



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works**

Date: January 20, 2004
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Barb Johnson, Chair Ways & Means Committee
Subject: **Railroad Crossing Signals and Gates 33rd Street East between 26th Avenue South and Snelling Avenue South**

Recommendation:

1. Passage of a Resolution adding Municipal State Aid project 141-245-002 for the construction of Railroad Crossing and Signals and Gates on 33rd Street East to the City of Minneapolis' 2004 – 2008 five-year Capital Improvement Program.
2. Passage of a Resolution increasing the appropriation in Public Works Streets and Malls Capital (4100-937-9372) by \$20,000 for the City's estimated share of construction and engineering cost to be reimbursed by the State of Minnesota from the City's Municipal State-aid Account.
3. Passage of a Resolution directing that the proper City officers be authorized to execute Agreement No. 80253 with the Commissioner of Transportation, (Office of Freight, Railroads and Waterways) and the Minnesota Commercial Railway Company for construction costs for the above mentioned project.

Previous Directives:

None

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Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain): Special assessment against benefited properties.
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

Railroad Crossing Signals and Gates at 33rd Street East (Municipal State Aid 245)

The Railroad Crossing Signals and Gates is a Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) Project. The Hazard Elimination Safety Program is a federal safety program that provides funds for safety improvements on all public roads and highways. These funds serve to eliminate or reduce the number and/or severity of traffic accidents at locations selected for improvement.

Each year, local agencies compete for funds by submitting candidate safety projects for review and analysis. The State Transportation Department prioritizes these projects, statewide, and releases an annual HES Program Plan that identifies the projects that are approved for funding.

The State of Minnesota after applying the Federal rating formula selected, reviewed and approved the referenced Railroad Crossing at the intersection of 33rd Street East and Minnesota Commercial Railway Company's track. The State selected the intersection upgrade to include Signals and Gates. This project will improve Minneapolis' traffic safety by providing Signals and Gates at the intersection of 33rd Street East and Commercial Railway Company tracks.

The Federal Highway Administration in cooperation with the City of Minneapolis and the State of Minnesota has authorized \$134,126.15 of Federal Aid for the elimination of the hazard at this railroad grade crossing. Additionally, the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department is cooperating and participating in the mitigation of this hazard. The City of Minneapolis will provide 10% of the finances for this construction.

The construction work will be performed by Minnesota Commercial Railway Company personnel. Once the work is started, construction will require approximately two weeks. The work is required to be completed within the twelve months following the execution of the Agreement.

Attachment 1 – Standard Agreement “A” 80253 Exhibits “B” & “C” Project Map & Costs

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