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Date: October 17, 2017
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Dave Gobin, Community Development Director
Cc: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
Re: Request to Approve Quiet Zone Crossing Upgrades Expenses

INTRODUCTION: The City is undergoing a significant upgrade in the safety of the railroad vehicular intersections and pedestrian crossings along Mississippi Drive. As a result of these improvements, the area from Mad Creek to the Hershey Lift Station will be designated a railroad "Quiet Zone" (QZ), whereas, no train horns will be initiated unless there is a safety concern at the Conductor's discretion.

BACKGROUND: The City has conducted a request for quotation for the construction of several pedestrian crossings within the proposed QZ. The low quote of \$64,736.00 was from Smith Seeding, Inc. Funding for this project will be from a grant provided to the City from the Howe Foundation and will include the cost of supervision for the construction.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff is requesting Council approve that the City issue a Purchase Order with Smith Seeding, Inc. for \$64,736.00 upon successfully providing a Certificate of Insurance that is satisfactory to the City per the quotation specifications.

