

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 8

DATE: August 17, 1998

STAFF: Mike Herzig

SUBJECT:

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 123, 1999, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the Capital Projects Fund Minor Streets Capital Project to Be Used to Upgrade Crossing Warning Devices at the West Drake Road and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Crossing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On August 3, 1999, Council unanimously adopted Resolution 99-95 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF), for upgrading the crossing warning devices at the West Drake Road and BNSF crossing. Ordinance No. 123, 1999, which was also unanimously adopted on First Reading on August 3, 1999, appropriates the \$169,413 in Federal Funds budgeted towards the project in to the City's Minor Streets Capital Project in the Capital Projects Fund.

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FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 16 A-B

DATE: August 3, 1998

STAFF: Mike Herzig

SUBJECT:

Items Relating to Upgrading Crossing Warning Devices.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution and of the Ordinance on First Reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Federal "ISTEA" funds will pay for 100% of the cost to upgrade the crossing warning devices. \$169,413 in Federal Funds has been budgeted towards this project and is being appropriated into the City's Minor Streets Capital Fund. The City is required to pay for the Colorado Department of Transportation's costs for administering the project. These costs, estimated at \$2,587, will be paid with existing Minor Streets Capital Funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- A. Resolution 99-95 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation, and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company for Upgrading the Crossing Warning Devices at the West Drake Road and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Crossing.
- B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 123, 1999, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the Capital Projects Fund Minor Streets Capital Project to Be Used to Upgrade Crossing Warning Devices at the West Drake Road and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Crossing.

The agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF), is for upgrading the crossing warning devices at the West Drake Road and BNSF crossing as shown on the attached map. The project consists of upgrading the existing signal system and adding gates to improve safety. A "constant warning device" that monitors the track for approaching trains will also be upgraded with new equipment. The "constant warning device" minimizes the delay to traffic at the crossing. The new equipment will also reduce the risk of equipment failure which can cause extensive delays to traffic.

The City applied for and received Federal ISTEA Funds to pay for 100% of the cost to upgrade the crossing warning devices. Ordinance No. 123, 1999, appropriates the \$169,413 in Federal Funds budgeted towards the project in to the City's Minor Streets Capital Project in the Capital Projects Fund. The BNSF's estimated cost for the upgrade is \$162,913. The City is required to pay for CDOT's costs for administering the project, because the federal funds may not be used for this purpose. These costs, estimated at \$2,587, will be paid for with existing Minor Streets Capital Funds.

This project is planned to be done in coordination with another project under separate agreement between the City and the BNSF to replace and widen the crossing material to add pedestrian crossings.

Construction of the improvements is not yet scheduled.

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