

Date **January 28, 2013**

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission has advised that at a public hearing held on January 3, 2013, its members considered a motion to recommend approval of a request from Union Pacific Railroad (owner) to vacate the following four segments of street right-of-way where the railroad right-of-way intersects:

- A) Hull Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Dixon Street.
- B) Scott Avenue between Southeast 20th Street and Southeast 22nd Street.
- C) Southeast 34th Street between Scott Avenue and East Court Avenue.
- D) Southeast 36th Street at a point north of Scott Avenue.

Subject to the following:

1. Reservation of any necessary easements for all utilities in place, including the water lines, until such time that they are abandoned or relocated.
2. Construction of the following improvements:
 - a) Installation of a flashing notification signal on Guthrie Avenue at the Dixon Street intersection.
 - b) Lengthening of the East Euclid Avenue turning lane and installation of a left turn light at the Dixon Street intersection.
 - c) Enlargement of the Dixon Street and Hull Avenue intersection to accommodate semi truck turning movements.
 - d) Construction of turning lane and traffic light improvements at the Dean Avenue and East 30th Street intersection.
 - e) Construction of a permanent SE 38th Street crossing.
 - f) Paving of Laurel Hill Road with an overlay surface.
 - g) Construction of an emergency access road along the south perimeter of the tracks that would connect SE 34th Street to the proposed SE 38th Street crossing.

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WHEREAS, the motion failed by a vote of 5-8 and no further motions were made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council desires to receive and file the City Planning Commission communication and directs staff to meet with the Union Pacific railroad to determine if additional options and improvements can be considered to mitigate the proposed closures.

MOVED by _____ to receive and file.

FORM APPROVED:

(Council Communication No. 13-040)


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(11-2012-1.22, 11-2012-1.23, 11-2012-1.21, 11-2012-1.24)

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
TOTAL				

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk

Date _____
Agenda Item 54
Roll Call # _____

January 9, 2013

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Des Moines, Iowa

Members:

Communication from the City Plan and Zoning Commission advising that at their meeting held January 3, 2013, the following action was taken regarding a request from Union Pacific Railroad (owner) for vacation of four segments of street right-of-way where the railroad right-of-way intersects.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

After public hearing, the members voted 5-8 as follows:

Commission Action:	Yes	Nays	Pass	Absent
JoAnne Corigliano	X			
Shirley Daniels	X			
Jacqueline Easley		X		
Tim Fitzgerald		X		
Dann Flaherty		X		
John "Jack" Hilmes	X			
Ted Irvine	X			
Greg Jones	X			
William Page		X		
Christine Pardee		X		
Mike Simonson		X		
CJ Stephens		X		
Vicki Stogdill		X		

The MOTION to approve the requested vacations listed below FAILED:

- A) Hull Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Dixon Street. (11-2012-1.22)
- B) Scott Avenue between Southeast 20th Street and Southeast 22nd Street.
(11-2012-1.23)
- C) Southeast 34th Street between Scott Avenue and East Court Avenue.
(11-2012-1.21)
- D) Southeast 36th Street at a point north of Scott Avenue. (11-2012-1.24)

No further motions were made.



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STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE P&Z COMMISSION

Staff recommends approval of the requested vacations subject to the following:

1. Reservation of any necessary easements for all utilities in place, including the water lines, until such time that they are abandoned or relocated.
2. Construction of the following improvements:
 - a) Installation of a flashing notification signal on Guthrie Avenue at the Dixon Street intersection.
 - b) Lengthening of the East Euclid Avenue turning lane and installation of a left turn light at the Dixon Street intersection.
 - c) Enlargement of the Dixon Street and Hull Avenue intersection to accommodate semi truck turning movements.
 - d) Construction of turning lane and traffic light improvements at the Dean Avenue and East 30th Street intersection.
 - e) Construction of a permanent SE 38th Street crossing.
 - f) Paving of Laurel Hill Road with an overlay surface.
 - g) Construction of an emergency access road along the south perimeter of the tracks that would connect SE 34th Street to the proposed SE 38th Street crossing.

Written Responses

6 In Favor

47 In Opposition + petitions

STAFF REPORT

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Purpose of Request:** Union Pacific Railroad is proposing the permanent closure of these crossings. This would improve train movement through Des Moines and reduce vehicle backups at the crossings at Hubbell Avenue, East Grand Avenue, East Walnut Street and Dean Avenue. It also would create rail capacity to serve expanding operations at the ADM facility and would increase capacity in the Union Pacific Short Line Yard to serve future local and regional needs.
2. **Existing Zoning and Land Uses:** The Hull Avenue and Scott Avenue areas contain a mix of industrial and commercial uses. The properties in these areas are zoned a mix of "M-1" Light Industrial District and "M-2" Heavy Industrial District zoning. The SE 34th Street and SE 36th Street area contains a mix of single-family dwellings and light industrial uses. The area consists of a mix of "R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District, "R1-70" One-Family Low-Density Residential District, "R-2" One- and Two-Family Residential District and "M-1" Light Industrial District zoning.

- 3. Applicable Recognized Neighborhood(s):** The Hull Avenue right-of-way is not located within the boundaries of a recognized neighborhood association. However, the Fairmont Park, Highland Park and the Union Park Neighborhoods are in the vicinity. The Scott Avenue right-of-way is not located in or near a recognized neighborhood. The SE 34th Street and SE 36th Street area is located in the Laurel Hill Neighborhood. The Capitol East and Fairground Neighborhoods are also in the vicinity.

These neighborhood associations were notified of the Commission meeting by mailing of the Preliminary Agenda on November 30, 2012. Additionally, on December 10, 2012, separate notifications of the hearing were mailed to the neighborhood association contacts. A Final Agenda was mailed to the neighborhood associations on December 14, 2012. All agendas and notices are mailed to the primary contact(s) designated by the recognized neighborhood association to the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Development Division.

The Fairmont Park Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Steve Walter, 3114 East 24th Street, Des Moines, IA 50317. The Highland Park Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Trudy McCormick, 1226 East Oak Park Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50316-1236. The Union Park Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Marsha Steele, P.O. Box 16113, Des Moines, IA 50316. The Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Cynde Rayman, 404 SE 36th Street, Des Moines, IA 50317. The Capitol East Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Peggy Ingram, 1441 Capitol Avenue #10, Des Moines, IA 50316. The Fairground Neighborhood Association notices were mailed to Sharon Cooper, P.O. Box 8057, Des Moines, IA 50301.

Additional notice and neighborhood meetings are discussed in Section II of this report.

- 4. Relevant Zoning History:** None.
- 5. 2020 Community Character Land Use Plan Designation:** All four locations are designated "General Industrial" on the Future Land Use Map.
- 6. Applicable Regulations:** The Commission reviews all proposals to vacate land dedicated for a specific public purpose, such as for streets and parks, to determine whether the land is still needed for such purpose or may be released (vacated) for other use. The recommendation of the Commission is forwarded to the City Council.

II. ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE INFORMATION

- 1. Utilities:** Easements must be provided for all existing utilities until such time they are relocated at the applicant's expense. Staff is aware of water lines in the Hull Avenue and SE 34th Street right-of-ways that would require easements.

- 2. Emergency Response Access:** The proposed vacations have been reviewed by the Fire Department and Police Department for impacts on emergency response services. The Fire Department has requested the installation of a flashing notification signal on Guthrie Avenue at the intersection of Dixon Street and Guthrie Avenue. This signal will face toward Guthrie and would be visible to east and west bound emergency vehicles. The signal will be wired to flash when the railroad crossing at Dixon Street between Hull Avenue and Guthrie Avenue is occupied by a train and blocking traffic. This will alert emergency responders to continue on Guthrie Avenue in the event they were coming from the east to respond to an emergency in the Hull Avenue area west of Delaware Avenue. The areas east of the Hull Avenue railroad closure would not be impacted by the fire department since it is accessible by Euclid Avenue and Guthrie Avenue.

The SE 34th Street and SE 36th Street railroad crossing closures will not impact the ability of the fire department to provide emergency services. It was stated by homeowners during the public forums that flooding on Scott Avenue would not allow the fire department vehicles to access that area due to high water. The fire department vehicles have a higher clearance than automobiles, but depending on the severity of the flooding, emergency vehicle access could be delayed.

- 3. Traffic:** The Traffic and Transportation Division has evaluated the impact the vacations would have on traffic and the street system. As part of their review they obtained the following traffic counts for the subject streets and other impacted streets.

	AVG WEEKDAY TRIPS
East Euclid Avenue	19,000
Hull Avenue	2,800
Guthrie Avenue	10,600
Hubbell Avenue	10,000
East Grand Avenue	3,125
East Walnut Street	1,760
Dean Avenue	4,340
SE 34 th Street	420 (2,300)*
SE 36 th Street	150 (135)*

* Traffic counts taken during the 2012 State Fair.

Traffic counts were not obtained for Scott Avenue as the right-of-way west of the railroad crossing was previously vacated and is blocked off. A barricade was installed on the east side of the tracks by the Public Works Department to keep vehicles from entering the crossing area for safety purposes. Vacating of this crossing would make the current situation permanent.

Hull Avenue, SE 34th Street and SE 36th Street carry minimal levels of traffic. The surrounding street network has the capacity to accommodate any increases the vacations may cause. The closures would facilitate the installation of automatic track switches. The current track switches are done manually, which requires trains to make multiple stops to allow a crew member to climb off and on the train to manually operate each switch. The closures in conjunction with these switch improvements would reduce the train delay experienced at Hubbell Avenue, East Grand Avenue, East Walnut Street and Dean Avenue by as much as 30% according to Union Pacific's calculations. These four streets carry a combined average of 19,225 vehicle trips a weekday. Roadway improvements that would be constructed as part of this project to address impacts are discussed in Section II(5) of this report.

- 4. Neighborhood Meetings:** On July 11, 2012, a meeting focused on the SE 34th Street and SE 36th Street crossings was held at the Chesterfield Community Center. Meeting invitations were sent to those owning property within the area generally bound by Dean Avenue to the north, Laurel Hill Cemetery to the east, Scott Avenue to the south and the 7th Ward Ditch to the west. On July 24, 2012, a meeting focused on the Hull Avenue crossing was held at the ADM facility. Meeting invitations were sent to those owning property within the area generally bounded by 3230 Dixon Street at the north, the railroad tracks just west of Delaware Avenue at the east, East Sheridan Avenue at the south, and the railroad tracks just west of Dixon Street at the west. The Des Moines Register published articles regarding these meetings before and after they were held.

On November 1, 2012, a follow up meeting with impacted Hull Avenue business owners was held at the ADM facility. On November 8, 2012 a follow up meeting was held for the Hull Avenue and SE 34th/SE 36th Street areas at the Des Moines Botanical Center. Meeting invitations were sent to those that received them for the July meetings and to anyone that signed in at the July meetings.

- 5. Impacts and Proposed Improvements:** The primary concerns that were raised during the initial Hull Avenue meeting was the flow of truck traffic in the area and turning movements at the Hull Avenue and Dixon Street intersection. To address truck traffic concerns the westbound left turn lane on East Euclid Avenue is proposed to be increased from 200 lineal feet to 400 lineal feet. A left turn arrow would also be added to the traffic lights at this intersection. The Dixon Street and Hull Avenue intersection would also be enlarged to better accommodate turning semi truck movement. The Des Moines Public School District has indicated that the closure of Hull Avenue would not impact their ability to provide school bus service in the area.

Concerns raised in the SE 34th Street and SE 36th Street area focused on State Fair traffic and access during flood events that block Scott Avenue to the west of SE 34th Street and to the east of SE 36th Street at the same time. To address these concerns turning lane and traffic light improvements are proposed for the Dean Avenue and East 30th Street intersection. A new permanent crossing with lights and safety arms is proposed at SE 38th Street. This would provide a north/south connection from Laurel Hill Road to Scott Avenue. Laurel Hill Road currently consists of a gravel surface. If this project moves forward a 3-inch overlay surface would be applied to Laurel Hill Road.

An emergency access road is proposed along the south perimeter of the tracks that would connect SE 34th Street to the proposed SE 38th Street crossing. The road would be fenced off and opened by the Public Works Department as needed during flood events. The road would be constructed with a granular surface and would be capable of supporting truck traffic. The Public Works Department would be responsible for maintaining the road.

Pedestrian and bicycle connectivity would be impacted in the Hull Avenue and SE 34th/SE 36th Street areas. There is also a business on SE 34th Street south of the tracks uses SE 34th Street to access the fairgrounds during the State Fair to deliver supplies to food vendor. The closures would require business to utilize SE 30th Street or the proposed SE 38th Street crossing to access the fairgrounds.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Jason Van Essen introduced the representative for Union Pacific Railroad.

Brenda Mainwaring, Director of Public Affairs, IA NE Union Pacific Railroad, 1400 Douglas Street, Omaha, NE stated three years ago the City Council asked Union Pacific Railroad to address the public's concern in regards to traffic delays on the east side corridors. They were instructed to find a way to make vehicle traffic flow better on the east side. About 100 locally based customers ship using Union Pacific, about 12 trains daily arrive in short line yard. There are an additional 5 to 10 that pass through Des Moines. She explained that there are four primary reasons for the delays on the east side due to the rail traffic:

1. The sharp curve limits the speed that trains can travel
2. Local industries on the line that have to be served which requires stop and go service.
3. Hand thrown switches which consist of the conductor climb off the train, manually move the switch so the train can go on the track that it needs to be on.
4. Limited space between road crossings requires Union Pacific to put a train both in the yard and outside of the yard. There is no place to put a standard length train where they do not block a street crossing.

Union Pacific is willing to invest \$759,000 to install power switches that would be controlled onboard of the locomotive. The issue of yard capacity is not solely due to the number of cars on the train or number of cars in the yard. Equally important is the length of track that they have to accommodate those inbound and outbound trains. The train length is determined by the customer's need across the country. After they determined what the issues were they took a look at the area. In order to add capacity there are two things they needed, space within the yard and space outside of the yard where they could put a train

without blocking a city street. Within the yard the only place to gain any capacity is on the east end around SE 34th and SE 36th. There is no comparable option on the west end because of the curve and because of the layout of the receiving tracks for the yard. Without those closures they do not have space in the yard to bring in a train efficiently. Even if they add power switches, they do not have any place to move the train into the yard because they do not have enough space from one end to the other to park a train.

The proposal is to close SE 34th and SE 36th and install a new crossing at SE 38th because of the flooding issues Union Pacific heard about at the neighborhood meetings. Union Pacific would make available to the City of Des Moines a roadway along their right-of-way that would be used for emergencies during flooding. They would also pay for the improvements at Dean Avenue to put in an improved turning lane so that the traffic that is traveling on Dean would be able to clear that crossing a little bit better. Union Pacific does not receive trains from the east. On the south side they have sufficient space, they can sit south of Maury Avenue and hold the train until they have space. Most of the trains that are north bound do not go into the yard. It is the trains coming from the north that causes the biggest problem. They do not have enough space to put a train any place where they do not block a crossing.

In order to have sufficient space to build that train they are looking for closure of Hull Avenue. By creating space for them to hold a train, and by installing the power switches to improve east side rail crossings, it also creates space for some ADM improvements that are planned. ADM will be needing rail capacity in order to expand in the future and Union Pacific will need the space to serve future business.

Until Scott Street is officially vacated Union Pacific is obligated by federal law to maintain the crossing even though it is no longer accessible to traffic. Union Pacific will also do some real time emergency notification for first responders so they will know if there is a train blocking Dixon south of Easton or any of the other roads.

The City of Des Moines did some traffic counts and the data shows there are about 3,370 vehicles on a daily basis that would have to find an alternate route and about 19,225 vehicles on a daily basis that will benefit from the improvements. Their proposal is in response to the City of Des Moines' request to reduce traffic delays on the east side. It will also improve their operations. Because of this Union Pacific is willing to invest more than 2 million dollars in the project. It also allows them to meet the need of their current customers. In order for Des Moines to compete for future economic development it must have good rail service. The Department of Transportation, MPO, Bridgestone and ADM all are in favor of this request. Without these improvements Union Pacific cannot do what the City has asked them to do which is to improve the flow of traffic on the east side and they cannot meet the continued needs of their current customers and they cannot meet any new capacity needs that might come into the City. They are requesting that the Commission approve the vacation of these right-of-ways.

Will Page expressed concern about the capacity and ADM's needs and questioned if trains would actually block E. Euclid Avenue.

Brenda Mainwaring stated that the E. Euclid crossing is grade separated.

Will Page asked for clarification regarding Dixon needing a flashing light to warn first responders to use a different route.

Tom Patava, City of Des Moines Fire Marshall stated that their concern as if they could not use Delaware if they were coming from Station No. 3 to get to the northeast they wanted to be able to use Dixon. But if there was a train crossing at Dixon they did not want to turn north on Dixon and get to the crossing and find out that there was a train. Therefore, they asked for some type of signal at Guthrie so they know if there was a train across Dixon they would continue east on Guthrie to E. 14th and then come in from that direction. Union Pacific has indicated that they could install the flashing light at Guthrie signaling there is a train on Dixon. With that the Fire Department has no concern about responding to that area.

CJ Stephens asked if Union Pacific considered acquiring more land to park trains.

Brenda Mainwaring clarified when she says park she is talking about holding the train while it waits to go into the yard. They are occupying their track but there are road crossings that go across their track. They do not have any place where there is sufficient space to hold the train while they are waiting to get into the yard without blocking a street crossing.

CJ Stephens asked how long are the trains.

Brenda Mainwaring stated typical length is about 7,500 feet.

CJ Stephens asked if anything has changed about the flood plain area.

Jason Van Essen stated at the neighborhood meetings in July there were concerns raised that at certain times the Four Mile Creek to the east and the 7th ward ditch to the west are flooded onto Scott Avenue at the same time. It was reviewed with stormwater engineering staff and the problems at those two points are independent of each other so they do not always flood at the same time but there are times when they both do. Union Pacific has proposed to supply an emergency access road that Public Works would have the keys to access and maintain.

CJ Stephens asked if the railroad is going to build it and the City is going to maintain it.

Jason Van Essen stated if this project moves forward and the City Council ultimately supports the closures. The City will develop an agreement with the railroad to include the list of improvements to be made and responsibilities for maintenance.

CJ Stephens expressed concern that other neighborhoods do not have paved streets and the City is not maintaining them and if the City says they are going to maintain some more she believes that this will stretch an already constrained budget.

Jason Van Essen went through staff recommendation that reflects the improvements.

Mike Simonson asked how confident is staff that the issues can be resolved. Such as the property owner on the corner where it appears the turn lane would have to encroach quite a bit on their parking lot.

Jennifer Bohac, City Traffic Engineer stated they looked at the turning radius at this intersection and this is their ultimate scenario. They have been in discussion with property owners along Hull Avenue in general about this project. They have not had specific discussions about right-of-way needs and right-of-way purchases. They do have more land on the west and on the north sides of the intersection. If they cannot get land on the southeast then maybe they can widen to the northwest.

Will Page asked if the alternate route for emergency responders has been discussed with property owners so they know that Dixon Street might not be available for emergency vehicles at times.

Jennifer Bohac stated that they do understand that a lot of the traffic will have to use Dixon and it has been explained to them how emergency vehicles would have to reroute in this area, especially those that are east of Dixon along Hull. It has been communicated to them.

CHAIRPERSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING

The following spoke in favor of the applicant's request.

James Pirolli employed with ADM located 1935 E. Euclid Avenue. Read ADM's letter of support. (Attached) He also told of a time when he received a call from an ADM employee that there was a tractor trailer stuck on the railroad tracks at Hull Avenue. They immediately contacted Union Pacific manager on duty who had also just heard of the situation moments before and was in the process of sending out a special agent. Several tense minutes had passed before it was reported that the truck was able to move off and clear of the tracks. This is an extremely dangerous crossing due to the number and frequency of times it is crossed by trains everyday and the number of tracks a vehicle has to cross to clear the intersection. Because of this they have suggested that commercial vehicles use a route which will allow them to arrive from the west on Hull Avenue when delivering or leaving ADM. Infrastructure improvements are extremely expensive. This is an opportunity for the community and local residents to benefit from private investment through improved roads and intersections coupled with less wait times. Union Pacific is offering several million dollars to make improvements to road signals and intersections that are otherwise not required and the improvements will not be made if they are to be paid for by public funding. The total of private investment related to the success of this project and road closure amounts to more than 20 million dollars. A significant portion of this amount is related to labor, design, and construction of railroad track and local improvements in industry. If this project receives City Council approval and investments are made revenue will stay in the Des Moines area.

Ted Irvine asked if the improvements and closures increase the amount of rail traffic out of or into the ADM plant, what will it do to the ratio of truck to rail shipments.

James Pirolli stated the ratio would remain the same. The majority of the raw materials arrive by truck and the majority of the outbound materials leave by rail.

Todd Ashby, Executive Director of MPO stated they support the applicant's request. This project supports many of the MPO's goals and long range transportation plan improvements to rail infrastructure. It reduces impediments to rail traffic. Rail transportation is critical to the success of the transportation system in the region as well as to the economy. Submitted a letter supporting the request.

The following spoke in opposition of the applicant's request:

Cherie Mortice 2904 E. 22nd Street representing the neighborhood "Keep Hull Opened Campaign" stated that they have been involved in a petition drive for the last two months and have accumulated over 400 signatures. Included in that count are 60 signatures from the owners and employees of small businesses in the community. These businesses are located up and down Delaware business corridor north and south of Hull Avenue. Small businesses on Hull Avenue, in the neighborhood and along the E. 14th Street corridor. The general consensus among these businesses is the request would cause a loss of direct access for their customers to get to their businesses. This closure will also cut the small business owners off from quick routes to access supplies and services that they require to conduct daily business. The businesses she has talked with along the Delaware Corridor, east of the railroad tracks are concerned they will be cut off from the Hull Avenue UPS service center on the west side of the track which many of them use on a daily basis. She believes that it is important to be reminded that all of the small businesses employ more people than the 170 people reportedly employed by the railroad. ADM is not offering to add jobs with the expanded capacity that they would be allowed through this project. When small businesses are not properly protected and supported it has a negative impact on the neighborhoods they reside in. As the small businesses go, so goes the neighborhood. These people eat at their restaurants, buy gasoline, grocery shop and buy merchandise at their retail outlets. The impact on the residential neighborhoods is equally destructive by allowing big business to build barricades that create unsightly dead end neighborhoods, which lowers their property values and threatens their viability and sustainability as a community.

Mike McHenry 1947 Hull Avenue stated he and his brother have occupied this property since 1964. In the meetings that Union Pacific held the question regarding fire and rescue did not come up if there is a train blocking Dixon. What happens if the train is occupying both Dixon and Hull Avenue and fire and rescue responders are unaware. This is a great concern. The design for widening Dixon and Hull is not enough for what that area produces. Due to the price of soy beans being up there is more traffic than that area can handle. Part of ADM's solution is they added another lane into their area for the trucks that are coming in. That area has been opened and they still have trucks parked on Hull Avenue waiting to get into the plant. The moving time is quicker than what it used to be but there are still vehicles parked there. By blocking Hull Avenue instead of getting traffic from two directions it will all be congested into one direction which would also create a big problem for rescue responders.

It has been suggested to possibly try out the blockage of Hull Avenue for 30 to 60 days and see what happens. If it does not work then it is not worth blocking permanently. Why can't they park their trains in the country and not the city until there is room to put it in their short yard.

Frank Coll 125 E. 35th Court stated his concern is the same as everyone else in Laurel Hill. They keep getting promises that flooding issues at 30th & Dean will be fixed. Now they are asking for paving to be put in on the north side of the track to run from 34th down to 38th which will take away their escape routes during the flooding and during the State Fair. The railroad and the City of Des Moines have yet to offer any compensation for their loss of property values.

Jason Merkley 409 SE 35th Street stated his concerns are with the security of the neighborhood, the dead end streets, the dumping that happens on dead end streets and near the ball field. He is also concerned about the flooding between Four Mile Creek and the 7th Ward Ditch and the emergency roadway that would be at the 38th Street area. Finally he is concerned with how the first responders would reach their destination in that area.

Dow Current 2912 Dean Avenue asked why the railroad has not already put in the automatic switches if it will speed the trains up. The only thing he has heard is how the changes will be good for the railroad. He has heard nothing about how the changes will be good for the people who live in the area. Will the railroad compensate the neighborhood as residential property values will be lowered for the railroad's gain.

Cynde Rayman 416 SE 36th Street, representing Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association asked that the copy of a petition with 270 plus signatures of people who are in opposition of the applicant's request be received and filed. The financial contribution that the railroad speaks of does not appear to be sufficient for the changes they propose. She is also a member of the Good Neighbor Task Force. It is a city task force that has neighborhoods represented that are either encompassed in or bordering the enterprise zones. This includes the SE 34th & SE 36th Street area. Any improvements in that area whether it is expansion, or a new building, should go before the Good Neighbor Task Force. This was not done. The Good Neighbor Task Force policies are:

1. Ensure that new development does not have an odor
2. Demonstrate new development or expansion will not only protect but enhance the environment.
3. Maintain a safe and secure site.
4. Minimize negative traffic impact on surrounding areas.
5. Best faith efforts to hire established residents.
6. Utilize local contractors.

She believes that the changes proposed will ruin her neighborhood by cutting it in half.

Christine Pardee asked if signatures on the petition represented citizens from her the Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association or general residents.

Cynde Rayman stated that the petition was drawn up for the first meeting of just the neighborhood and anyone who uses the road and is effected by the changes is able to sign if they wish.

Christine Pardee asked if the neighborhood association had taken a formal stand on this proposal.

Cynde Rayman stated she believes they oppose the request. They are in the process of reorganizing but she believes that would not make the opinion of the people in the neighborhood any less.

Suzette Jensen 3127 Thompson Avenue, President of Northeast Neighbors which is a coalition of neighborhood groups on the northeast side of Des Moines has voted to support the neighborhoods and their efforts to keep their intersections open. Everyone knows that the east side has issues with trains and they have issues with the rain. If it is a little bit icy no one wants to go over the Guthrie overpass, it is extremely steep, scary and very slick. She believes we might be selling out our communities in our neighborhoods for economic development. Quality of life, access for businesses, and access for community is involved. The park will not be readily accessible for some of their children. Safety and security of these neighborhoods are also a concern should these intersections close. There is also a question about whether funding that has been talked about will be enough for the improvements that are being proposed.

Marty Mauk 2701 Arthur asked for the show of hands of the people who are opposed to the applicant's request to give the Commission an idea of how many people are present to try and protect the neighborhoods they are living in. He believes there is a lack of planning for this entire proposal. There has been mention of three closings of intersections but there has not been any mention of the other future closings that may be happening at these railroads. He has asked at the beginning for a complete composite picture of what is going to happen in the future with all of the crossings in these areas. He has heard from a couple of people that there are two more closings that may have to happen for the railroad to get the results they desire. He believes that the entire process has been done in a piece meal matter to divide and conquer the opposition. He urges the Commission to go back to the drawing board to find out what it is going to take for all these railroads, tracks, and crossings in the future. Eastsiders are not against advancement but they are against the fact that it is being done in a divide and conquer manner that does not make any sense from a planning perspective. He also believes that this proposal has been poorly negotiated by staff. To think that a couple of million dollars is paying for the economic impact of the eastsiders is ridiculous. What needs to happen in the long term is some consideration of some viaducts to keep this city tied together in a way that will allow for traffic flow. The only requirement by law for railroads is to pay 5% of a viaduct. Viaducts to keep these areas open would cost approximately 15 to 20 million dollars. The benefits that the railroad is claiming are bogus. They claim that 19,000 people will benefit from the closing. There may be a gain of five or ten minutes at some of these crossings but when they were asked if they could guarantee no more than a ten minute blockage if they close these areas they said they could not guarantee that. He is asking that the Commission send this back to the City Council and refuse to recommend the closing of these intersections until better planning is done. We must know the impact of the City long term and they can begin planning to benefit the citizens who are severely being handicapped as a result of this process.

Christine Pardee asked if the Des Moines Neighbors had taken a formal position on this matter.

Marty Mauk stated the Des Moines Neighbors deferred to Northeast Neighbors who did take a formal position opposing this request.

Tim Fitzgerald asked if there was any give and take at the meetings.

Marty Mauk stated there was very little give and take with the railroad. The railroad has so much power under federal law to do what they want. The neighbors expectation is when city staff is sitting at the table they will negotiate the best deal possible on behalf of the City.

Tim Fitzgerald asked if the neighbors suggested any ideas at these meetings.

Marty Mauk stated no they did not. He went to the meetings but there was no discussion about anything, just the railroad saying they must have this.

CJ Stephens asked if the street closures in that area could be reopened that would help with this. She is really concerned about dead ending these neighborhoods because that creates impact on neighborhoods and the value of their homes.

Marty Mauk stated that he knows of no street closings that could be reopened. Staff may have the answer.

John "Jack" Hilmes asked what are the alternatives.

Marty Mauk stated he believes that there are always compromises that could be made. The viaduct would be the best for both sides. If the expectation is that railroads are only putting up 5% of something that will benefit them, and not the citizens around them, then there should be a reconsideration of negotiating. Maybe talk about the 5% being increased to 50%, or a guarantee from the railroad that says when a major intersection is closed it should not be closed more than 10 minutes.

John "Jack" Hilmes reiterated the solutions that Mr. Mauk supports, are to wait and study this further.

Mary Mauk agreed.

Valerie Madison 2716 Sampson stated her concern is the school. There are a lot of kids in the immediate neighborhood that attend Garton Elementary. Right now all their parents have to do is drive across Hull Avenue. Across Delaware their kids are at school. There will be a big mess if these changes are made. She also agreed that the Guthrie overpass gets very icy and scary. She attended meetings and she did ask about the time they counted cars. She believes is was during Spring Break and it did not show the true count of the people who would be affected.

She asked that her petition be received and filed to oppose the closing of Hull Avenue.

John Morrissey 2913 Oxford Street stated that he attended one of the public meetings that the railroad held. A representative from Snyder Engineering indicated that they would take their feedback and do something with it. To his knowledge he does not know what they did with it. At that time he did ask that a trip study be made to indicate how people are crossing the intersections, why are they crossing, and what is the relationships between neighborhoods. The Union Pacific wants to deposit this as a traffic matter which is the way it began, but the Commission's jurisdiction is as planners and it is within the Commissions purview to determine what the impacts are going to be when access is restricted.

Rebuttal

Brenda Mainwaring stated Union Pacific is America's largest railroad, Iowa's largest railroad and Des Moines largest railroad. They would like to continue to serve Des Moines and all of the things that Des Moines wants to do. This leads to some challenging positions. She reiterated that this proposal started three years ago because the City of Des Moines wanted to address the issues that had come up on the eastside and because the City wants to continue to allow Des Moines to grow and to expand the services that it offers in rail, to expand its economy. They have discussed a lot of options, addressed a lot of concerns in these neighborhood meetings, and changed their plans. They have made a lot of modifications to their original plan in order to address the issues that the neighbors have brought up. They are trying to create a situation that causes the least disruption for the most people that addresses the issues that they were asked to address and that allows Des Moines to continue to grow, to continue to expand the rail services that it offers. They believe that what they are offering is the best that they can offer. They are going to pay for the benefit that they see out of this offer. There are drawbacks but Union Pacific believes that they have come up with the best solutions that they can come up with.

Ted Irvine asked about the staging of the train in the country.

Brenda Mainwaring stated that at least half of the trains that are in the Des Moines yard originate in Des Moines. They would have to leave Des Moines and bring them back in order for them to stage trains in the country. These are trains that are produced by Des Moines businesses, by people who work in Des Moines, by people who shop in Des Moines. These are Des Moines trains. They cannot take them out to the country to stage them.

Christine Pardee asked if Marty Mauk's request for alternatives to closing the intersections, such as viaducts were considered and could Union Pacific go up higher than 5% of the cost. What could Union Pacific do to address the concerns of so many people who are concerned.

Brenda Mainwaring stated the reason it has taken three years is because they have considered all of the concerns. Viaducts come with their own sets of challenges. Viaducts are long, require a run up and a run down and could require acquisition of houses. Viaducts are not necessarily a good solution.

John "Jack" Hilmes asked what are the options that were discussed.

Brenda Mainwaring stated she would defer to staff. Union Pacific completely revised the plan for SE 34th and SE 36th Street because of the neighbors concerns. All of the options that were presented to the City of Des Moines were reviewed. Union Pacific is before the Commission because the City asked Union Pacific to come up with a solution to improve traffic and serve Des Moines.

Dann Flaherty asked if the prospect of alternative staging areas had been looked at.

Brenda Mainwaring stated that the trains are on that line because they are either coming into Des Moines to off load for Des Moines customers or because they have been built here in Des Moines from Des Moines customers who need their shipment to go outside of Des Moines. If they tried to move those trains onto an industrial line, which by nature are not high speed lines, they would be going through curves, a lot more traffic, a lot more neighborhoods. Operational, they are not looking for some place to store a car, they are looking for some place for all of the traffic that they have coming in to serve the City of Des Moines and they need some place to put the train in order to continue service. Currently it cannot be done without blocking a street. Trains coming from the south headed north have to be able to make that line, if they hold the north of Hull, and the standard length of the train is about 7500 feet , they block the line to the north. Trains that are northbound that would normally be going through are now stopped on Maury, Hull, Dean and cannot get through.

CJ Stephens stated the money that the railroad is spending is just change. Has the railroad given any consideration for doing some enhancements in these neighborhoods if they can come to some agreement and help them.

Brenda Mainwaring stated they go through 7500 communities. They operate in 23 states, 2 million dollars is a very large project and investment. Union Pacific has gone to the City of Des Moines to make sure their investment is being spent in the right place. They have asked for the City of Des Moines' perspective with neighborhood input on where the investment is best spent to offset the inconveniences that are being brought into place.

Mike Ludwig asked for clarification of what the 2 million dollars of improvements includes.

Brenda Mainwaring stated there is 1.1 million dollars for roadway improvement, Union Pacific started off with an idea of what those roadway improvements were and it was going to cost about a million dollars. Then after neighborhood input those were not the right improvements. So the City went back and Union Pacific told them they were still in for a million but the City of Des Moines should decide where it needs to be spent. The other million is for improvements to rail infrastructure. Yes the railroad will also be benefitting from the improvements. As a gesture of good faith the bridge over the Des Moines River has already been removed and is not included in the 2.1 million dollars.

Mike Ludwig stated that there were a lot of good comments tonight. That was the purpose of the neighborhood meetings as well as the planning commission's public hearing. All the comments get summarized and forwarded to the Council for any consideration of further action. The Commission has been asked to make a recommendation. Therefore, by no means is this the final answer on this request. Noted there was a question about trains

blocking Dixon and there being multiple crossings that might be impacted by a train. Would the signal on Guthrie alert the emergency responder of any blockage on Dixon?

Jason Van Essen pointed out the one intersection that was identified by the fire department as a concern.

Mike Ludwig stated right-of-way acquisition has not been finally determined at this point. It would be subject to further analysis. Negotiation with individual property owners would be required. The concern about the soils along the railroad right-of-way between E. 30th and E. 38th and the roadway sub base would be looked at as part of the roadway construction design. It would have to meet the City standard for a roadway which would include sub base.

Jason Van Essen reiterated that throughout this process the design section of the Engineering Department has provided feedback about feasibility and placement of that emergency road and construction of the 38th Street crossing. Staff have gone to the level of detail beyond just drawing a line on the map and assuming that it could be done.

Mike Ludwig stated Union Pacific proposal is 2.1 million dollar contribution for improvements. The City Council would have to decide if that is sufficient. Asked if access to the parks, was brought up at the neighborhood meetings.

Jason Van Essen stated yes there has been a lot of discussion about access to the park which is to the north and that is one of the things that is hard to sort through. The proposal for E. 38th Street crossing will provide another means of north south egress besides E. 30th Street. This also addresses multiple issues such as the Fair time traffic.

Mike Ludwig asked when traffic counts were done.

Jennifer Bohac stated spring break 2011 for Des Moines Public Schools was March 14th through March 18th. The count for Hull Avenue study was taken the week of March 7 through March 11 and the week of March 24th through March 30th.

Mike Ludwig asked if a study was done during the State Fair.

Jennifer Bohac stated that counts were taken both during the State Fair and not during the Fair in the area SE 34th and SE 36th to show the difference.

Mike Ludwig asked about the meeting where the neighbors were told that their feedback would be analyzed. He believes that a few things in the staff report were in response to those meetings. There was a follow up done with the school district to ask for their input on the impact of the schools; also traffic counts were mentioned and the emergency impact. The emergency signal on Dixon was a result of what was heard at the meeting.

Jennifer Bohac stated that as a follow up to that meeting they worked extensively with the Fire Department to see what their needs would be in order to maintain good emergency response in this area. As to the schools they contacted the transportation director for the district to find out if a closure at Hull would be problematic for the busing and other things that they do. They replied that it would not be problematic for them if Hull was to be closed at this point. Questions about traffic volume was reconfirmed with ADM consultant that

that performed the study at Hull Avenue. They actually did license plate surveys where they stood on Dixon and Delaware and wrote the license plate of the car that drove by to find out how many people are just coming to the industrial park and how many people are using this for through trips. Only 280 vehicles a day are through trips.

Mike Ludwig stated renumeration to private property owners for impacts is not the Planning Commission's purview. Also the request to be sent back to Council for further review is what the Commission is doing tonight.

Vicki Stogdill asked about the northern line that goes to Ankeny.

Jennifer Bohac stated that the line that goes to Ankeny essentially serves John Deere. They have determined that they no longer need rail service. That is a dead end line and will do no good for traffic that is originating and terminating in Des Moines. From an operating stand point that line has no value of any use for the operating issues that are being addressed here.

CHAIRPERSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING

Greg Jones stated that location B, C, and D probably has been addressed. However, the biggest question is A – Hull Avenue. He believes that it needs more consideration. He would like for A to remain open.

CJ Stephens would like to see more study and a master plan if there are more closings in the future. It would possibly be appropriate to have a price put on viaducts or flyovers.

Will Page agrees with CJ Stephens. He believes the Commission should come to a decision in a comprehensive way not a piece meal way.

John "Jack" Hilmes stated that he believes the Commission's charge is to look at the four segments and therefore, cannot look at it piece meal. He believes that it does not accomplish much to consider separating A, B, C, D. The Commission will have to affirm the city staff or say no.

JoAnne Corigliano stated that she does not like the closing of Hull Avenue but does not have a problem with the other requests.

Jacqueline Easley stated the Commission should use their role as messenger.

Christine Pardee stated she agrees with Jacqueline and she cannot ignore the responses of the residents and neighborhood associations.

Vicki Stogdill stated that she agrees with John "Jack" Hilmes and she cannot support what this will do to the neighbors.

Will Page stated that Iowa Lutheran Hospital was founded in 1910 because there was an emergency on the east side and the emergency could not reach the hospital because it was on the west side.

Shirley Daniels stated no additional comments.

Tim Fitzgerald stated he believes the opposition should form a coalition to come up with a compromise.

Ted Irvine stated to say that we have not planned for this is inaccurate. To say that the City has not considered a lot of the issues around this is inaccurate and he believes that this is particularly tough. From an economic development standpoint or economic preservation standpoint we are not putting our city in a good spot if we are going to limit the ability of the railroad to get the cars in and out. He will support staff recommendation because of the big picture.

Greg Jones stated that he only wanted to separate the vacations because they are here to help the City Council come up with an answer. He agrees that they need to look at it as one. So he is going to change his view and vote in support because it needs to be sent on.

JoAnne Corigliano asked if Ted would entertain a friendly amendment to include extra considerations for Hull Avenue.

Shirley Daniels suggested that all of the information that has been shared is going to be forwarded to City Council. Therefore, she believes the friendly amendment is unnecessary.

Mike Simonson stated that he hopes that they are going to help find a way to make the railroad successful. He just does not believe that all of the options have been explored.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Ted Irvine moved staff recommendation to approve the requested vacations subject to the following:

1. Reservation of any necessary easements for all utilities in place, including the water lines, until such time that they are abandoned or relocated.
2. Construction of the following improvements:
 - a) Installation of a flashing notification signal on Guthrie Avenue at the Dixon Street intersection.
 - b) Lengthening of the East Euclid Avenue turning lane and installation of a left turn light at the Dixon Street intersection.
 - c) Enlargement of the Dixon Street and Hull Avenue intersection to accommodate semi truck turning movements.
 - d) Construction of turning lane and traffic light improvements at the Dean Avenue and East 30th Street intersection.
 - e) Construction of a permanent SE 38th Street crossing.
 - f) Paving of Laurel Hill Road with an overlay surface.

- g) Construction of an emergency access road along the south perimeter of the tracks that would connect SE 34th Street to the proposed SE 38th Street crossing.

Motion failed 5-8 (Greg Jones, John "Jack" Hilmes, JoAnne Corigliano, Shirley Daniels, and Ted Irvine voted in favor. Mike Simonson, CJ Stephens, Jacqueline Easley, Dann Flaherty, Christine Pardee, Vicki Stogdill, Will Page, and Tim Fitzgerald voted in opposition). No further motions were made

Respectfully submitted,

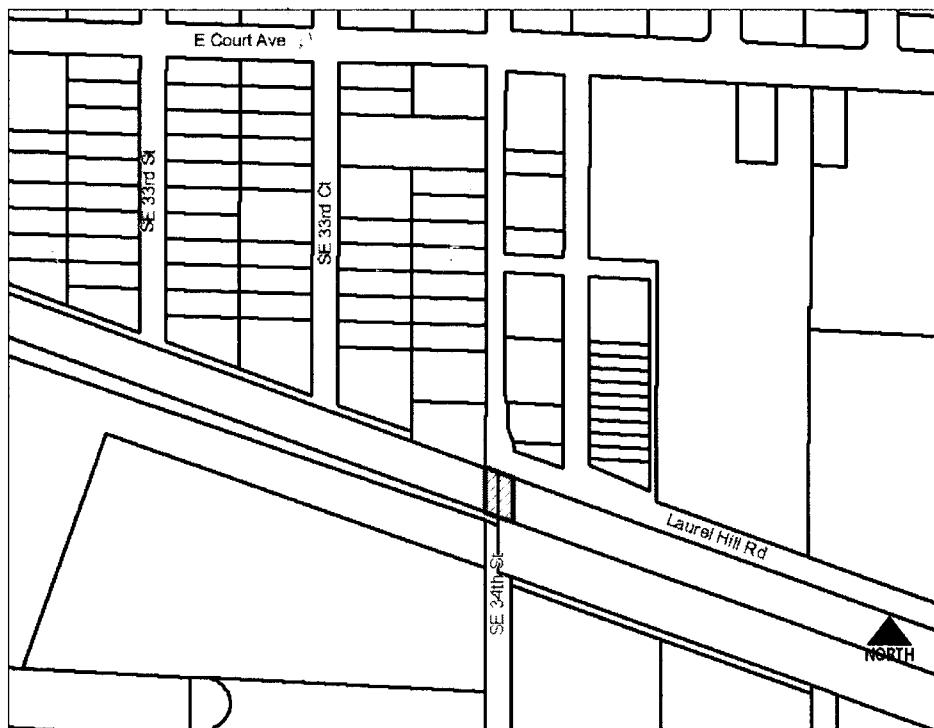

Michael Ludwig, AICP
Planning Administrator

MGL:clw
Attachment

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Request from Union Pacific Railroad (owner) for vacation of the following segment of street right-of-way: Southeast 34 th Street between Scott Avenue and East Court Avenue where the railroad right-of-way intersects. This would result in the termination of the public street on either side of the railroad, thereby closing it to through traffic.		File #		
		11-2012-1.21		
Description of Action	Motion to approve the vacation of Southeast 34 th Street between Scott Avenue and East Court Avenue street right-of-way where the railroad right-of-way intersects failed.			
2020 Community Character Plan	General Industrial			
Horizon 2035 Transportation Plan	No Planned Improvements			
Current Zoning District	"R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District			
Proposed Zoning District	"R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District			
Consent Card Responses	In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition
Inside Area	6	47		
Outside Area				
Plan and Zoning Commission Action	Approval	5-8	Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council	Yes
	Denial	Motion failed		No

Union Pacific Railroad - SE 34th Street South of E Court Avenue 11-2012-1.21



Request from Union Pacific Railroad (owner) for vacation of the following segment of street right-of-way: Hull Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Dixon Street where the railroad right-of-way intersects. This would result in the termination of the public street on either side of the railroad, thereby closing it to through traffic.		File #			
		11-2012-1.22			
Description of Action	Motion to approve the vacation of the following segment of street right-of-way: Hull Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Dixon Street where the railroad right-of-way intersects failed				
2020 Community Character Plan	General Industrial				
Horizon 2035 Transportation Plan	No Planned Improvements				
Current Zoning District	"M-2" Heavy Industrial District				
Proposed Zoning District	"M-2" Heavy Industrial District				
Consent Card Responses	In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition	
Inside Area	5	23			
Outside Area					
Plan and Zoning Commission Action	Approval	5-8	Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council	Yes	
	Denial	Motion failed		No	

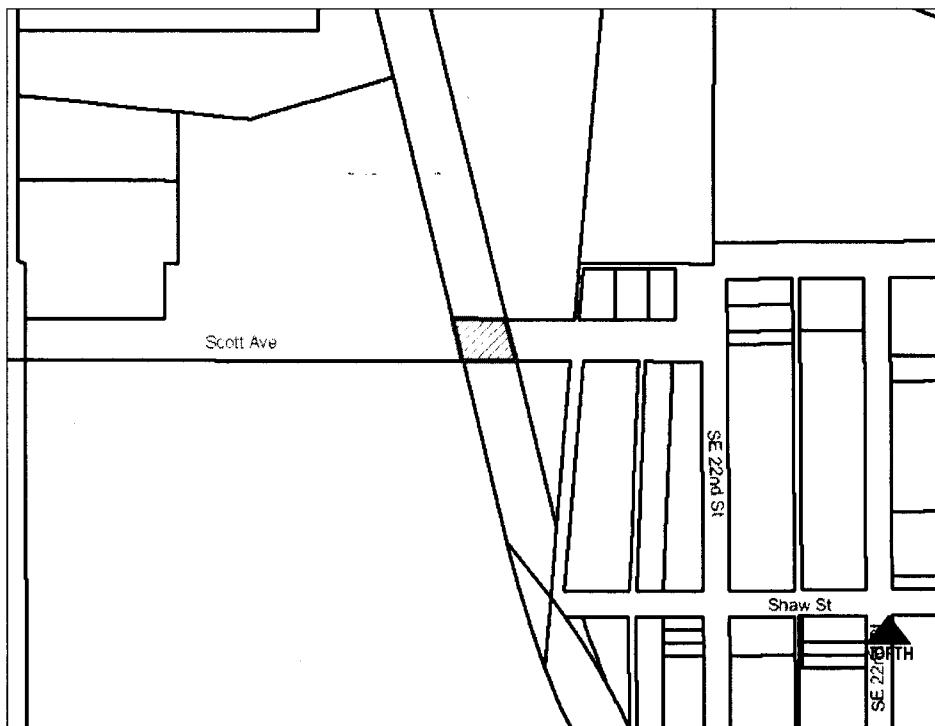
Union Pacific Railroad - E Hull Avenue West of Delaware Avenue 11-2012-1.22



Request from Union Pacific Railroad (owner) for vacation of the following segment of street right-of-way: Scott Avenue between Southeast 20 th Street and Southeast 22 nd Street where the railroad right-of-way intersects. This would result in the termination of the public street on either side of the railroad, thereby closing it to through traffic.		File #		
		11-2012-1.23		
Description of Action	Motion to approve the vacation of the following segment of street right-of-way: Scott Avenue between Southeast 20 th Street and Southeast 22 nd Street where the railroad right-of-way intersects failed.			
2020 Community Character Plan	General Industrial			
Horizon 2035 Transportation Plan	No Planned Improvements			
Current Zoning District	"M-1" Light Industrial District			
Proposed Zoning District	"M-1" Light Industrial District			
Consent Card Responses	In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition
Inside Area				
Outside Area				
Plan and Zoning Commission Action	Approval	5-8	Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council	Yes
	Denial	Motion failed		No

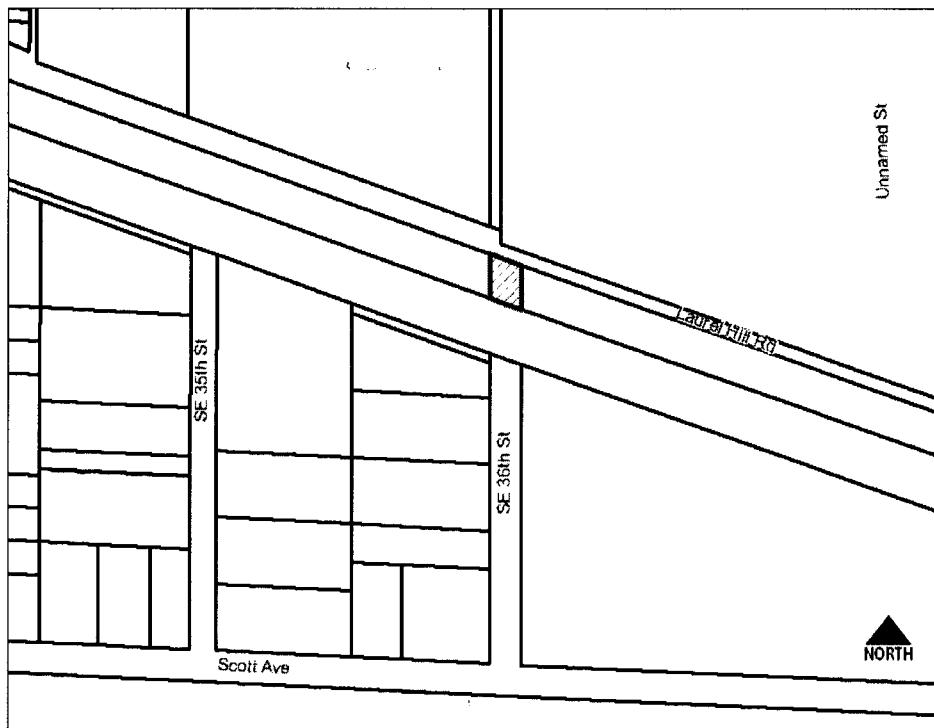
Union Pacific Railroad - Scott Avenue West of SE 22nd Street

11-2012-1.23



Request from Union Pacific Railroad (owner) for vacation of the following segment of street right-of-way: Southeast 36 th Street at a point north of Scott Avenue where the railroad right-of-way intersects. This would result in the termination of the public street on either side of the railroad, thereby closing it to through traffic.		File #		
		11-2012-1.24		
Description of Action	Motion to approve the following segment of street right-of-way: Southeast 36 th Street at a point north of Scott Avenue where the railroad right-of-way intersects failed.			
2020 Community Character Plan	General Industrial			
Horizon 2035 Transportation Plan	No Planned Improvements			
Current Zoning District	"R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District			
Proposed Zoning District	"R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District			
Consent Card Responses	In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition
Inside Area	6	47		
Outside Area				
Plan and Zoning Commission Action	Approval	5-8	Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council	Yes
	Denial	Motion failed		No

Union Pacific Railroad - SE 36th Street South of Laurel Hill Road 11-2012-1.24



Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/31/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Vivian Miller

Signature X Vivian Miller

Address 409 SE 35th

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date Dec 13, 2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name MACHINE ELMORE

Signature MACHINE ELMORE

Address 414 SE 35 Street

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

limits my access

Dangerous to residents

when it floods -

children must cross

tracks to go to park.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-2012

I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Grant Scott

Signature Grant Scott

Address 3108 Mauzy St DM La

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

the RR could expand west instead
of East

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-13-12

I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Robert J Brooks

Signature Robert J Brooks

Address 3209 Scott Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

reverse comm Development

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date _____

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Larry Elmore

Signature Larry J Elmore

Address 414 S.E. 35 Street

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Limits my access.
Danger to residents when
it floods.
Children must cross tracks
to go to park.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Don Current

Signature Don Current

Address 2912 Dessa Au

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I think the railroad is tell
us a lie so they can get what they
want. They don't care what happens
to us so they can get what they
want. I don't believe they can block a street as
long as they say need to check this.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Kevin Casey

Signature KC

Address 3016 Carr Street

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I am still not sure about it

~~REDACTED~~

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/13/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Larry Six

Signature Larry Six

Address 417 SE 35st DN

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

~~REDACTED~~

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date December 14, 2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name MICHAEL S. WILSON

Signature Michael S. Wilson

Address 112 SE 33rd STREET

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

This will restrict vehicle movement in and out of the area (SE of Fairgrounds) unacceptably. To close off SE 34th & 36th will also bottle up Fairground's traffic for major events, + restrict access by emergency and city service vehicles. Please do not let them (Union Pacific) close these streets!

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-13-2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Drewitt C Hawley

Print Name Drewitt C. Hawley

Signature

Address 3028 Drury Dr. #50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Closing at 34th & 1st would hurt the trucking business located there and would interfere with Police + Fire Response.

I'm a Disable Veteran and can't attend the public hearings.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-2012

I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Melody A Riley

Signature Melody A Riley

Address 3033 Carr St

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

X Against 11-2012-1.21 would not be able to crosstracks except E 30th or Pleasant Hill

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-17-12

I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Mikki Griffin

Signature Mikki Duff

Address 3404 Scott Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12 Dec 12

I (am) am not in favor of the request. But represented in the single mailing received on this date.
(Circle One)

Print Name Harlan Donaldson

Signature Harlan Donaldson

Address 4143 Knob Hill Dr

President - Valley High Manor NA,

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

1. Mailing did not reflect entire E-Side impact
2. No mention of reopening E 38th, No mention of possible E 34 emergency openings
3. With the MLK entior, the SE. 30 viaduct repair the possibility of "Perfect Storm" exists for crossing U.P. track
4. No reference to or mitigation to the state of Williams street

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-18-12

I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Shauna Sturdivant

Signature Shauna Sturdivant

Address 3015 Carr St.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Find another way

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-17-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Victor Irvin

Signature Victor Irvin

Address 3520 E Court Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

with the city and all agencies involved
with closures for the change, it seems
to me that it's a done deal for the
railroad inspite of everything that has not
been dealt with.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-13-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Elizabeth Thompson

Signature Elizabeth Thompson

Address 1210 E 33rd St

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date _____

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

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(Circle One)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Print Name James Pirillo-Shirley Pirillo

DEC 17 2012

Signature Shirley Pirillo James Pirillo

DEPARTMENT

Address 128 E. 32nd Ct. Des Moines, Ia.

50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below: Jim and I are opposed to the following requests because -

1. We live in an area that floods & need the crossing, because of that reasons.
2. Working on the intersection of E. 30th & 5th will cause a problem & we again need the crossing on 34th St. My husband rides his bicycle daily in Spring, Summer, & all because of health reasons. If one crossing is closed for hrs. at a time he has to use the other one. This can be a problem for him especially traveling on a road that may be dusty & bumpy.
3. Safety - It would take the emergency vehicles

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just a note

longer to get to
the Laurel Hill
& Scott St. Area
if crossings are
closed

5. Hair Time - Citizens from
the South use the crossing
on 34th St. during the
Hair

Sincerely:

Shirley Pirillo

128 E. 32nd Ct.

Des Moines, Ia.

50317-7305

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION.
Fighting for Air

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-13-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name JANET M. BINEHART

Signature Janet M. Binehart

Address 3535 E Court

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Court One is a dead-end street. Closing 34th leaves residents with only 1 way to 30th St and during fair is a total mess. Also during the fair leaves Emergency equipment trying to get through leaves traffic.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date _____

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name FRANK Coll

Signature FPColl

Address 125 E. 35TH CT

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

NOT ONLY WILL THIS LOWER MY PROPERTY VALUE
BUT WILL LEAVE NO ESCAPE ROUTE WHEN
FLOODING OR DURING STATE FAIR. MY WIFE IS
SERIOUSLY ILL & I NEED TO BE ABLE @ ANYTIME
TO GET OUT TO GET TO HOSPITAL

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date Dec, 12, 2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name ART OLDES

Signature 157-S.E. 34TH

Address DES MOINES, IA

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Use South East 18th St. S.
and leave us alone
or south east 18th st. S.
Rock Island was never
this bad - STUPID!
LIVED HERE SINCE 1931.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Virginia Roberts

Signature Virginia Roberts

Address 3050 Scott Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

It is important a thru street we would
be closed in if a flood also the
emergency would not be able to get
through. I'm sure the railroad company
can figure a different way.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/13/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Mike Pick-Johnson Transpor

Signature MPL

Address 200 5834th Street NW 2A

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

pls see numerous emails with Jason
Van Essen and City Council for the
numerous concerns. Hopefully Jason
will be presenting those concerns to
the PTC Committee

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/14/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Charles P Cook Jr

Signature Charles P Cook Jr

Address 3804 Launch Hill Rd.

D5m 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Don't want to be trapped. Feel like living
on a island. Only one way out. Don't think
railroad should have that much control!!

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12/12/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name DAWN WATERSON

Signature Dawn Waterson

Address 3040 Scott Ave., D.M., Ia. 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

State Fair traffic
Closures would increase traffic on
Scott

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-12-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Mark Grimm

Signature Mark Grimm

Address 3408 Scott Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

We use SE 34th St as often as possible,
when a train isn't blocking the Rd. It's
our "short cut" to get to other Eastside
locations. We do not want to be cutoff from
DesMoines. Also - What about flooding on either
side of our house?

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Debra McCool

Signature Debra McCool

Address 3804 Laurel Hill Rd.

50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Moved there because there was (no) traffic.
Don't want all that traffic coming into my
drive way. Live on dead end street.

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Barbara C. Musgrave

Signature 2206 E Walnut

Address Barbara C. Musgrave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

My Husband is buried in Laurel
Hill & I come down here to get
the cemetery. Can't close this
street

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Victoria M Collins

Signature Victoria M Collins

Address 3500 E Court Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

No way to get out in the fair time, Also
water of Scott No. escaps except 34th +
railroad tracks Businesses will
be effected with no visibility to
rush off 34th.

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Francis & Maureen Nalevanko

Signature Francis Nalevanko Maureen

Address 3800 Laurel Hill Rd Nalevanko

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Increased traffic on Laurel Hill which
is substandard at best. Safety for bikers
4 Wheelers and pedestrians who will still
try to cross closed roads which are the only
North-South access between E 30th & Pleasant Hill
Blvd

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-18-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Janet + David Drey

Signature Janet Drey

Address 112 E 35th Ct DSM 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Not in favor
I have concerns that residents will lose access to a means
to travel to/ from the neighborhood during two specific times:
1) when there is flooding of streets, and 2) during the State Fair.

However:
If the proposed street closing means fewer train whistles, this
could be a positive reason.

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name ROBERT WHITE

Signature Robert White

Address 120 E. 35th CT.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Homes south of the railroad tracks
would be landlocked in case of a
heavy rain or flood. Scott Street
floods east of SE 36th St and west
of SE 34th St.

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I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Kenneth Heim

Signature Kenneth S Heim

Address 118 E 33rd Ct,

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Safety - if closed, kids will cross over at SE 34th rather than walk around to SE 38th and possibly get run over by trains, also flooding, availability to get out of neighborhood during fair.

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I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Jackie Johnson

Signature Jackie J

Address 200 SE 34ter

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Flooding in area, lack of access,

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Steve and Vicki Pratt

Signature Vicki Pratt

Address 109E. 32nd ST.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I am against this because if an emergency situation was to occur it makes it impossible during the state fair to get out of our neighborhood, because of the back up of traffic, ~~not~~ also when it floods that is our way out, not all of us can afford the gas to go all the way to University or Pleasant Hill, also my family likes to walk & ride bikes that way too.

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Leon Johnson

Signature Leon Johnson

Address 200 SE 34th Street

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Flooding / Access to business / Property
valuations / Neighborhood access

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name THOMAS J GRIFFIN

Signature TJ GRIFFIN

Address 3404 SCOTT AVE

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Closing the road doesn't solve R.R. problem with the need for longer trains! Temporary solution? WHERE'S THE MASTER PLAN, 1 yr 5 yr 10 yr 20 yr NOT IN MY COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD! BUILD A NEW YARD IN YOUR AG. PARK

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name John Hock

Signature John Hock

Address 3340 Scott Ave.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

This will hurt residential property values

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Mary Jo Kain

Signature Mary Jo Kain

Address 116 - E. 34th St.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I would not be able to get out of my driveway at State Fair time. Why can't you ~~open~~ open up the road at 38th Street again.

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name John & Susan Evans

Signature 125 E 36th St.

Address Des Moines, 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

We use E 34th daily. Also E. 34th is great during the fair. Without E 34th we have to fight fair traffic or go out around through Pleasant Hill. This is just not fair to homeowners that use these streets.

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I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Cheryl Kern

Signature Cheryl Kern

Address 128 SE 33rd St

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

My boyfriend Lives on Scott Ave.

My Grandpa Lives on SE 33rd st
on the other side of tracks.

I use it two to three times
a day and it would be real inconven
it if I had to go over viaduct and take long way

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I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name David R

Signature D. R. Bellamy

Address 3424 S.E Scott

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name CYNTHIA D. RAYMAN

Signature Cynthia D. Rayman

Address 416 S.E. 36 STREET, DM 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

- IN THE CASE OF FLOODING we would be trapped on an island
- UNSAFE especially when some would try to cross the yard instead of grass
- IT would lower property values
- Lessens quality of life
- CUTS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN HALF

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date Dec 17, 2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name ELLEN WEBB

Signature Ellen Webb 3032 Scott Ave

Address Des Moines, Ia 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Semi driving on Scott Ave will increase. The truck company is in a bad location - possibly move them out on Henderson Road.

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Patrick & Tammy Thompson

Signature Patrick & Tammy Thompson

Address 107 SE 33rd Ct.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

34TH St. is our main way of travel when going south. It's a life saver during the fair also!

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name John & Betty Tully

Signature J. John Tully

Address 143 SE 34TH St.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I don't think SE 34TH Street should be closed you would hurt a lot of people that uses this Road + SE 36TH ST.

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name LAWRENCE KLOSTERMANN

Signature Laura K. Klostermann

Address 3309 SCOTT AVE

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

- I have heard that 34th & 36th Sts will have gates that can be opened in times of flood. Who will open the gates? I am
- concerned about who has knowledge of flooding away from the tracks and the response time if I need to get to my job. I do not
- want to rely upon the RR as I do not believe they will consider my
- needs over theirs. I would prefer the streets remain open as
- much as possible to allow traffic when not in use by RR.

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name LINDA KLOSTERMANN

Signature Linda Klostermann

Address 3309 SCOTT AVE.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

The RR currently blocks SE 34th for many hours at a time but we are able to use the crossing when it is open. I would prefer that both 34th & 36th remain open for residential use as much as possible. I believe the RR could do a better job of scheduling the long trains to arrive at times of minimal street usage, i.e. midday during the week and at night. This would reduce the negative impact to the residents and people accessing the bypass at Vandalia. A turning lane on 30th is of far less value than the condition of any of the roads that would see increased use, i.e. Laurel Hill and the roads along the south side of the tracks that are supposed to be used by the RR.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-20-12

I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Catherine Everett

Signature Catherine Everett

Address 3300 Scott Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Flooding problems

Fair Traffic

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I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Juanita Lovlyn

Signature Juanita Lovlyn

Address 403 S E 34^t - 409 S E 34^t
116 S. E. 34^t St. Apt. #8381Y

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

34^t St is used all the time to get over to

Dear Av. This would be a big ~~convenience~~ inconvenience
for people. Some times the creek
over-flows & you can't come down Scott St.

Item 11-2012-1.21 & 1.24 Date 12-28-12

(am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Mel Baccaro

Signature Mel Baccaro

Address 119 E. 34 th ST

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Trailers Traffic ~~During~~ State Fair,
Speeding, Sammy Truck Head on Street.

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(am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Liduvina Navarro

Signature _____

Address 121 & 124 E 32 ND COURT

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

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I (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name MARGARET L. EVANS

Signature Margaret L. Evans

Address 3743 Dean Ave.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

This really doesn't affect me as I
really don't go that route. I'm sure
that it does mean a great deal
to people that use that route.

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I (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name S + G Real Estate
Investments Ltd

Signature Pam O Hargreaves

Address 14274 Wildwood Dr.

Circ 12 50325

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Robert Fausett

Signature Robert Fausett

Address 144 SE 34th St.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

No more speeding cars down the street.
No more having to listen to the
dinging of the train all the
damn time! Go for it!!

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I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Jerry Easley

Signature Jerry Easley

Address 139 S.E. 33rd Ct.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

If it would alleviate some of the
whistles & horns; great. The street is
blocked 50% of the time anyway. I've
never had a problem getting out due to water.

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Date 12-12-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Steven Walter

Signature Steven Walter

Address 3114 E. 24th St

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I drive on Hull Ave on a regular basis to get to my mother's house and to other businesses such as UPS. Union Pacific has no intent to compensate citizens for closing their street which cost extra gas to "go around" the closed section.

This costs add up over the next 4 years

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12/19/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Boyer Petroleum Co

Signature J. Boyer

Address 1817 Hull Av

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Proposed Traffic plan is not sufficient & will cause restricted access and interruption of business due to increased congestion.
Security, safety, snow removal, police patrols, vendor/property values are also of concern

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12/17/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Jeff With

Signature JW

Address 2501 Morton

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I believe supporting neighborhoods is not a good thing for us in Des Moines, we have data on this. Just look at Guthrie after cleaning up the road, it is vibrant neighborhood now. We have to vote for family friendly.

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12/12/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name BILL MARTIN

Signature BILL MARTIN

Address 4136 FE 27

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

WHEN ELLIOT FLOODS WE NEED

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12-16-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Mike McHenry (McHenry Dist.)

Signature Mike McHenry

Address 1947-HULL AVE

7113 Benton CT URbandale

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Backed up traffic on Hull Ave

Increased Crime on Hull Ave

Inconvenience of closed Roads

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12-12-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Eva & Bill Horstman

Signature Eva & Bill Horstman

Address 1720 Eck St Des Moines, Ia

50316

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Hull Ave is a main artery on the east side!! Plus it would hurt the businesses in the area. All or most of the east side is against this closing!!

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12-21-2012I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Marlon NormannSignature Marlon NormannAddress 3320 Kinsey Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Oppose.Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12-15-12I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Mary Ann DouglasSignature M. A. DouglasAddress 2225 Hull Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Hull is the street I use to get to East 14th.Euclid is already extremely busy and further reduction
is not an option when streets are icy.University carries a lot of traffic from Pleasant Hill.

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Date 12-17-12

I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Carrie Westbrook

Signature Carrie Westbrook

Address 2403 Richland Dr

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I oppose this movement because
it will put a burden on those who need
to get past the tracks to reach family,
schools etc. It will also offset
businesses on our east side - This
must not be done -

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Date 12-12-12

I (am) am not in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Robert Ellis

Signature Robert Ellis

Address 1525 E. Tiffin Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Emergency vehicle access, cuts off use
of Hull straight thru, affects property values

This also does more lining of the pockets of
big business at taxpayers expense

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Date 12/12/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Eleanor Hawkins

Signature Eleanor Hawkins

Address 1525 E Tiffin Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Blocks off access for emergency vehicles. Lowers the value of my home because the main street going east from my property would be cut off. Blocks off the safe route to Perkins restaurant. Going to Euclid to turn into Perkins is not safe because of the 235 traffic.

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Date 12-18-2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name DAVE PERKINS

Signature Dave Perkins

Address 1947 Hull Avenue

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

TRAFFIC IS CONGESTED NOW WITH THE ROAD OPEN FROM BOTH DIRECTIONS.

REDUCED ACCESS FOR POLICE, FIRE, PARAMEDICS

INCONVENIENT FOR EMPLOYEE ACCESS AND

DELIVERIES

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Date 12/12/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Stephen Olson

Signature Steph Olson

Address 3010 Villa Vista Dr., DM 50316

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

The city has done some great things but I think long term this is potentially a big mistake, but, maybe not as big as all of the used car lots. I have noticed Dixon being blocked by rail traffic; huge mess if Hull is closed. You are cutting the east side in half, property values will decline. However, I am not relying on a city pension 30-40 years from now. Either way, I hope it works well. Steve

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Date 12-18-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Bauer Built Tire By: Steve Spindler

Signature Steve Spindler

Address 2040 Hull Avenue

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Our reason for opposing this is because it will greatly inconvenience our customers as they make their way to our facility. Of course our own vehicles will suffer the same inconveniences. You could argue that there are still other streets that our customers and our trucks can travel but removing the access thru the vacated area will more likely add traffic congestion on those alternative streets. So we respectfully ask that you deny the request.

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12-20-12I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Candice K. BrownSignature Candice K. BrownAddress 4015 Lay St. DM 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Property values, safety, convenience,
respect for homeowners and the
neighborhood

Item 11-2012-1.22Date 12/17/12I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Diane George c/o AramarkSignature Diane GeorgeAddress 2500 Delaware Ave

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

We use Hull Ave regularly and have
several businesses in this area

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12-15-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name MICHAEL LEBER

Signature Michael L. Leber

Address 1424 ROYER STREET

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

THIS ACTION WILL REDUCE AREA RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUES, CREATE SAFETY ISSUES FOR FIRE, POLICE, AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL AS WELL AS AREA RESIDENTS, CREATE AN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC SAM SITUATION ON DIXON STREET ALL SO THE RAILROAD, ADM AND PORT CAN INCREASE PROFITS AT THE EXPENSE OF AREA RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS.

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Date 12-13-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Cherie Mortice

Signature Cherie Mortice

Address 2904 E. 22nd St. 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

1. Lower our property values by making us a "dead end neighborhood."
2. Create detour routes for rescue and fire services that will put life and property at greater risk.
3. Giving public property away without requiring ^{something} in return to the adversely affected neighborhood.
4. Hurts our small businesses on Delaware and E. 14th St.

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Date 12/12/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Roger Godro

Signature Roger Godro

Address 3400 Delaware

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Accessability to businesses in the area.

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Date 12-14-12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Arthur Doyer

Signature Arthur M Doyer

Address 1817 Hull

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Less traffic = more vandalism

Snow plowing will suffer with decidend

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date _____

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name SUZY FORKNER

Signature Suz Forkner

Address 2924 E. 22 ST. 50317

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

makes my neighborhood 'dead' Freeway on the east,
dead end on the west. What improvements will
city make to our neighborhood? Fairmount Park
sites doing nothing. Bad Idea! Shut down truck
traffic and allow cars only on Hull Ave

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date 12/12/12

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Tom McFadden

Signature TM

Address 1775 East Euclid

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

There is no way the corner of Euclid + Division
can handle the added traffic from Hull
closing even if changes are made at the
intersection

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date Dec. 17, 2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Paul Sadler (UPNA Secretary)

Signature Paul Sadler

Address P.O. Box 16113 DSM, IA 50316

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Union Park Neighborhood Association stands in opposition to the proposal with residents who will be impacted, Those who use Hull Ave on a regular basis and see this action as a negative impact on this part of the City of Des Moines. Not in Favor

Item 11-2012-1.22

Date Dec. 14, 2012

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Lawrence Malmin

Signature Lawrence Malmin

Address 1426 Osceola Ave. D.M.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

Residents who pay your salaries are going to get the "shaft." Two million dollars is nothing to U.Pacific. The City ought to hold out ~~for~~ for at least four million.

Ikm.

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Planning & Zoning

Thursday, January 03, 2013

6 pm / City Council Chambers

Copy of Petition

To Keep S.E. 34th & S.E. 36th

OPEN

Submitted by

Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association

13 pages / 279 signatures

Petition for the continued availability of established traveled routes.

We the undersigned do here by affix our signatures to this document asking that the intersection of S.E. 34th and Union Pacific rail line and the intersection of S.E. 36th and Union Pacific rail line, be kept open and useful for the safety and wellbeing of our neighborhood as well as the continued use by those driving through our neighborhood, whose quality of life will be adversely affected by the closing of these intersections.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Karen Ketch	Karen Ketch	117 SE 34 th	266-1572
Cynthia Rayman	CYNTHIA D. RAYMAN	416 SE 36 th DIV	266-2352
Don Bobzen	Don Bobzen	3500 Scott Ave	263-0417
Larry Six	Larry Six	417 SE 35 th ST	360-5756
Sylvia Barkley	Sylvia Barkley	3421 SE SCOTT	265-5486
Mike Six	Mike Six	3414 Scott Ave.	707-5138
Cathy Grimm	Cathy Grimm	3408 Scott	729-1939
Karen Murphy	Karen L. Murphy	504 SE 34 th St.	447-1086
Troy Gill	Troy Gill	511 SE 34 th St	238-0251
Desiree Smith	Desiree Smith	409 SE 34 th St	779-8651
Alice Groves	Alice Groves	2131 Capital	
Paul Harrison	Paul Harrison	3324 Scott Ave	917-474-274
Josh Brannen	Josh Brannen	3316 Scott Ave.	515-974-7112
Mary Brannen	Mary Brannen	3316 Scott Ave	515-336-0471
Guthrie Hildreth	Guthrie Hildreth	501 SE 33rd	515-7109957
Sara Hildreth	Sara Hildreth	501 SE 33rd St	515-707-2700
Paul Borg	Paul Borg	9500 Madison Ave Urb.	309-9121
Meagan Starevic	Meagan Starevic	4203 E Madison Ave	202-0492
Ryan Seppa	Ryan Seppa	3510 Dubuque Ave	669-4486
Joseph Young	JOSEPH YOUNG	2249 E GRAND	266-6735
Sara O'Connor	Sara O'Connor	2328 E 41st St	720-6907
Denise Blakeman	Denise Blakeman	2519 E 35th St	210-1746
Tony Wartus	Tony Wartus	6401 W. 140th St. S.	971-5955
Donna Miller	Donna Miller	3115 E Shawnee	205-392

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SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Jeffrey Johnson	Jeffrey Johnson	1111 NE 5th St	407-571-5
Rich Armendariz	Rich Armendariz	4730 E Lincoln St	202-230
Nicole Shostman	Nicole Shostman	309 E 3rd St	771-2268
Manda Haws	Manda Haws	2112 Morton Ave	816-9691
Holly Roberts	Holly Roberts	1826 E 32nd (apt)	300-2652
Chuky Stark	Chuky Stark	" Same as above	423-5007
Traci Wolfe	Traci Wolfe	2537 E 2nd Ave	971-5477
Kyle Goodnick	Kyle Goodnick	2537 Fluid Ave	299-8951
David Hays	David Hays	2112 Morton Ave	5718183
Brett Pease	Brett Pease	4137 E 24th St	515-293-9039
Rick Belner	Rick Belner	2008 Motley	515-779-8231
Michael James	Michael James	785 Plumwood Ln	515 979-4539
Lori Miller	Lori Miller	4400 67th St	515 551-9211
Vicki Howell	Vicki Howell	811 SW 28th St	515 720 4219
CINDI DOORNENBURG	CINDI DOORNENBURG	124 SW 36th	515-314-3178
Fritz James	Fritz James	685 FOSTER / P.M.	515 255 2199
MARK HOLUB	MARK HOLUB	1054-45th St / DS	515-274-1804
PATTHY CALVEY	PATTHY CALVEY	5008 NW 6th Ave	515-299-1010
Lucy Wright	Lucy Wright	513 58th St Wm	515
ATY GOOD	ATY GOOD	7701 N 1st	
LORI OWENS	LORI OWENS	12749 N 47th Ave	515 306 6528
Gary Brown	Gary Brown	3950 NE 46th St	515-202-402
Bob McCloskey	Bob McCloskey	1418 20th St. bldg	515-371-1947
MI BACCEAM	MI BACCEAM	14115 Briarwood Ave	515 778 1396

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SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
<i>Joe Schmitz</i>	Joe Schmitz	4605 E Madison	202-4726
<i>Wayne J. McLean</i>	Wayne J. McLean	1032 E St. Shawnee	262-6503
<i>Jerry Riedman</i>	Jerry Riedman	1914 S 13th	771-6612
<i>Christine Cremer</i>	Christine Cremer	190 Burr Oak Blvd	—
<i>Nicole Rose</i>	Nicole Rose	5486 Pine Valley Dr.	—
<i>Carrie Abbas</i>	Carrie Abbas	6201 Goldfinch Dr.	—
<i>Bryan May</i>	Bryan May	4691 Parkview Dr.	266-4528
<i>Tammy Lynch</i>	Tammy Lynch	540 NE 47th pl	289-1003
<i>Kimthicks</i>	Kimthicks	3912 EAST AND, DEM	205-3728
<i>Sarah Sharp</i>	Sarah Sharp	3928 2nd Ave, DEM	720-9817
<i>Brandy Wince</i>	Brandy Wince	3978 2nd Ave DEM	802-9820
<i>Alicia Moran</i>	Alicia Moran	6407 E 39th Ct	447-0755
<i>Mike Grimes</i>	Mike Grimes	3704 Kinsley Ave	689-0096
<i>Marcella Edmonds</i>	Marcella Edmonds	1439 Dixon St.	400-7452
<i>Janie Brown</i>	Janie Brown	699 Sherrylawn Blvd	770-1010
<i>Kathleen Snyder</i>	Kathleen Snyder	3303 Scott Ave.	260-1446
<i>Fernand Ramirez</i>	Fernand Ramirez	2750 E Madison Ave. 3105045	
<i>Rochelle Doherty</i>	Rochelle Doherty	2750 E Madison Ave 30317	
<i>Marshall Matlaga</i>	Marshall Matlaga	4144 B St	
<i>Chris Turner</i>	Chris Turner	210 4th St NW	554-2413
<i>Patti Banks</i>	Patti Banks	545 Christieln	266-7717
<i>Delores A. Brees</i>	Delores A. Brees	5145 Sycamore Dr	265-0672
<i>Tiffany Randolph</i>	Tiffany Randolph	620 38th St	47779-0196
<i>Tony L.</i>	Tony L.	3510 7th Ave	264-9603
<i>Phanir Venkatesh</i>	Phanir Venkatesh	4415 Parkview Dr	720-3642
<i>Alison Baum</i>	Alison Baum	2210 Emma	577-2587

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SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Jay E. Murphy	JASON MURKIE	409 SE 35 th ST	(515) 508-1105
Deanne Lettington	DEAN E. LETTINGTON	405 SE 35 th ST	(515) 262-5046
Homer Blackford	HOMER BLACKFORD	140 E. 34 th ST	(515) 966-1908
Nancy Schrader	Nancy Schrader	11026 E 32 nd CT	515-262-3620
Harlan McDonald	Harlan McDonald	4413 Knob Hill	515-263-4922
Jackie Johnson	Jackie Johnson	200 SE 34 th ST	263-8265
Larry Elmore	Larry Elmore	414 SE 35 th ST	263-0737
Johnne Prock	Johnne Prock	3436 Scott Ave	263-0384
Jeff Prock	John Prock	3436 Scott Ave	263-0384
Harold Young	Harold Young	3314 EAST Court Ave	265-0486
Barbara Haws	Barbara Haws	186 1/2 SE 34 th ST	262-2195
Sandy Haws	Sandy Haws	135 SE 34 th ST	262-1526
Carol Bennett	Carol Bennett	122 SE 34 th ST	262-5499
Cliff Bennett	Cliff Bennett	122 SE 34 th ST	262-5499
Riccarl Young	Riccarl Young	101 SE 33rd ST	577-1758
Jeffrey D. Hartwig	Jeffrey D. Hartwig	511 SE 34 th ST	371-1888
Michael Stapleton	Michael Stapleton	3260 SCOTT AVE	262-5878
Betty M. Stapleton	Betty M. Stapleton	3260 Scott Ave	262-5878
Cherie L. Morris	Cherie L. Morris	3255 SCOTT AVE	266-5264
Marvin C. Morris	Marvin C. Morris	3255 SCOTT AVE	266-5264
Brian Jan Elliot	Jane Brian Elliot	124 E 35 th CT	265-8825
Frank Coll	FRANK COLL	125 E 35TH CT	778-5082
Mikki Griffin	Mikki Griffin	3404 SCOTT AVE	265-9179
Matt West	Matt West	110 SE 34 th ST	447-6738
Shane Painter	Shane Painter	110 SE 34 th ST	557-9669
Crystal Painter	Crystal Painter	110 SE 34 th ST	266-6809

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Dawn J. Lee	Debbie Arp	106 E. JACKSON	640-4477
Bethany Barton	Bethany Barton	110 SE 34th St	261-6361
Kathy Staben	Kathy Staben	113 SE 34th St	301-3424
Roger C. Hager	Roger C. Hager	1129 33rd St	664-4033
Stephen Spurlock	Stephen Spurlock	2936 Owen Dr.	319-9671
Connie & Vickie Hartman	Hartman	5001 A. N. Drive	515-661-8333
Bernice Gillispy	Bernice Gillispy	110 SE 34th St	266-6809
Connie Shelley	Connie Shelley	1001 Bronze St. Norwalk	285-6141
Rick Olson	Rick Olson	1401 4th Ave. St.	321-5301
James M. Paxton	James M. Paxton	2813 Stanton Dr. E	285-6943
Ruth Petri	Ruth Petri	35 Mayview #308	771-9613
David G. Anderson	David G. Anderson	405 E. 10th St. Cedar	515-313-3312
Connie Pendleton	Connie Pendleton	108 S. St. Lynnville	319-577-2323
Connie Pendleton	Connie Pendleton	4771 5th Rd. Cedar	319-577-2323
Debra Schenck	Debra Schenck	1105 Carbon Rd. Esk	629-573-5741
Norma Viet	Norma Viet	482 Yarrow Ave	641-847-2833
Larry Allge	Larry Allge	3245 Sault Rd.	625-351102
John Ober	John Ober	734 E. 15th St.	641-467-7682
Leanne R. Gillispy	Leanne R. Gillispy	7529 SE 6th Ave. Pit	515-265-2901
Blair Barrett	Blair Barrett	1175 NW 106th Ave Cedar	515-726-7013
Tina Tanner	Tina Tanner	20551 Hwy 97 Cedar	515-961-8392
Jean McNeil	Jean McNeil	9395 SE 26th Avenue	515-265-3922
Dan Cox	Dan Cox	859 92nd Ave Pleasant	112-541-842-160
Mike Williams	Mike Williams	3821 36th St Des Moines	720-310
Jodi Mania	Jodi Mania	1604 N. 9th Indiana	941-3234
Debra	Debra	203 9th Street	—

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Local Businesses

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	Name	Address	Phone
Bulver	Dick Hall	2040 Hull	266-7128
Bult	Adam Antisdel	2040 Hull	266-7128
Tire	Serita J. Hall	2040 Hull	266-7128
Service	Joyce	2040 Hull	SAME
Heating	Carlos Rodriguez	2040 Hull	266-7128
Cooling	Jerry Meyer	2421 South Union	515-689-8268
Supply	Ron L. Thompson	3100 Delaware Ave	261-0765
Supply	Terry Karp	3100 Delaware Ave	473-6583
Thermal	Jeff Ratier	3100 Delaware	261-0765
	Will Sample	3211 Delaware	262-7318
	Tom E. Canning	3211 Delaware Ave	265-7318
	John Larson	3211 Delaware Ave	265-7318
	Terry Green	3211 Delaware Ave	265-7318
	Ally Sample	3211 DELAWARE AVE	265-7318
	Carolyn Heberg	3407 DELAWARE AVE	265-07016
Holiday	Chris Sabis	3407 Delaware Ave	265-0616
Meeting	Nick Hesberg	3407 Delaware Ave	265-0616
	Roger Godron	3400 Delaware Ave	265-1453
Hydro	Reed Benson	3400 Delaware Ave	265-1453
	David Godron	3400 Delaware Ave	265-1453
Quip.	Tan Williams	3400 Delaware Ave	265-1453
	Cherry	3400 Delaware Ave	265-1453
SDDS	Debra Ritter	3400 Delaware Ave	265-1453
(more to come)	Brittany Welkens	3123 Delaware Ave	262-2955
Capital	Capitol Hill Deli	3123 Delaware Ave	262-2955
Grocery	Capitol Hill Deli	2905 Delaware	263-1058
Iowa FIRE	Mike Jurgens (IFE warehouse)	2721 DELAWARE	265-4061
EQUIP.	Jeff Lowe Special Delivery	2800 Delaware Ave	515-559-3920
Tompkins	Frank R Ezio Jr. Tompkins Ind.	2535 Delaware Ave	515-266-1161
Industrial	Jack Schaffer Tompkins Ind.	2535 Delaware Ave	515-266-1161
Industrial	Alvin Williams Tompkins Ind.	2535 Delaware Ave	515-266-1161
Kevin Clark	Tompkins Ind	2535 Delaware Ave	" "

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Name	Address	Phone
Landy Vaughn	Bayard Ia	712 651 2821
Frances Gulture	Courtesy Ist Hull Ave	515-418-4974
Ellen Verti	Des Moines	515 401 0102
Barbara Verti	Des Moines	515 577 1618
Natalia Kast	Des Moines	515-265-5584
Barb Pentzborn	Des Moines	515-313-7308
all Julianne	Von Meter	515 979 5098
Robert Sauerman	Des Moines Ia	515-263-3243
Karen Liebts	Des Moines	515-229-5202
Tracey Proift	Des Moines	515-556-7126
Gary Reynolds	Des Moines	515 988-7106
Annette McDonald		515 265-1419
Diane McLean	2207 East Bayard	515 268-2497
Shula Ullery	1947 Hull	515 494 7602
Cathy Vanderveen	1115 NE 13	515-262-0636
Tom Barton	DM	865-3063
Jared Souder	DM	745-2952
Amylyn Smith	DM	(515) 238-4013
Deb Baker	2716 Hull Dm	515 262-3367
Business Thrusters	Thrusday Service Corp	515-262-2222
Service Corp.	1405 E 6th Street	515-265-3822
Business Thrusters	George D. M. He	515-992-3550
Business Thrusters	Dave Prince	515-380-1047
Business Thrusters	Hilay Hamilton	615-491-7028
Business Thrusters	Justin Jones	515-975-2418
Business Thrusters	Nicole Lust	515-971-9224
Business Thrusters	Jessica Lust	515 (971-0530)
Business Collectibles	Chad Hager	515 306-9255
Business Collectibles	Bob B Art & Collectibles	515 265-4889
Business Collectibles	City of Marion	515 444-0255
Business Collectibles	Kathy McCuen	515 280 5420

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Name	Address	Phone
Ron Alhart	1215 SE 11th	515-210-3247
Arlene Alhart / To Body	2910 E 9th St	515-285-6191 (business)
Jay Finefrenier	2412 Hull	
Lorene Cruz	2718 E. 24th St	(515) 979-0041
Gregory Dunn	2535 E 23rd	
North Dennis	1520 York Ave	515-661-9877
MARTIN MUÑOZ	2504 Lay St	
Lucas Pachlow	1301 E 19th St	
Zane Taylor	2210 E Ave	
Veni Cole	2821 E Clinton Ave	
Sam Ikhattya	1801 E 22nd St	609-576-3973
Phomie Khamtay	" " "	917-651-4445
Ruth Phriviet	1501 E 7th St	- - -
Troy Young (Sarah Bannum)	1326 McCormick St	515-261-7167
Mark Heymsfield	2417 Richmond Ave	515-988-3082
JAMMIE Radden	619 17th Ave NW #9212 50009	515-629-0022
Chloe Boles	1404 Sampsonet	422-3928
Christie Anderson	3301 Richland Dr.	943-8975
Laura D. Smith	2301 Richland DR	505-6255
John Suppelt	2420 E 27th	515-422-8070
Connie Dugan	3411 E 26th Street	
Matthew Kier	2601 Searb St.	771-2444
Jim Butler	2745 CLEVELAND	263-8114
Dawn Butler	224 E 14th DSM	263-770-9124
Alaynna Speaks	1333 6th Ave Dyn	
Jeffrey Scott	7555 Wedgewood VI	565-8987
Angie Julander	2612 Mansfield Dr	418-7751
Ronda Gillaspay	2719 E Washington	
Raynette Bellman	2820 E 24th St	242-8408
(Burton Principal)		

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Contact Cheri: 266-4981

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Name	Address	Phone
(Cherie Koos)	3930 13 th	619-4281
(Lynn)	3930 13 th	289-3177
Jacquie Maxwell	3118 Cornel St	243-1948
Dagney Gilbert	6505 NW 56 th ST	276-5162
Giff Kunkel	1430 E. Jefferson	265-4655
Bryant Fredrick	440 NE 45 th pl	3421-0094
Alankit Van Zee	832 Wilmer	515-273-6685
Verona Edwards	3515 83 rd N	315-979-8543
Donald J. Green	4695 E. Oakwood	515-261-3466
Krista Maeder	1529 E 13 th DSM PR	515 205 9574
Denise Lycan	3106 Wright St	360-9832
Janice Brooks	1008 Boyd	528 2150
Virginia Landrau	1080 NW 67 th Place	289-1334
Bob Hubby	1118 east 9 th	262-8466
Karen Hunt	3828 N. Union	288-5109
Deidre Berg	5260 Arthur Ave	288-2947
Patricia D. Danbom	738 E. WASHINGTON Ave.	262-3223
Gill Essex	902 Cleveland	264-8562
Lisa McDonald	5802 NE 3 rd St	326-5862
Clarianne M. Rotorsen	3423 E. 38 th Ct	419-6295
Linda K. Killam	144 NW 72 nd Pl.	289-1487
Carly Matthews	3417 Blumar dr. DM	262-8205
Mary Jo Schmidt	4032 114 th St. DM	770-1937
Tony Crawford	5864 Robin Rd PT	266-4741
Lisa Livingston	818 NE 57 th Ave.	289-2804
Maidey Rieger	1075 NW 70 th Ave	289-0241
Connie Osborne	3019 Garden Ave.	255-6214
Rod Anderson	1440 Wilson Ave	360-3025
Sue Brown	1151 NW Aurora Ave	664-3090
Naomi	2821 E. 38 th St.	331-1188
Colbie Shepherd	3014 E 36 th Ct	515-362-9207
Jeff	30 NW 42 nd	515-771-2570

Contact: Cherie @ 490-2748

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Name	Address	Phone
Desiree Johnson	1738 Lyon Street	(515)339-2769
Charles Brightman	737 Hull Ave	515-619-3969
Wade S. Copic	5710 Allison Ave	515-865-5978
Mike Mclell	2240 Legion Dr	515-7784340
Chadley S Ruby	2705 NE 49 th Ave	515-803-6676
Raymond Lee	740 NE Aurora Ave.	515-419-8819
Suzia Mathy	1452 AMMUSAVE	515-971-2411
Linda Weidt	1312 Boyd	515-289-6081
Michelle Ritchie	1224 E Vick Ave	515-262-2415
Scott Michaels	2701 E 16 th St	515-262-1819
Tina Duhm	4450 SE 17 th Ct., DSM	515-897-1232
Cornel Beirne	4045 7 th	515-776-6164
Clarey Miller	1312 Boyd St.	515-473-4877
Tarola Davis	2936 Walker	556-2213
Dee Cendee	3237 Cleveland	515-853-2000
NICOLE WEIRICH	1925 39th St.	515-779-9243
Jerry Hall	3210 John Dohmen	515-778-7145
Kristine Blessing	953 40th St W.D.M.	563-210-2845
TP Tara Dozois	305 S.F. St.	515-612-3825
Nancy J. Harrison	789 NW College	(515)250-2481
Steve	1251 Stewart	515-266-5423
Alma D.	3013 Kansas Ave.	515-270-8799
Filk Ag/Map	3628 Kinnard Ave	505-689-0183
Alta F. Herrick	1330 Richmond Ave	515-344-8994
Brian Richeit	1224 E 0012th St	494-4123
Tom Con	1312 Boyd St	515-517-3-2149
WTW RC	1258 Henderson	785-7408
Andie McCormick	2914 E 22 nd St	263-9163
Larry Pal	2040 Hull Ave	266-7128
Don Stoeckel	2040 Hull Ave	266-7128 (Business)
Dit Mark duplicated	2040 Hull Ave	266-7128
Joellen G.	9070 Hull Ave	266-7128

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Name	Address	Phone
Barrie Mortise	2904 E. 22nd St. DM	515-266-4981
Patricia Parker	2204 Boyd St.	515-265-2146
John Kennedy	2214 Boyd St.	515-488-7101
Joe Sackton	2228 Boyd St	515-953-4557
Robert Jackson	2228 Boyd St	515-453-4476
Barry Aldrich	3231 Boyd St	515-243-4391
Allen W. Peterson	2904 E. 22nd CT	515-971-3488
Wilma Barnes	2424 E. 22nd Ct	515-265-5007
W. Strobel	2167-13061	515-364-8276
John Shrader	Luthier Park	971-0122
Jane Martell	2824 E 16th D34	515-710-2575
Ruby Kent	2824 E 16 th D15	515-971-0433
Pat Rubine	2824 E 16 th A-7	515-285-5160
MARIAE Wilson	2824 E 16th St.	515-240-9996
Lorraine Wallace	2824 E 16 th St.	515-265-5098
Phyllis Mason	2824 E 16 th St.	515-283-4859442
Hattie Williams Lee	2824 E 16 th St	
Wayne J. Gray	2824 E 16 th	515-263-1846
Sue Rector	1523 McCormick St.	515-318-1187
Harmon Nelsen	2824 E 16 th St	515-266-2161
Susie Hall	2824 E 16th St.	515-280-3401
Phyllis Webb	2824 E 16 th	515-282-7542
Marilyn Murphy	2824 E. 16 th St	515-286-7362
Patricia St John	2824 E. 16 th	515-282-0535
Geraldine Penn	2824 E. 16 th	515-339-7536
Connie Fitzgerald	2824 E. 16 th	515-266-7070
Janet Baugh	1305 Morton	515-265-7079
Mary Devine	2824 E. 16 th	NO PHONE SERVICE
Helen Friesen	2824 E 16 th St	515-262-7162
Dorothy Nickay	4153 Timber Lane	515-362-3358
Janette Williams	8315 S. 13 Ave	515-365-3660

Luther Park Apartments : Hull Ave (2824 E. 16th)

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Park Apartments

Name	Address	Phone
Deun Gunther	2824 E 16 th PM 50316	NO SERVICE
Bernice Layum	2824 E. 16 th DM 50316
Sherley D. Davis	2824 E. 16 th DM 50316	
Margaret Smith	2824 E. 16 th	
Marie Standard	2824 E. 16 th DM 50316	
Michael Clingspool	2824 E. 16 th DM 50316	
Gertrude Maher	2821 E 16 th ST 50316	
Janet Jensen	2824 E 16 th B214	
Mary Lou Walker	2647 E Sheridan Ave	
Norman T. Knutson	2824 E. 16 th DM 50316	
W. Walker	2824 E. 16 th 50316	
Getty Sawyer	2824 E. 16 th 50316	
Oscar Colbais	2824 E 16 th 50316	
Mike Murray	2824 E 16 th 50316	
Margaret Thompson	2824 E. 16 th 50316	
Barbara Olson	2824 E. 16 th 50316	
Theola Davis	2824 E. 16 th 50316	
Donald Karmy (M)	2824 E. 16 th 50316	
Carline Weaver	2824 E. 16 th 50316	
Artley Beagle	2824 E 16 th 50316	
Shirley Daniels	Alturas Dr 5000 ⁹	
Curtis Cartwright	2824 E 16 th ST	
Winona Cartwright	2824 E 16 th ST	
Jaida S. Cooper	2824 E 16 th Hull 50316	
Carmen C. Poole	2824 E. 16 th 50316	
Reita E. Shanks	2824 E. 16 th 50316	
Art Matheson	2824 E 16 th Apt B26	
Emiko Sulek	2824 E. 16 th Apt. 316	
Evelyn Guilechessi	2824 E 16 th Apt B314	
Dominic Guilechessi	2824 E 16 th Apt B314	
Sally P. Lee	2824 E 16 th Apt B316	
Mary E. Gandy	2824 E 16 th Apt B317	

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Name	Address	Phone
Erinette B. Jones	2824 E 10 th Apt B 319	
Dorrie Stearns	2824 E 16 th Apt A 318	
Jacqueline Vick	2018 E. 22 nd 50310	
Jeff Rownt	1919 E 33 rd St. 50317	
Monica Wood	2549 E Sheridan Ave	
John Bayo	3310 York St 50316	
Jacqueline	22550 E Sheridan	(515) 321-5450
This Person	3919 E 22 nd 50312	(351) 414 8188
Maria Jaime	1301 Boyd St	515-229-1560
Martin Munoz	2504 Bay St	(515) 480-5157
Amber Nolalickey	2720 E. 25 th St.	(515) 488-9325
Evelyn C. Thomas	1348 McCormick	265-5785
Maria Vargas	2555 Wedgewood	202-4850
John C.	1441 S. St. 17 th	515-494-2664
Gabino Barber Jr.	2531 Mansfield Dr. DSM, IA	515-473-1409
Joseph Rock	2827 E Clinton ave	602-633-8780
Mandy Burnett	1530 E. Jefferson	515-689-9887
Cruz Ceron	2925 E 22 ST	
Garrett Schimpf	2655 E Douglas	
Laura Givens	2400 E Aurora Ave DSM	515-266-0918
Joseph Reed	3519 Kingman	250-8195
	1801 East 22 nd St	771-9942
Phantip Supasert	1213 Hutton St	515-403-0784
Ken Sywana	2111 E. 23 rd St	619-2151
Tahekia Heard	PO Box 137 DSM 50301	(515) 528-1308
Monica Campos	2612 E. 9th St	
Edith Menez	1201 E 19th St	515 803 7645
Dominique TAYLOR	2210 E. Rose Ave # 19	515 943-0517
Tracy Jordan	2823 E Tiffin	515 967-6730
Carolina Hernandez	2511 Boyd St	515-868-4104
Jeff Stanley	0010 Av	
Ullice Gutierrez	2011 Hull Ave	515-505-9804

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Name	Address	Phone
Tora Neugent	2571 Hull Ave	515-266-5725
Mark Ballou	7105 REITE AVE	515 255 0286
Joyce E. Rogers	3415 E 39th	515 266-6897
DB Roberts	3415 E 39th	515 266-4897
Diane J. Donald	828 Verlynne	515-265-0274
John	2800 S 8th PL	515-243-3836
Betty Malone	2441 Logan Ave	515-262-5804
Norma Westwood	4006 Richmond Ave	515-265-1317
Laura Lue	800 N 1st	515-266-3366
Dorothy Burkhardt	2339 NW 78th	515-767-8345
Bob Smith	361 SE Delaware #303	515-965-8658
Kathleen Luthens	2511 E 7th St	265-3254
Kim Gelslad Perry	701 W 10th	954-5627
Sandy M. M.	511 Kirkwood DM	288-0399
Joely Thompson	1067-37th N 111	255-2292
John Johnson	4460 NE 19th DM	991-3218
Scott Gibbons	4460 NE 19th DM	556-1293
Ruthy Tjelle	2824 E 16th DM	659-3709
Richard Wilcox	3824 E Douglas DM	263-1570
Carolyn Cole	110 N W. Greenwood St	464-0788
Glenn Bryson	2804 E Douglas DM	263-1570
Jacquelyn Raiden	2313-E 25th St. DM.	265-1699
Joyce Borg	1560 ARTHUR AVE.	262-0330
Dick Borg	1560 ARTHUR AVE.	262-0330
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Take Moquin	1425 Richmond	494-6025
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Re: December 19, 2012 Zoning Board of Adjustment Preliminary Agenda

fairground neighborhood <fairgroundneighborhoodassoc@gmail.com>
To: "Drost, Bert" <badrost@dmgov.org>

Wed, Dec 19, 2012 at 9:37 AM

Good morning Bert

Just wanted to let you the Fairground Neighborhood Assoc does not feel closing roads to cut a neighborhood in half is feasible we vote NO.

Thank you,

Sharon Cooper

President
FNA

On Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 10:08 AM, Drost, Bert <badrost@dmgov.org> wrote:

Dear Neighborhood Association Contact,

Thank you for your service and dedication to the City of Des Moines!

Please find attached the agenda for the monthly Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting.

You may also view the agenda online at <http://www.dmgov.org/government/boards/ZoningBoardofAdjustment>. By clicking on the "2012 Meeting Schedule Page" link towards the bottom of this page, you can also view past agendas and Decision & Orders (outcomes of the public hearing items).

Please forward this email to members of your board or association and residents, as you deem appropriate.

If you have questions or concerns regarding an item on an agenda, please do not hesitate to contact me at 283-4257 or BADrost@dmgov.org.

NOTE: You are receiving this email because you are the neighborhood contact on record with the City's Neighborhood Planning Division. If you are no longer the contact, please notify Amber Lynch at AMLynch@dmgov.org.

Sincerely,

Bert Drost

* Drost, AICP
Planner
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D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, Iowa 50309



Archer Daniels Midland Company
1935 E. Euclid Ave. Des Moines, IA 50313

November 8, 2012

400 Robert D Day Drive
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Des Moines City Council and Planning & Zoning Committee members:

On behalf of ADM's soybean crushing facility in Des Moines, I am pleased to offer support for the proposed closure of the crossing at Hull Avenue and the related road infrastructure improvements.

ADM places a high value on safety – the safety of our employees and the safety of our community members. We believe that closing the crossing at Hull Avenue will allow for safer, more efficient access for our trucks and rail cars and will help improve road safety and reduce wait times at several railroad crossings for local residents. We recently completed significant investments at our facility to improve the flow of truck traffic, and we feel that this closure and the associated road improvements will further improve traffic and road safety near our facility. As an added benefit, it will reduce noise for nearby residents.

ADM has operated its soybean crushing plant in Des Moines since 1985. We employ more than 150 employees and provide a reliable market for hundreds of Iowa soybean producers. The proposed closure of the crossing on Hull Avenue supports the long-term viability and competitiveness of ADM's soy crush and oil refining business in Des Moines, from which we ship more than 8,000 rail cars per year. This project represents a positive step towards improving rail and truck logistics in the area and will help enable potential future expansions and long-term investments in our local operations.

ADM supported the City's Civil Engineering and Traffic Study on this project to ensure that the overall impact to the community will be positive. We believe that moving forward with the closure of the crossing at Hull Avenue and the associated road improvements is in the best interests of our local economy and the safety of the residents of Des Moines.

For further information, please contact ADM Media Relations:
217-424-5413
media@adm.com

Sincerely,

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James Pirolli



Iowa Department of Transportation

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November 8, 2012

The Honorable T.M. Franklin Cownie and Des Moines City Council Members
City of Des Moines
400 Robert D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, IA 50309

Subject: Proposed highway-railroad crossing closures

Dear Mayor Cownie and City Council Members:

I am writing to you regarding the expansion of the Union Pacific Railroad's Short Line Yard in Des Moines and the corresponding proposal to close several highway-railroad crossings. Freight transportation is in the spotlight today with projections of growth in freight of up to 60 percent by 2040 according to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). To accommodate this projected growth in freight shipments, the transportation system, including all modes of transportation, will need to be strengthened. The expansion of the Union Pacific Railroad's Short Line Yard in Des Moines is an infrastructure investment that will increase efficiency and expand capacity to help handle the future increased freight load, both for current and future businesses that depend upon rail in the Des Moines Metro area, and as part of the national freight transportation system.

Overall rail tonnage growth has been on an upward climb for decades. With more powerful and efficient locomotives, trains today are capable of pulling more weight and more cars than when the Short Line Yard was built. When a yard lacks the length or capacity to accommodate today's longer trains, efficiency suffers. The Union Pacific Railroad's Short Line Yard is currently at capacity. Without the expansion of Short Line Yard and the associated closures of 34th and 36th Street, future rail served businesses wishing to locate in the Des Moines area may not be able to obtain the rail service that they need to economically ship products and decide to locate elsewhere. As congestion grows, service to existing customers may deteriorate. Without sufficient capacity, highway-railroad crossings near the yard are more often blocked by incoming trains awaiting room to enter the yard, wasting motorist's time and fuel.

The proposed Hull Avenue closure will support the long-term viability and competitiveness of the ADM plant, due to a significant rail investment by Union Pacific Railroad in rail infrastructure as well as safer and more efficient truck access. With the addition of rail switches and an extended crossing-free segment of track, long enough to "hold" a train, blocked crossings at nearby streets will be reduced, mitigating the impact of the closure.

The Honorable T.M. Franklin Cownie and Des Moines City Council Members

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At the request of businesses in the area, Scott Avenue is closed and barricaded to street traffic. I understand that Union Pacific Railroad is requesting that the street closure be made permanent so that the highway-railroad crossing and associated signal equipment can be permanently removed. This will free Union Pacific from ongoing maintenance costs and regulatory oversight on the unused crossing.

Though I realize that closing a highway-railroad grade crossing can be a sensitive public issue, as a general rule, the Iowa DOT supports crossing closures on the basis of safety alone. Every at-grade highway-railroad crossing holds with it an inherent risk for vehicle-train collisions. Because of the mass of the trains, these collisions tend to be significantly more devastating than passenger vehicle crashes. Though three of the four crossings proposed for closure are currently protected by active crossing protection (lights or lights and gates), active protection is no guarantee of safety since historically, 41 percent of the collisions in the state occur at actively-protected crossings. In short, the safest crossing is no crossing.

The Iowa DOT supports the crossing closures proposed by Union Pacific Railroad to enhance the operations of the rail transportation system in the state of Iowa and the nation, support the growth and vitality of existing and new rail served businesses, and eliminate the potential of what can be the tragic consequences of a train-car collision at the crossings.

Sincerely,



Paul Trombino III
Director

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January 2, 2013

Ms. Brenda Mainwaring
Director, Public Affairs IA NE
Union Pacific Railroad
1400 Douglas Street, Stop 1550
Omaha, NE 68179

Dear Ms. Mainwaring:

SUBJECT: UNION PACIFIC EXPANSION IN DES MOINES

The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) offers this letter of support of the Union Pacific Railroad's plan to expand the Union Pacific rail yard in Des Moines and make other improvements to the infrastructure in the surrounding area. Increased access to rail and rail capacity are vital to the overall success of the transportation system and to the area's economy. The proposed project complies with goals 1.3 and 2.7 of the *Horizon Year 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*, which call for improvements to rail infrastructure in the region and the decrease of impediments to freight transportation.

Based on these factors the MPO supports Union Pacific's plans to expand and improve the Union Pacific rail yard in Des Moines.

Respectfully,

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R. Todd Ashby
Executive Director

Cc: Chris Coleman, MPO Chair

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Agricultural Division

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Mr. Ken Allen
President
Firestone Ag Tire Division

To Whom It May Concern:

Transportation infrastructure is vitally important to any area's overall economy. That infrastructure from interstates and highways to airports and rail must be maintained and improved to meet the increasing demands of an ever-changing society. This letter is to pledge Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations support of the Union Pacific Railroad application for closure of four street crossings in Des Moines.

For over 65 years the Firestone plant on 2nd Avenue has been part of the Des Moines landscape. Millions of tires have been produced by thousands of Des Moines and surrounding communities' residents. The tire production involves mixing numerous raw materials including crude and synthetic rubber and carbon black. These major raw materials are transported primarily on rail infrastructure. This infrastructure must be maintained and upgraded as times change.

The Union Pacific Railroad has already invested \$15 MM since 2005 in the Des Moines area on rail infrastructure and the current proposal would add another \$8 MM. This infrastructure improvement is needed to increase capacity and improve operational efficiency.

With the Department of Transportation estimating a 61% increase in freight traffic by 2040, it is critical that rail infrastructure be upgraded and improved. This will allow the movement of as much freight as possible on rail and therefore leaving our interstate system to handle the additional truck traffic. The infrastructure improvements will not only address the capacity and operational issues, but will improve traffic flow at key intersections in Des Moines.

Bridgestone / Firestone has made tremendous investments in the Des Moines area the past 65 years. In June of this year Bridgestone announced the plans for an additional \$74 million investment bringing the total since March of 2010 to \$151 million. This investment will provide for additional building and curing capacity in the manufacturing plant. It is critical that major contributors of tire manufacturing such as rail and highway infrastructure be improved to keep pace. We urge city and county officials to support the UPRR's application for closure.

Regards,



Mr. Ken Allen
President - Firestone Ag. Tire Division