

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Authorization to Submit CSX Right-of-Entry Application – 9th Street Resurfacing Project

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Department: Procurement, Engineering

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Item Description: Consideration to approve authorization to submit CSX Right-of-Entry application for the 9th Street Resurfacing Project in Rincon.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of authorization to submit a CSX Right-of-Entry application necessary to obtain access to CSX railroad right-of-way for construction activities associated with the 9th Street Resurfacing Project.

Executive Summary / Background:

A portion of the proposed milling and resurfacing work in 9th Street Resurfacing Project in Rincon is located within or adjacent to CSX Transportation railroad right-of-way near the existing railroad crossing. As a result, CSX requires the County to obtain a Right-of-Entry Agreement prior to performing construction activities.

The proposed action authorizes submission of the required CSX Right-of-Entry application to enable the completion of the 9th Street Resurfacing Project. Construction is anticipated to take one to two days.

If the application is approved by CSX, Effingham County will be responsible for reimbursing CSX for administrative review, engineering review, railroad flagging, and other railroad-related costs associated with the Right-of-Entry process. CSX estimates railroad flagging costs at approximately \$2,400 per day when flagging protection is required, resulting in an anticipated flagging cost of approximately \$2,400 to \$4,800 for the proposed one- to two-day project. Additional administrative and engineering review costs will be determined by CSX upon review of the application and must be paid in advance of construction.

Approval of this item will authorize staff to initiate the CSX review process and obtain the permissions necessary to complete the 9th Street Resurfacing Project.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the Lighting Services Agreement
2. Do not approve
3. Provide staff with direction

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Procurement, Engineering

Funding Source: Capital Improvement Budget

Attachments: CSX Initiation Form & SCDOT ROE Application

