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MEMORANDUM

Equipment Maintenance  
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Engineering

To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
CC: Fran Donelson, Secretary  
FROM: Randy Hill, Public Works Director  
DATE: May 3, 2011  
RE: Railroad Surface Repair Agreements

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INTRODUCTION:

The DM&E Railroad is scheduled to repair eleven (11) railroad crossings in Muscatine during the next 18 months. They need an agreement with the City of Muscatine and the Iowa Department of Transportation ensuring funds for the improvements before they can begin.

BACKGROUND:

The DM&E Railroad will make improvements to fifteen (15) crossings in Muscatine from 2010 – 2012. The City has already entered into an agreement with IDOT and the Railroad for repairs at Sampson, E. 5<sup>th</sup>, E. 9<sup>th</sup>, and Oregon. \$200,000 was budgeted in the 2010/2011 budget for those repairs. To date only Sampson Street has been completed.

The new agreements are for the following crossings: Houser St., Baker St., Nebraska St., Dewey Ave., Benham St., Musser St., Iowa Ave., Day St., Earl St., 59<sup>th</sup> St., and Cedar St. \$200,000 has been budgeted in the 2011/2012 budget for these repairs. The total cost to the City for these eleven crossings is \$283,565. The city's portion is 20%; the railroad is 20%; and IDOT pays 60%.

The contract allows for an 18 month construction schedule which allows the city to budget any balance needed in the FY 2012/2013 budget.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

It is the City Staff's recommendation to enter into an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation and the DM&E Railroad for grade crossing surface repairs. Improvements include concrete crossings, rails, ties, ballast, signing, detours, paving, labor and equipment.

**"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**

**BACKUP INFORMATION:**

1. IDOT Letters showing crossing locations
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



# Iowa Department of Transportation

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515/239-1108  
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December 22, 2010

Re: 2011 Grade Crossings Surface  
Repair Program –

Beth Lynn  
Engineering Office  
Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad  
140 N. Phillips  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5125

Dear Ms. Lynn:

60/20/20/ Program – Enclosed for your approval and signature are Grade Crossing Surface Repair Agreements (in triplicate) for the following crossing:

County	FRA #	Highway Authority	Location
Scott	865-635-T	City of Riverdale	S. Bellingham
Clay	385-717-Y	City of Spencer	4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. East
Clay	385-719-M	City of Spencer	11 <sup>th</sup> Ave. West
Clay	385-708-A	City of Spencer	10 <sup>th</sup> Ave. East
O'Brien	385-775-U	City of Sheldon	Washington Ave.
Washington	607-322-U	City of Washington	North 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
Muscatine	607-213-R	City of Muscatine	Musser Street
Muscatine	607-206-F	City of Muscatine	Iowa Street
Muscatine	607-212-J	City of Muscatine	Day Street
Muscatine	606-775-W	City of Muscatine	Earl Street
Muscatine	606-729-G	City of Muscatine	59 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Muscatine	607-204-S	City of Muscatine	Cedar Street
Muscatine	375-953-B	City of Muscatine	Houser Street
Muscatine	606-756-D	City of Muscatine	Baker Street
Muscatine	606-759-Y	City of Muscatine	Nebraska Street
Muscatine	606-758-S	City of Muscatine	Dewey Avenue
Muscatine	606-757-K	City of Muscatine	Benham Street

Please attach an Exhibit B (Railroad Cost Estimate) to each Agreement. After the Railroad Company signs all copies, please forward the Agreements in triplicate to Cities of Riverdale, Spencer, Muscatine, Sheldon and Washington as listed on the cover sheet of the Agreement so they can sign all copies and forward to my office for Iowa Department of Transportation approval. After all copies of the Agreements are fully executed, I will send an original counterpart of the Agreement to the cities, and the Railroad Company with authorization to proceed with the work.



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