



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: Dennis Sullivan, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: April 7, 2008
Subject: Resolution – Supporting Preliminary Engineering Agreement with CSX Transportation for Modification of State Street Rail Crossing.

List of committees that have reviewed: None

Background: The improvements to be supported by the Engineering Agreement are installation of segmental concrete panels to support the rails at the crossings and provide a long-lasting, smooth, at grade railroad crossing. Additionally, the panels will be extended beyond the edge of the roadway to allow for a sidewalk crossing as well on the north side of State Street. With the completion of the first two phases of the Family Sports Park, pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the center of town will pick up in the area. The sidewalk crossing will facilitate that traffic. This is the first step in the design and coordination of the project. Once a design has been settled on, the City will have to petition the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to formalize the agreement and stipulations of the improvement.

Legal considerations, if any: None, beyond ensuring the activities meet ICC requirements that will ultimately be reviewed by a judge.

Budget impact:: The \$8,000 engineering fee has been planned for and will be supported by Proposition S funding.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with CSX Transportation for \$8,000.