

October 17, 1997

The City of Alton, Illinois, by its Mayor, :
Donald E. Sandidge, :
Petitioner, :
vs. :
Norfolk Southern Corporation and Department of :
Transportation of the State of Illinois :
Respondent. :
T97-0050 :
Petition for permission to construct an overhead :
grade crossing of Indiana Avenue, MFT Section :
97-0020801-GS, Structure #060-6110, over the :
tracks of the Norfolk Southern Corporation at a :
location approximately 1/3 mile north of Illinois Route :
143, Alton, Madison County, Illinois. :

STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND
PROPOSED COST DIVISION

Upon review of the testimony and exhibits entered in this case, it is the opinion of staff that the Petition filed by the City of Alton requesting on Order of the Commission granting permission for the establishment of a new railroad/highway crossing by the construction of a highway overpass structure carrying Indiana Avenue over the tracks of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company be granted. The cost for the construction of the new overpass structure should be divided in the following manner.

| Improvement | Estimated Cost | GCPF | City |
|--|-----------------------|---|------------------|
| Construction cost of new highway overpass. | \$5,157,146 | 60% | Remainder |
| Contingencies | \$ 773,572 | 60% | Remainder |
| Design & Construction | **903,700 | 60% | Remainder |
| Engineering | | \$542,220 | |
| Right of Way | \$ 263,700 | 60% | Remainder |
| Right of Way-Railroad | \$ 50,000 | 60% | Remainder |
| Railroad Force Account | \$ 60,000 | 60% | Remainder |
| | | \$36,000 | |
| Total | \$7,208,118 | \$4,324,871 (*\$2,162,435) | Remainder |

the amount to be paid by the Fund shall not exceed \$2,162,435 until further Order of the Commission; (*) it is the intent of the Commission to issue further Order(s) increasing the maximum amount to be paid by the Fund to \$4,324,870 by the end of the project, either by annual increases equal to the limiting amount as previously contained in Finding (), or earlier if necessitated by the project; all cost of future maintenance of the new structure shall be borne by the City of Alton except for damage caused by railroad derailment, collision or accident.

** the engineering cost can be broken down further if necessary in the following manner:

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Preliminary Bridge Plan | \$ 26,700 |
| Soils investigation | \$ 17,600 |
| Environmental Investigation | \$ 40,000 |
| Right of way Engineering | \$ 18,000 |
| Plans and Specifications | \$343,500 |
| Construction Engineering | <u>\$457,900</u> |
| | \$903,700 |

The City of Alton may obtain federal funding through a Federal Demonstration Project program that will be used to pay a portion of the City's share of the project cost. In discussions with the Illinois Department of Transportation, it is my understanding that there are no restrictions on what project costs this type of federal funds may participate toward.

Very truly yours,

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