



ACTION ITEM REPORT

Item Title:

Consideration and ACTION to amend the interlocal agreement with the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) to include additional funding for preliminary engineering services and for construction and maintenance work with Union Pacific Railroad related to the affected track and right-of-way near the Whipple Road Upgrade Project.

Recommendation:

Whipple Road Widening Project is continuing to proceed. While it is much slower than anyone would like, things are happening. This is additional funding required to deal specifically with the Union Pacific Railroad crossing. Since we will not just be widening the roadway that crosses the railroad, but we will include sidewalks, it makes it more difficult and costly. The amount the City will be responsible for is \$60,000 with the preliminary engineering for this specific area being \$15,000 and the construction and maintenance agreement to compensate Union Pacific being \$45,000. Hopefully, this is the last of the funding needed to move us to the final engineering phase. Funds are available in the TIRZ #1 Fund. One of the original objectives included with TIRZ #1 was Whipple Road so these funds qualify.

I recommend approval.