

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT - 24TH ST CROSSING

BACKGROUND:

A sidewalk connection over the Union Pacific railroad tracks at the 24th Street crossing just west of Hayes Avenue has been highly desired by community sidewalk users for many years. In order to accomplish this project, it has been added to the 2021/22 Concrete Pavement Improvements Program which includes reconstructing segments of Stange Road and 24th Street. Union Pacific Railroad will be adding additional concrete panels between the tracks to allow for the sidewalk connection.

The agreement with UP includes the cost to complete the crossing installation prior to the street reconstruction project as well as the long-term maintenance obligation for the crossing. The estimated cost to make these crossing improvements is \$52,270. The approved FY 2021/22 Capital Improvements Plan contains \$4.2 million for the Concrete Pavement Improvements Program. The overall roadway project will be let by the Iowa Department of Transportation at a later date.

It should be noted the agreement requires that any future maintenance, repairs, or reconstruction of this sidewalk segment across the tracks will be performed at the City's expense.

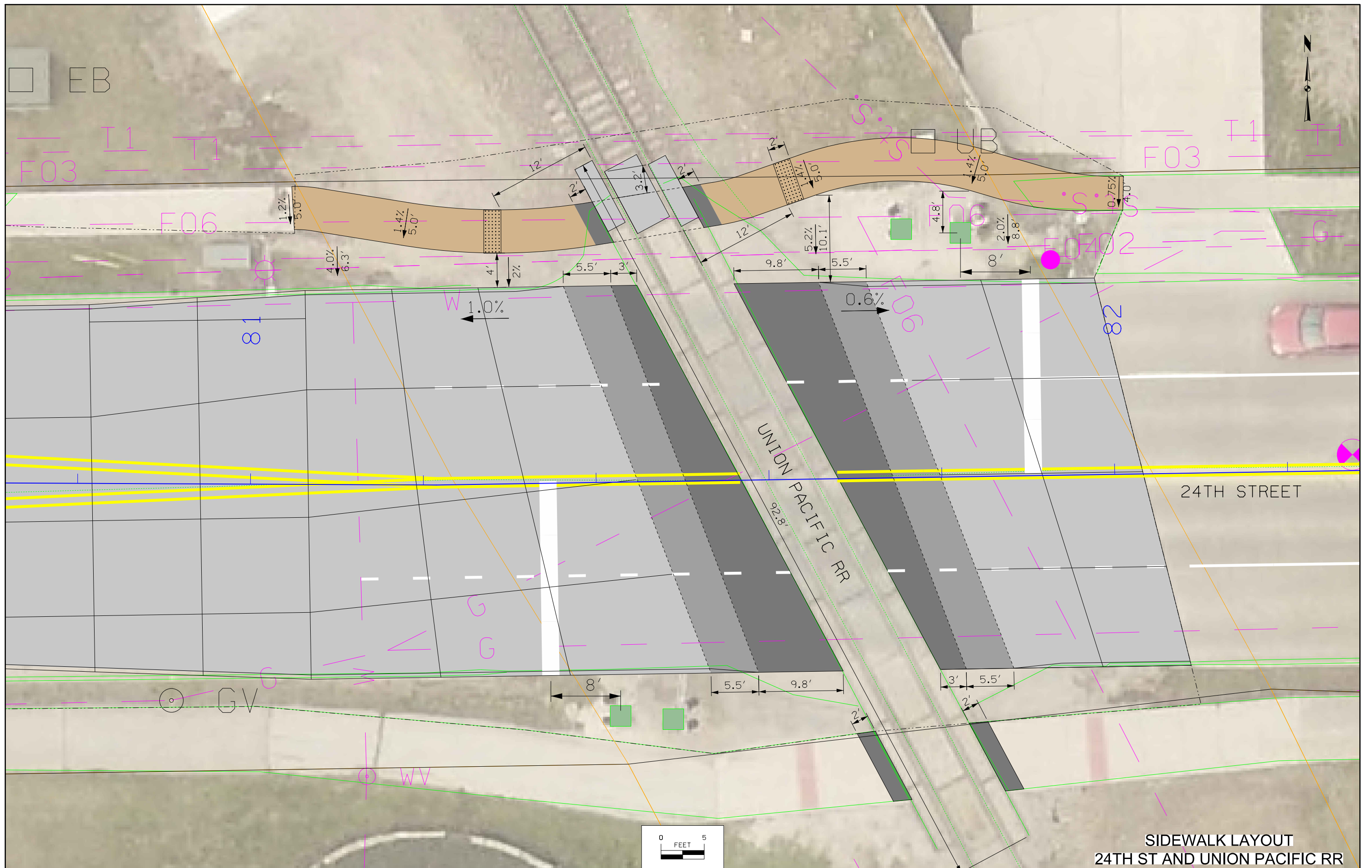
As stated in the agreement, UP will be responsible for the initial construction work completed inside the tracks, with the City reimbursing the UP for this work. All other work outside of the tracks will be completed by the City's contractor as part of the remaining 2021/22 Concrete Pavement Improvements project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Union Pacific Railroad maintenance and construction agreement for the 24th St crossing.
2. Do not approve this agreement.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Iowa Department of Transportation requires this agreement be executed before the total street project can be let. **Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.** The \$52,270 required to complete the sidewalk will come from the over 2020/21 Concrete Pavement Improvements project budget.



**SIDEWALK LAYOUT
24TH ST AND UNION PACIFIC RR**