



Dakota County

Legislation Text

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DEPARTMENT: Transportation

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TITLE

Authorization To Execute Agreement With Progressive Rail Incorporated For Railroad Crossing Improvements On CP 88-23 For Reconstruction Of CSAH 88 From CR 94 To TH 56 In City Of Randolph

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize execution of an agreement with Progressive Rail Incorporated for railroad crossing improvements on County Project (CP) 88-23 (Attachment: Project Map) in the City of Randolph (City).

SUMMARY

To provide a safe and efficient transportation system throughout the County and the region, Dakota County and the City are partnering on CP 88-23 to reconstruct County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 88 from 850 feet west of County Road (CR) 94 (Cooper Path) to State Highway 56 in the City of Randolph. The project will improve safety and mobility on the roadway by adding turn lanes, sidewalks, trails, & drainage improvements. The City of Randolph is the lead agency for CP 88-23 construction is scheduled for summer 2023.

The Progressive Railroad crosses CSAH 88 about 950 feet east of County Road 83 (Dickman Avenue). The proposed roadway improvements require modification to the railroad crossing per Minnesota Department of Transportation Rail. The proposed crossing modifications will include new automatic gate crossing signals with LED light assemblies, hurricane gate arms, EZ gate arm lights, winds guards, signs, and bell. Progressive Rail Incorporated (Railroad) is the operating agency, and due to the associated work, a construction and maintenance agreement is required.

The Railroad provided a cost estimate (Attachment: Progressive Rail Estimate) of \$277,075 that includes all labor and materials to replace the crossing to meet the reconstructed typical section of CSAH 88. The County is responsible for all costs associated with the crossing replacement and will pay actuals at the time of construction. The Railroad will be responsible for the reconstruction of the crossing and has indicated this work will occur prior to and during the early stages of construction of CP 88-23. Progressive Rail Incorporated will maintain responsibility for the maintenance of the railroad crossing unless it is required due to a County action.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Dakota County enter into an agreement with Progressive Rail Incorporated to define the project costs, construction, and maintenance responsibilities associated with reconstructing the existing railroad crossing on CSAH 88 in an amount of \$277,075.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

The 2022 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget includes \$1,411,300 for CP 88-23. The 2023 Draft Transportation CIP includes \$7,900,000 for construction (See Attachment: Financial Summary). Sufficient funds are available to enter into the construction and maintenance agreement.

☐ None ☒ Current budget ☐ Other
☐ Amendment Requested ☐ New FTE(s) requested

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dakota County (County) and the City of Randolph (City) are partnering on County Project (CP) 88-23; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the project is to improve safety and operations; and

WHEREAS, to address the purpose of the project, the County is proposing to reconstruct County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 88 from County Road 94 to Trunk Highway 56 to include a three-lane highway and add turn lanes and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the City is the lead agency for CP 88-23 with construction scheduled to begin in summer 2023; and

WHEREAS, improvements to the existing railroad crossing are necessary to accommodate the reconstruction of CSAH 88; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements include new stop arms and a warning device system to accommodate the proposed three-lane section of CSAH 88; and

WHEREAS, Progressive Railroad Incorporated will complete the work prior to and in conjunction with the construction of CP 88-23; and

WHEREAS, the costs for the railroad crossing work, estimated at \$277,075, is the responsibility of the County for CP 88-23; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for the railroad crossing costs; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends execution of an agreement with Progressive Rail Incorporated to reconstruct the crossing on CSAH 88.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute an agreement with Progressive Rail Incorporated for the final design, materials, and construction of the CSAH 88 railroad crossing associated with CP 88-23, in the amount of the actual costs currently estimated at \$277,075, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Location Map

Attachment: Financial Summary

Attachment: Progressive Rail Estimate

BOARD GOALS

☒ A Great Place to Live

☐ A Successful Place for Business and Jobs

☐ A Healthy Environment

☐ Excellence in Public Service

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL

☒ Inform and Listen

☐ Discuss

☐ Involve

☐ N/A

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