



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 26-20 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and BNSF Railway Company for a Rail Crossing Closure at Orr Street.

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Issue Statement

The BUILDS Department is requesting authorization for execution of an Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) for the closure of the At-Grade Rail Crossing at Orr Street, associated with Missouri Department of Transportation's (MODOT) MM Realignment Project.

Discussion and/or Analysis

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) Agreement formalizes the responsibilities of the MHTC, Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) Railway, and the City of Republic relating to the closure of the At-Grade Rail Crossing at Orr Street, as part of the MM Realignment Project.

The closure of the At-Grade Crossings for the MM Realignment Project was a decision of the MHTC and BNSF to improve safety in and along the Corridor. The Orr Street closure is one of three At-Grade Crossings which will be permanently closed as part of the project, this closure is the only one in which the City is a participant; the timing of the closure will be determined by MODOT and BNSF.

The Agreement specifies the City of Republic shall vacate areas within BNSF's Right-of-Way installing temporary barricades, if needed, until such time permanent barricades on both sides of the At-Grade Crossing are installed by MODOT.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.