City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: January 17, 2017
Council Bill No. 2017-103

Item: Agreement for Improvements to the Kansas City Southern Railroad Crossing near 4th Street and Grand Avenue.
Originating Department: Public Works – Engineering

Attachments: 1) Location Map
2) Agreement
3) Council Bill 2017-103

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Recommended Action: Approval of the Cost Share Agreement with Kansas City Southern Railway Company for improvements to the at-grade crossing located near 4th and Grand Avenue. Avenue.

Background: Joplin voters approved the renewal of the Capital Improvement Sales tax in August, 2014. One of the commitments made was to improve the rideability of our streets. We currently have a manhole adjustment contract that is underway to adjust rough manhole on our busiest streets. Another area that we've focused on is rough railroad crossings. Over the last year and a half, we've worked with the railroads to try to achieve this. The crossing on 4th Street with the Kansas City Southern Railroad (KCS) is one of those crossings that needs improvement. This proposed cost sharing agreement with Kansas City Southern Railroad is a step in that direction.

Discussion: The total cost of the project will include work on the tracks which will be performed by KCS and the work on the adjacent roadway which will be the responsibility of the city. The estimated cost of the work on the tracks is $154,810 with the city responsible for half of the **actual** cost. This cost was minimized by using the concrete panels from the old 20th Street railroad crossing that were removed with the overpass project. The work on the roadway adjacent to the tracks will be contracted and the city will be responsible for the entire cost which is estimated to be $100,000. The work will take close coordination between the city and KCS. After execution of this agreement, we will then advertise for bids to select a contractor for the work on the adjacent roadway. When we have given the contractor notice to proceed, we will then coordinate with KCS on the actual timing of the work so that it can all be accomplished simultaneously to reduce the impact to Joplin motorists.

Recommendation: Approval of the Cost Share Agreement for improvements to the at-grade crossing with the Kansas City Southern Railway Company on an emergency basis per Section 2.12 (6) of the Charter of the City of Joplin.