

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA ITEM NO.**

SUBJECT: Study to close the current BNSF crossing on Caron Road and locate up to two new interchange switches eliminating one or possibly two rail crossings.

Staff Contact: Jason Anderson

Summary: This City of Rochelle Railroad (CRRR) currently interchanges with the BNSF mainline where two passively protected railroad crossings are located on Caron Road and one passively protected crossing is located on Steam Plant Road. In 2023 the City applied for and was awarded a Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) Grant to fund 80% of a study that will determine the best relocation of new BNSF/CRRR switches so to eliminate the BNSF traffic from crossing all three crossings when interchanging with the CRRR. The proposal is called FY 2024 Rochelle Crossing Elimination Initiative. The City published a Request for Qualifications to engineering firms who could conduct the study and after numerous calls soliciting responses, only one response was received. Fehr Graham and Transystems combined their resources and responded to the RFQ. Both firms, combined, have many years of experience of designing rail system improvements for both the CRRR and the BNSF. The procurement committee charged with reviewing the responses made up of the Mayor, City Manager and Economic Development Director reviewed the qualifications and are satisfied that Fehr Graham and Transystems are qualified to conduct the study.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
CIR Capital/ Maintenance Fund	\$60,000	\$55,000
IDOT SPR Grant	\$240,000	\$220,000

Recommendation: City Staff recommends awarding the Professional Engineering Services for the FY 2024 SPR Rochelle Crossing Elimination Initiative to Fehr Graham and Transystems..

Supporting Documents:

Resolution to Approve the Contract Award
Fehr Graham Proposal for Professional Engineering Services
RFQ Documents