473-1409
Joseph Rock	2827 E Clinton Ave	602-635-8780
Mandy Hunt	1530 E. Jefferson	515-689-9887
Cruz Cetron	2925 E 22 <sup>nd</sup> St	
Garry Schamp	2605 E Douglas	
Laura Givens	2400 E Aurora Ave DSM	515-266-0918
Josef Reed	3519 Kingman	250-8195
<del>Josef Reed</del>	1801 East 22 <sup>nd</sup> St	771-9942
Phonhiep Syphaxet	1213 Hutton St	515-402-0784
Kan Syphaxet	21101 E 23 <sup>rd</sup> St	619-2151
Tahkia Heard	P.O. Box 137 DSM 50301	(515) 528-1308
Monica Campos	2612 E. 9 <sup>th</sup> St	
Edith Menez	1294 E 19 <sup>th</sup> St	515 803-7648
Dominique TAYLOR	2210 E. Rose Ave # 19	515 943-0517
Tracy Jordan	2823 E Tiffin	515 967-6730
Carolina Hernandez	2501 Boyd St	515-868-4054
Jeff Stanley	David Ave	
Micole Gutierrez	Clithr, Ave	515-505-9801

242  
32  
274

Julia Salen

## Petition to Oppose Closing of Hull Avenue

We, the undersigned residents who live east and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks oppose the proposal by Union Pacific to close through traffic and make **Hull Avenue a dead end** on both the east and west side of the tracks.

Name	Address	Phone
Rose M. M. M.	2571 Ruthven	515-266-5925
Malcolm M. M.	7105 REITE AVE	505 255 0296
Joyce E. Rogers	3415 E 39th	515 266-6897
BDB Rogers	3415 E 39th	515 266-4897
Jaime M. Donald	828 Franklin	515-265-0274
John M.	3800 8th PL	515-243-3836
Betty M. M.	2441 Logan Ave	515-262-5004
Norman M. M.	4006 Richmond Ave	515-265-1317
Doris M. M.	800 Madison	515-266-3966
Dorothy M. M.	2339 N 10th	515-767-8345
R. M. M.	361 SE Polk Ave #303	515-965-8658
Kathleen M. M.	2511 E Tupper	265-3254
Kim M. M.	711 W. W. W.	954-5627
Andy M. M.	511 Kirkwood DM	288 0399
Judy M. M.	1067-37th N 111	255-2292
Norm M. M.	4460 NE 19th DM	991-3898
Scott M. M.	4460 NE 19th DM	556-2293
John M. M.	2824 E 16th DM	659-3709
Robert M. M.	3824 E Douglas DM	263-1570
Carolyn M. M.	110 N.W. Greenwood St	964-0788
Elmer M. M.	2804 E Douglas DM	263-1570
Jacqueline M. M.	2313-E 25th St. DM.	265-1699
Joyce M. M.	1560 ARTHUR AVE.	262-0330
Dick M. M.	1560 ARTHUR AVE.	262-0330
Jimmy M. M.	1305 Bentwood CT	8 975-4797
Jack M. M.	1425 Richmond	494-6025
Al M. M.	3200 E 8th St	314-0415
Deek M. M.	1311 E Madison	262 1353
Helen M. M.	1311 E Madison	262 1353
Deane M. M.	2571 Ruthven	770-9983
Lair M. M.	4130-7th Pl	243-8247
Ch M. M.	8364 Hickman, Clive	278-5400

274  
32  
306





# Petition to Oppose Closing of Hull Avenue

We, the undersigned residents who live east and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks oppose the proposal by Union Pacific to close through traffic and make **Hull Avenue a dead end** on both the east and west side of the tracks.

[illegible]

# Petition to Oppose Closing of Hull Avenue

We, the undersigned residents who live east and west of the Union Pacific railroad tracks oppose the proposal by Union Pacific to close through traffic and make **Hull Avenue a dead end** on both the east and west side of the tracks.

[illegible]

54



## Re: December 19, 2012 Zoning Board of Adjustment Preliminary Agenda

**fairground neighborhood** <fairgroundneighborhoodassoc@gmail.com>  
To: "Drost, Bert" <badrost@dmgov.org>

Wed, Dec 19, 2012 at 9:37 AM

Good morning Bert

Just wanted to let you the Fairground Neighborhood Assoc does not feel closing roads to cut a neighborhood in half is feasible we vote NO.

Thank you,

Sharon Cooper

President  
FNA

On Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 10:08 AM, Drost, Bert <badrost@dmgov.org> wrote:  
Dear Neighborhood Association Contact,

Thank you for your service and dedication to the City of Des Moines!

Please find attached the agenda for the monthly Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting.

You may also view the agenda online at <http://www.dmgov.org/government/boards/ZoningBoardofAdjustment>. By clicking on the "2012 Meeting Schedule Page" link towards the bottom of this page, you can also view past agendas and Decision & Orders (outcomes of the public hearing items).

Please forward this email to members of your board or association and residents, as you deem appropriate.

If you have questions or concerns regarding an item on an agenda, please do not hesitate to contact me at 283-4257 or BADrost@dmgov.org.

NOTE: You are receiving this email because you are the neighborhood contact on record with the City's Neighborhood Planning Division. If you are no longer the contact, please notify Amber Lynch at AMLynch@dmgov.org.

Sincerely,

Bert Drost

*\* Drost, AICP  
Planner  
& Urban Design Division  
D. Ray Drive  
Moines, Iowa 50309*



Archer Daniels Midland Company  
1935 E. Euclid Ave. Des Moines, IA 50313

November 8, 2012

400 Robert D Day Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Des Moines City Council and Planning & Zoning Committee members:

On behalf of ADM's soybean crushing facility in Des Moines, I am pleased to offer support for the proposed closure of the crossing at Hull Avenue and the related road infrastructure improvements.

ADM places a high value on safety – the safety of our employees and the safety of our community members. We believe that closing the crossing at Hull Avenue will allow for safer, more efficient access for our trucks and rail cars and will help improve road safety and reduce wait times at several railroad crossings for local residents. We recently completed significant investments at our facility to improve the flow of truck traffic, and we feel that this closure and the associated road improvements will further improve traffic and road safety near our facility. As an added benefit, it will reduce noise for nearby residents.

ADM has operated its soybean crushing plant in Des Moines since 1985. We employ more than 150 employees and provide a reliable market for hundreds of Iowa soybean producers. The proposed closure of the crossing on Hull Avenue supports the long-term viability and competitiveness of ADM's soy crush and oil refining business in Des Moines, from which we ship more than 8,000 rail cars per year. This project represents a positive step towards improving rail and truck logistics in the area and will help enable potential future expansions and long-term investments in our local operations.

ADM supported the City's Civil Engineering and Traffic Study on this project to ensure that the overall impact to the community will be positive. We believe that moving forward with the closure of the crossing at Hull Avenue and the associated road improvements is in the best interests of our local economy and the safety of the residents of Des Moines.

For further information, please contact ADM Media Relations:  
217-424-5413  
[media@adm.com](mailto:media@adm.com)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Pirolli', is written over a horizontal line.

James Pirolli





# Iowa Department of Transportation

800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010

515-239-1111

FAX: 515-239-1120

November 8, 2012

The Honorable T.M. Franklin Cownie and Des Moines City Council Members  
City of Des Moines  
400 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Subject: Proposed highway-railroad crossing closures

Dear Mayor Cownie and City Council Members:

I am writing to you regarding the expansion of the Union Pacific Railroad's Short Line Yard in Des Moines and the corresponding proposal to close several highway-railroad crossings. Freight transportation is in the spotlight today with projections of growth in freight of up to 60 percent by 2040 according to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). To accommodate this projected growth in freight shipments, the transportation system, including all modes of transportation, will need to be strengthened. The expansion of the Union Pacific Railroad's Short Line Yard in Des Moines is an infrastructure investment that will increase efficiency and expand capacity to help handle the future increased freight load, both for current and future businesses that depend upon rail in the Des Moines Metro area, and as part of the national freight transportation system.

Overall rail tonnage growth has been on an upward climb for decades. With more powerful and efficient locomotives, trains today are capable of pulling more weight and more cars than when the Short Line Yard was built. When a yard lacks the length or capacity to accommodate today's longer trains, efficiency suffers. The Union Pacific Railroad's Short Line Yard is currently at capacity. Without the expansion of Short Line Yard and the associated closures of 34<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> Street, future rail served businesses wishing to locate in the Des Moines area may not be able to obtain the rail service that they need to economically ship products and decide to locate elsewhere. As congestion grows, service to existing customers may deteriorate. Without sufficient capacity, highway-railroad crossings near the yard are more often blocked by incoming trains awaiting room to enter the yard, wasting motorist's time and fuel.

The proposed Hull Avenue closure will support the long-term viability and competitiveness of the ADM plant, due to a significant rail investment by Union Pacific Railroad in rail infrastructure as well as safer and more efficient truck access. With the addition of rail switches and an extended crossing-free segment of track, long enough to "hold" a train, blocked crossings at nearby streets will be reduced, mitigating the impact of the closure.

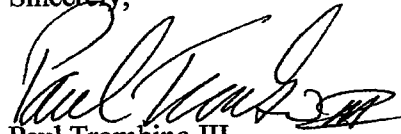
The Honorable T.M. Franklin Cownie and Des Moines City Council Members  
November 8, 2012  
Page Two

At the request of businesses in the area, Scott Avenue is closed and barricaded to street traffic. I understand that Union Pacific Railroad is requesting that the street closure be made permanent so that the highway-railroad crossing and associated signal equipment can be permanently removed. This will free Union Pacific from ongoing maintenance costs and regulatory oversight on the unused crossing.

Though I realize that closing a highway-railroad grade crossing can be a sensitive public issue, as a general rule, the Iowa DOT supports crossing closures on the basis of safety alone. Every at-grade highway-railroad crossing holds with it an inherent risk for vehicle-train collisions. Because of the mass of the trains, these collisions tend to be significantly more devastating than passenger vehicle crashes. Though three of the four crossings proposed for closure are currently protected by active crossing protection (lights or lights and gates), active protection is no guarantee of safety since historically, 41 percent of the collisions in the state occur at actively-protected crossings. In short, the safest crossing is no crossing.

The Iowa DOT supports the crossing closures proposed by Union Pacific Railroad to enhance the operations of the rail transportation system in the state of Iowa and the nation, support the growth and vitality of existing and new rail served businesses, and eliminate the potential of what can be the tragic consequences of a train-car collision at the crossings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Trombino III", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Trombino III

Director

PT:ckw

DES MOINES AREA



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

420 Watson Powell Jr. Parkway, Suite 200  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309  
Phone: 515.334.0075  
www.dnmpo.org

January 2, 2013

Ms. Brenda Mainwaring  
Director, Public Affairs IA NE  
Union Pacific Railroad  
1400 Douglas Street, Stop 1550  
Omaha, NE 68179

Dear Ms. Mainwaring:

SUBJECT: UNION PACIFIC EXPANSION IN DES MOINES

The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) offers this letter of support of the Union Pacific Railroad's plan to expand the Union Pacific rail yard in Des Moines and make other improvements to the infrastructure in the surrounding area. Increased access to rail and rail capacity are vital to the overall success of the transportation system and to the area's economy. The proposed project complies with goals 1.3 and 2.7 of the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*, which call for improvements to rail infrastructure in the region and the decrease of impedances to freight transportation.

Based on these factors the MPO supports Union Pacific's plans to expand and improve the Union Pacific rail yard in Des Moines.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Todd Ashby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

R. Todd Ashby  
Executive Director

Cc: Chris Coleman, MPO Chair

54



Bridgestone Americas, Inc.

Agricultural Division

4500 NW 2nd Ave, Suite 100  
Des Moines, IA 50313

Mr. Ken Allen  
President  
Firestone Ag Tire Division

To Whom It May Concern:

Transportation infrastructure is vitally important to any areas overall economy. That infrastructure from interstates and highways to airports and rail must be maintained and improved to meet the increasing demands of an ever-changing society. This letter is to pledge Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations support of the Union Pacific Railroad application for closure of four street crossings in Des Moines.

For over 65 years the Firestone plant on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue has been part of the Des Moines landscape. Millions of tires have been produced by thousands of Des Moines and surrounding communities' residents. The tire production involves mixing numerous raw materials including crude and synthetic rubber and carbon black. These major raw materials are transported primarily on rail infrastructure. This infrastructure must be maintained and upgraded as times change.

The Union Pacific Railroad has already invested \$15 MM since 2005 in the Des Moines area on rail infrastructure and the current proposal would add another \$8 MM. This infrastructure improvement is needed to increase capacity and improve operational efficiency.

With the Department of Transportation estimating a 61% increase in freight traffic by 2040, it is critical that rail infrastructure be upgraded and improved. This will allow the movement of as much freight as possible on rail and therefore leaving our interstate system to handle the additional truck traffic. The infrastructure improvements will not only address the capacity and operational issues, but will improve traffic flow at key intersections in Des Moines.

Bridgestone / Firestone has made tremendous investments in the Des Moines area the past 65 years. In June of this year Bridgestone announced the plans for an additional \$74 million investment bringing the total since March of 2010 to \$151 million. This investment will provide for additional building and curing capacity in the manufacturing plant. It is critical that major contributors of tire manufacturing such as rail and highway infrastructure be improved to keep pace. We urge city and county officials to support the UPRR's application for closure.

Regards,

Mr. Ken Allen  
President - Firestone Ag. Tire Division