



Item: Grade Crossing Construction and Maintenance Agreement for the 4th Avenue Northwest Improvements, O. F. 1488

From: Engineering Division

Initiated By: Public Works Department

Presented By: Jim Rearden, Public Works Director

Action Requested: Approve Agreement

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

"I move the City Commission approve the construction and maintenance agreement with the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railway Company (BNSF) and a payment in the amount of \$274,439.00 for the railroad crossing for the 4th Avenue Northwest Improvements, O.F. 1488, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement documents."

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls for the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Approve construction and maintenance agreement.

Background:

Significant Impacts

This project will provide a railroad crossing with signals and gates to the West Bank Park area and new Federal Courthouse.

Citizen Participation

Not applicable.

Workload Impacts

NCI Engineering is designing the project. City engineering staff is coordinating the design, obtaining the permits and will perform contract administration duties.

Purpose

This crossing will provide the primary access to the West Bank Park area and new Federal Courthouse.

Project Work Scope

This crossing is key to the overall development of the area and is part of the construction of 4th Avenue Northwest. The agreement provides for crossing panels, warning signals, and crossing gates. Other elements of the project include land acquisition, street construction, and utility improvements.

Evaluation and Selection Process

BNSF is a sole source provider.

Conclusion

City staff recommends approval of the agreement to allow the project to be completed.

Concurrences:

Not Applicable

Fiscal Impact:

The railroad crossing is a significant part of the overall cost of the construction of 4th Avenue Northwest. Tax Increment funding will be used to fund the project. Following is a breakdown of the BNSF costs:

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| Final Engineering | \$ 10,000 |
| Crossing Easement | \$ 20,000 |
| Crossing Panels | \$ 71,507 |
| Crossing Signals | <u>\$172,932</u> |
| | \$274,439 |

Alternatives:

The City Commission could vote to deny approval of the agreements and not provide good access to the Federal Courthouse and West Bank Park area.

Attachments/Exhibits:

1. Construction and Maintenance Agreements are attached.
(Not available online; on file in City Clerk's Office.)