



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 24-R-30 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into An Agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad for a Preliminary Engineering Study of Railroad Facilities in the City of Republic.

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Issue Statement

The BUILDS Department is requesting approval authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) for a Preliminary Engineering Study with respect to railroad facilities located in the City of Republic.

Discussion and/or Analysis

The Agreement is a 50/50 partnership between BNSF and the City of Republic for an Engineering Study to include On-Site/Diagnostic Evaluations and Preliminary Engineering of Railroad Facilities in the City of Republic, which will result in a Report, Preliminary Design, and Cost Estimates for potential Projects to improve overall transportation safety in the City. Additionally, the finalized Study will allow the City to pursue BNSF, State, and Federal Grants and other Funding Opportunities for implementation of the recommended safety and transportation improvements.

The cost of the Study for the City is a not-to-exceed amount of \$42,000; BNSF is covering the other fifty percent of total cost for the Study.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.