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02-10-09

### COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: BLOOMINGTON ROAD WIDENING (UPRR TRACKS TO EAST OF HYDE AVENUE)**

**BACKGROUND:**

According to the developer's agreement associated with the platting of the Uthe Farm, located north of Bloomington Road and west of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), the developer is responsible for installation of all improvements specified by the agreement. This includes widening a portion of Bloomington Road along the southern edge of the development into a four-lane roadway, thereby also widening the existing at-grade railroad crossing. The City is responsible for widening Bloomington Road east of the railroad crossing to east of Hyde Avenue and for installation of sidewalk along City property on the north side of the project area.

HWS Consulting Group, Inc. has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs of \$293,000. This includes installation of conduit and handholes for the Electric Department in the amount of \$10,000 from the Electric Utility fund, as designated in the 2009/10 CIP. Including design fees and anticipated construction administration expenses, total costs are estimated to be \$335,000. This project is shown in the 2006/07 approved budget with financing in the amount of \$75,000 and in the 2007/08 budget in the amount of \$250,000. Any additional funding that may be needed upon completion of the project will be provided through savings from the 2007/2008 Concrete Pavement Improvements Program.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Bloomington Road Widening (UPRR Tracks to East of Hyde Avenue) by establishing March 4, 2009, as the date of letting and March 10, 2009, as the date for report of bids.
2. Reject the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Bloomington Road widening by the developer and the installation of the railroad crossing will be completed this construction season. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Bloomington Road Widening (UPRR Tracks to East of Hyde Avenue) by establishing March 4, 2009, as the date of letting and March 10, 2009, as the date for report of bids to ensure all portions of the project are completed this construction season.