



## 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 – Design of Venita Drive Bridge Over CSXT Railroad

**List of committees that have reviewed:** Public Works

**Background:** This \$295,000 proposal from Rhutasel and Associates is for the design of Design of Venita Drive Bridge over CSXT Railroad. The City began the request for funding from the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GPCF) approximately 8 years ago. Over those years, O'Fallon's request has progressively risen in the priority listing. In late 2007, the ICC informed the City that they should anticipate funding in IDOT's FY2012 GPCF program, meaning funding could be available as early as July 2011. As the coordination with the railroad, ICC, and IDOT as well as utility relocation and right-of-way acquisition will take a long period of time, the design of the crossing needs to be initiated. In anticipation of the crossing being funded, the City has over the past few years been acquiring property in the area. The property south of the railroad tracks has been obtained for the improvement. The area north of the tracks will now have to be acquired to accommodate the crossing.

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

**Budget Impact:** The design and coordination needed to construct the bridge will be funded by Motor Fuel Tax funding. Local funding for the 2011 and 2012 calendar year project has been reserved. Local funding required is 40% of the construction cost. The Illinois Commerce Commission through IDOT will fund 60% of the cost. The current working estimate for the construction is \$4.6 million, which makes O'Fallon's share approximately \$1.9 million. Local funding in the amount of \$2.4 million is currently reserved to support any contingencies encountered in the design process.

**Staff recommendation:** While the Public Works Committee did not act on the proposal at their last meeting, staff recommends approval of the contract with Rhutasel and Associates, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$295,000.