



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: Dennis Sullivan, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: February 04, 2008
Subject: RESOLUTION – Obernuefemann Road and State Street Railroad Crossing Improvements

List of committees that have reviewed: Public Works

Background: This proposal from Rhutasel and Associates is for the design and coordination of improvements to the Obernuefemann Road and State Street Railroad Crossings. The improvements involve the installation of segmental concrete panels to support the rails at the crossings and provide a long-lasting, smooth, at grade railroad crossing. The panels will be extended beyond the edge of the roadways to allow for sidewalk crossings as well. The actual design and specification writing is estimated to cost \$5,000. The cost to coordinate the crossing improvements with CSX Railroad and the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is estimated at \$12,000. From our recent experience with those two entities in the design of improvements to Old Collinsville Road, the coordination process and receipt of approval is not an easy one. The railroad works through a consultant firm out of Indianapolis and to gain approval from the ICC will likely take a hearing in Springfield where our consultant and the City Attorney will appear to present the City's petition to install the crossings.

Legal Considerations, if any: None, beyond normal consideration when contracting for professional services.

Budget Impact: The design and coordination will be funded by Prop S funding reserved in the FY09 budget.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the contract with Rhutasel and Associates, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.