



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Council Session

## Item G-18

**#2021-229 - Approving Union Pacific Railroad Reimbursement Agreement for Construction Engineering Services Related to Eddy Street Underpass Rehabilitation; Project No. 2019-U-1**

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Keith Kurz PE, Assistant Public Works Director

**Meeting:** September 14, 2021

**Subject:** Approving Union Pacific Railroad Reimbursement Agreement for Construction Engineering Services Related to Eddy Street Underpass Rehabilitation; Project No. 2019-U-1

**Presenter(s):** John Collins PE, Public Works Director

## **Background**

Public Works Engineering staff, along with Olsson, Inc. of Grand Island have completed an evaluation of the condition of the Eddy Street underpass which was built in 1950. The goal of this evaluation was to outline repairs and/or replacements to extend the life of the structure. Issues requiring evaluation were related to the condition of the concrete retaining walls of the structure as well as the condition of the Mill Drive and North Front Street Bridges. The current storm sewer pumping system for the underpass was also evaluated and will be rehabbed as needed. Installation of netting to aid in the reduction of roosting birds is desired. The objective of this stage of the project was to develop and evaluate recommendations for rehabilitation, evaluate opinions of cost, and select a preferred alternative.

The Engineering Division of the Public Works Department is in the final design phase of the Eddy Street Underpass Rehabilitation; Project No. 2019-U-1, with plans to solicit construction bids this fall.

## **Discussion**

The Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) requires the City to enter into a “Reimbursement Agreement for Construction Engineering Services”, for UPRR to perform the project work associated with the Eddy Street Underpass Rehabilitation; Project No. 2019-U-1. The City is required to pay the UPRR an amount not to exceed of \$25,000.00 on a time and materials basis to cover UPRR expenses in construction observation and appropriate flagging operations near their facilities while work is being performed.

Without this agreement the City cannot proceed with rehabilitation of the Eddy Street Underpass, as this work is directly under the rail line.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve a resolution allowing the City to enter into the Reimbursement Agreement for Construction Engineering Services with Union Pacific Railroad at the estimated amount of \$25,000.00 for Eddy Street Underpass Rehabilitation; Project No. 2019-U-1.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2021-229

WHEREAS, in connection with the Eddy Street Underpass Rehabilitation; Project No. 2019-U-1 a Reimbursement Agreement for Construction Engineering Services is required by the Union Pacific Railroad; and

WHEREAS, the agreement also requires an amount not to exceed of \$25,000.00 on a time and materials basis; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City's Legal Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into the Reimbursement Agreement for Construction Engineering Services with the Union Pacific Railroad in connection with Eddy Street Underpass Rehabilitation; Project No. 2019-U-1.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, September 14, 2021.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
September 13, 2021	☐ City Attorney