

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Task Order 6 with Sanbell Rocky Mountain for the Quiet Zone Railroad Crossings Project

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Agreement - Vendor/Contract

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to sign Task Order 6 with Sanbell - Rocky Mountain for the Quiet Zone Railroad Crossings Project

STRATEGIC PLAN: 2.2 Infrastructure Investments: Strategically invest in infrastructure as a mechanism to encourage economic development.

BACKGROUND: Trains are currently required to blow their horns at at-grade crossings by federal regulations. Establishing a quiet zone means additional safety features are added to crossings in an area that allow trains to not be required to blow their horns. This project has been in process since 2020 and this additional scope of work reflects forward motion after major delays caused by end of Montana Rail Links long term lease of the rail line from BNSF. This task order extends previous work on construction drawings for the railroad quiet zone project to integrate design changes required by BNSF into the final plan set and conduct right-of-way acquisition work. The scope of work also includes coordination with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) on the Rouse Ave. crossing as the recommended changes in design impact facilities on their roadway.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None at this time.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the City Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: Funding for this scope of work will be split equally between the Pole Yard Urban Renewal District and the Northeast Urban Renewal District. The total cost of the work is \$32,000.

Attachments:

[Task Order 006_Rouse & Wallace QZ Final Design.docx](#)

[Task Order 006_SOW_Rouse & Wallace QZ Final](#)

[Design_020725.pdf](#)

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