

Discuss, Consider, and/or Approve the reimbursement agreement between BNSF Railway Company and the City of Bay City, Texas.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT – BNSF Railway Company

BACKGROUND:

January 23, 2024- The City entered a contract with HDR Engineering to coordinate with both railroad companies (UPRR and BNSF), identify improvement requirements to meet the identified supplementary safety measures (SSM) required to establish the city-wide quiet zone and provide the necessary documentation to the Federal Railroad administration (FRA) to establish the zone in the City limits. This agreement for consideration relates to **Task 3 – Preliminary Design Stage and Agency Input.**

This agreement allows BNSF to be reimbursed for time spent on field diagnostic on-site meetings. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a crossing-by crossing walkthrough to determine existing conditions and identify relevant safety issues that should be addressed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: \$39,337- This reimbursement will be paid from General Fund Reserves. A request has been made to be placed on the Bay City Community Development's agenda for consideration to share the cost. This is part of the BCCDC's Strategic focus who partnered with the City on the HDR Contract in January.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council approve the reimbursement agreement.

ATTACHMENTS: BNSF Agreement