
City of Grand Island



Tuesday, April 01, 2003
Study Session Packet

City Council:

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Mayor:

Jay Vavricek

City Administrator:

Marlan Ferguson

City Clerk:

RaNae Edwards

7:00:00 PM
Council Chambers - City Hall
100 East First Street

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

A - SUBMITTAL OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Individuals who have appropriate items for City Council consideration should complete the Request for Future Agenda Items form located at the Information Booth. If the issue can be handled administratively without Council action, notification will be provided. If the item is scheduled for a meeting or study session, notification of the date will be given.

B - RESERVE TIME TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

This is an opportunity for individuals wishing to provide input on any of tonight's agenda items to reserve time to speak. Please come forward, state your name and address, and the Agenda topic on which you will be speaking.



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Item -1

Presentation by Code Compliance Officer Tim Holloway Regarding Problem Resolution Team (PRT) Report

The City Legal Department's Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Holloway, is inspecting all areas of the City of Grand Island for nuisance violations of the Municipal Code. Inspections have been completed for Ward #4 and the initial inspections for Ward #3 have also been completed. Tim is now in the process of doing follow up inspections for Ward #3. Once the follow-up inspection of Ward #3 has been completed Ward #2 will be inspected. After Ward #2 is inspected Wards #1 & #5 will be inspected. Tim will try to follow up with another inspection of Wards #3 & #4 before the end of the year.

Assistant City Attorney Dale Shotkowski has filed petitions on those properties where the nuisance has not been abated as requested after the initial inspections. For those properties that are brought into compliance after a petition is filed but prior to the first court date, it has been the City's policy to dismiss the case if the property owner pays all court costs and service fees. This process will be followed for all of the Wards in the City.

As we get into the summer months and the City receives complaints about unmowed weeds and grasses, we will inspect those properties when complaints are made to us or respond to situations where an obvious violation exists.

Staff Contact: Doug Walker

CODE COMPLIANCE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND

Report for City Council Wards

COMPLAINT	JUNK VEHICLES	LITTER TRASH	GRAFFITI	OTHER	TOTAL
Ward 5 – 2002	150	77	0	7	234
Ward 5 – 2003					
Ward 4 – 2002	377	183	16	23	599
Ward 4 – 2003	306	60	2	0	368
Ward 3 – 2002	177	72	8	8	265
Ward 3 – 2003	155	26	6	0	187
Ward 2 – 2002	91	19	0	2	112
Ward 2 – 2003					
Ward 1 – 2002	129	26	0	0	155
Ward 1 - 2003					
Total 2002/2003	924/ 461	377/ 86	24/ 8	40/ 0	1365/ 555

Tim Holloway
Code Compliance Officer
March 28, 2003

The city wide inspection by council wards is now underway. I started in Ward 4 this year and have completed Ward 4 and Ward 3. Follow-up inspections will be completed for Ward 4 are done and I have started on the follow-up of Ward 3.

CODE COMPLIANCE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND

Report for March 2003

COMPLAINT	MARCH 2002 TOTAL	MARCH 2003 TOTAL	Y-T-D 2002	Y-T-D 2003	*CLEARED 2003
JUNK VEHICLES	257	153	556	478	325
LITTER/REFUSE	105	26	286	96	71
GRAFFITI	9	6	16	10	4
WEEDS	0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	371	185	859	584	400

*Cleared items include those referred to other departments

Tim Holloway
Code Compliance Officer



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Item -2

Presentation on Proposed 2004 Railroad Corridor Study

Our community was laid out to serve the railroads and now we struggle to use the same space. Discussions have centered on maintenance of crossings and side-tracks, horn noise, building of new overpasses and underpasses and closing of some crossings. Installation of the Directional Automated Horn System has been suggested but railroad circuitry needs to be upgraded first. The One and Six Year Street Improvement Program has funds planned for a comprehensive railroad corridor study in 2004. Steve Riehle will make a Power Point presentation that should generate some discussion.

Staff Contact: Steve Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Director

Railroads helped the US Grow

- Grand Island has multiple Railroads

– Union Pacific



– Burlington Northern Santa Fe



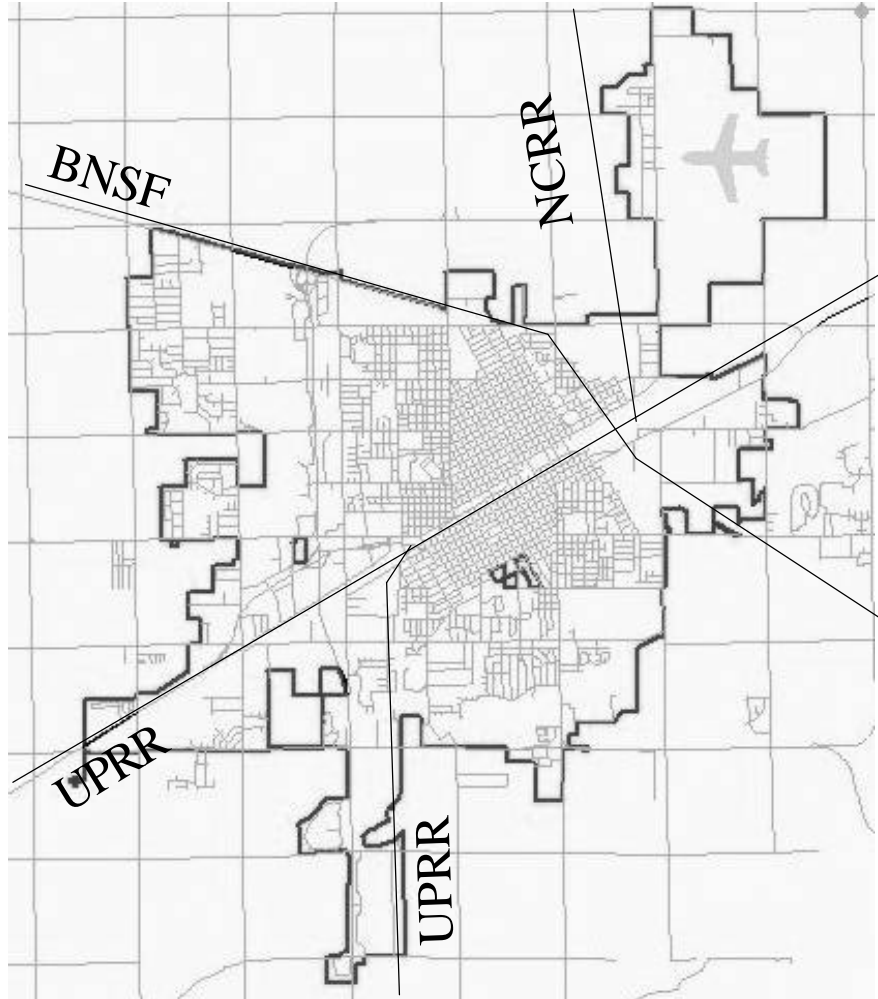
– Nebraska Central



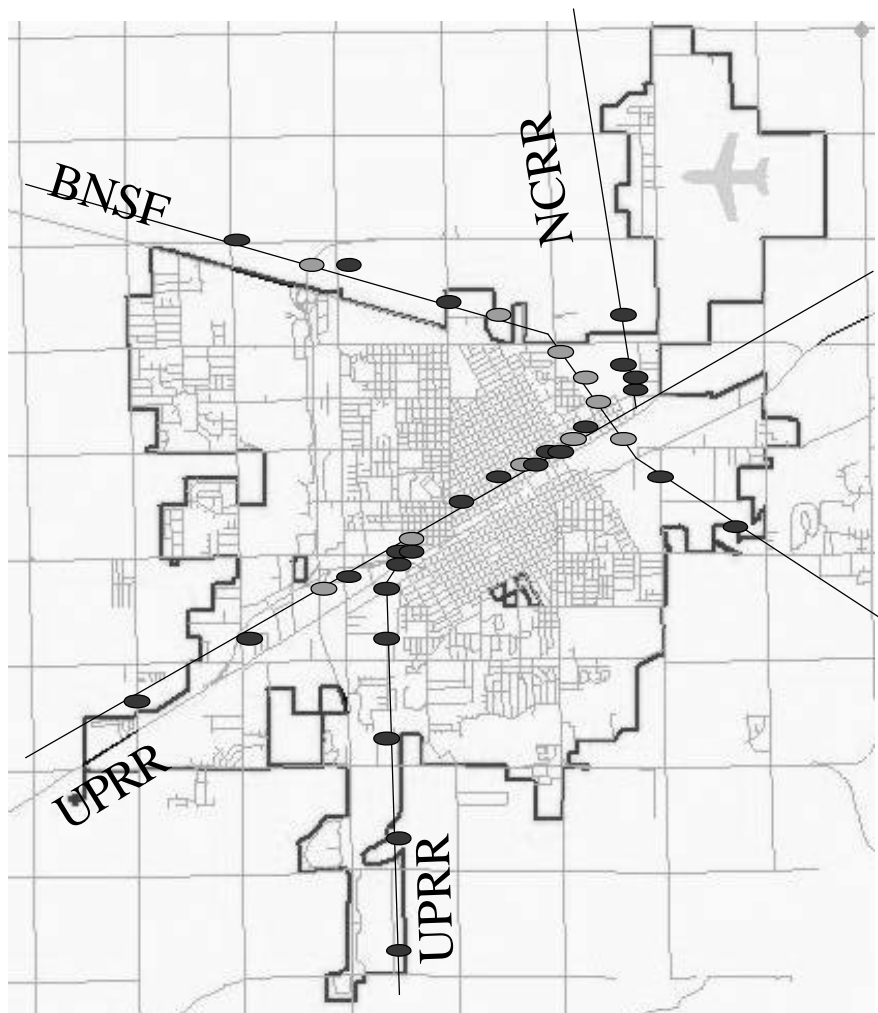
Some Train Counts

- Union Pacific Railroad
 - 140 Trains per day between North Platte & Gibbon
 - 70 Trains per day through Grand Island
- Burlington Northern Santa Fe
 - ? Trains per day through Grand Island

- You can't go anywhere in Grand Island without crossing a set of railroad tracks



- At Grade Railroad Crossings
- Overpasses or Underpasses



Crossings

Listed by Railroad

<u>Union Pacific Railroad</u>	<u>Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad</u>	<u>Central Nebraska Railroad</u>
Oak Street Sycamore Street Pine Street Walnut Street Elm Street Eddy Street Lincoln Avenue Broadwell Avenue Second Street (US Hwy 30) Blaine Street (Custer Ave) Webb Road US Highway 281 Stolley Park Road Engleman Road	North Road US Highway 281 Webb Road Broadwell Avenue Capital Avenue 18 th Street 10 th Street 4 th Street East US Highway 30 (1 st and 2 nd Street) Stuhr Road Bismark Road	Capital Avenue 8 th Street 7 th Street 4 th & 5 th Streets <u>Power Plant Spur</u> Blaine Street West Second Street Koenig Street Stolley Park Road Schimmer Drive Wildwood Drive

Crossings are Rough and Too Many



Need for more Under/Overpasses



Existing Underpasses need to be upgraded

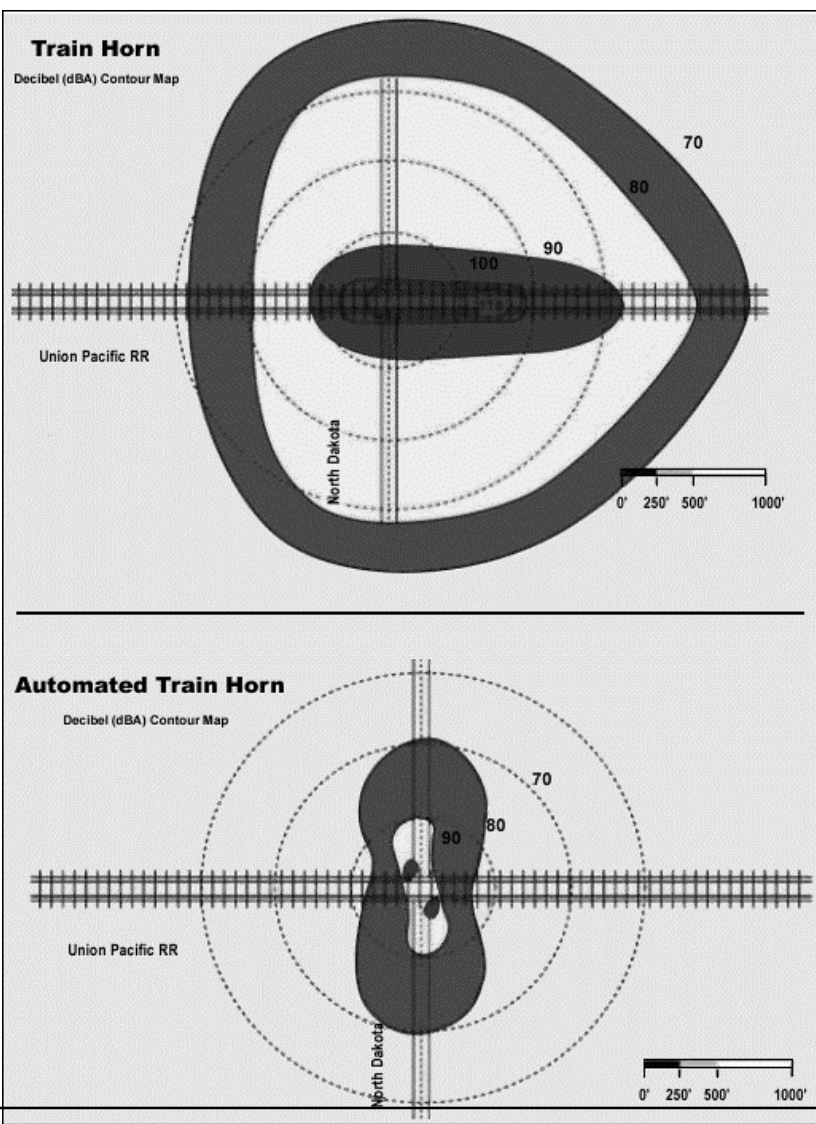


Directional
Horns
(Automated
Horn System
AHS) would
Reduce Noise
Pollution



Sound
Comparison:
Train Horn vs.
AHS™

- Locomotive engineers are required to sound the train's horn 1/4 mile in advance of the crossing and continue to sound the horn until the train arrives at the crossing.
- The area impacted by the AHS™ is a fraction of the size of the 80 decibel contour produced by the train horn.



Where from Here?

- Railroad Corridor Study in 2004
 - Consider closing crossings
 - New Underpasses & Overpasses
 - Rehab existing Underpasses
 - Review AHS Directional Horns
 - Improve safety at existing Crossings

Questions

