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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 90-40

FROM: Deputy Administrator

DATE: May 10, 1990

RE: Railroad Crossing Maintenance Fees

Attached is a proposal prepared by the Alaska Railroad to redistribute the responsibility for costs of crossing maintenance.

The Administration believes the proposal is a major step in the right direction. The annual maintenance charge now proposed is about 1/2 of the present fee. However, the following suggestions are offered for consideration.

Paragraph 1C - Change to read as follows: All repair costs resulting from vandalism, traffic accidents not involving trains, or municipal snow removal equipment will be the responsibility of the municipality.

Paragraph 1E - Delete entirely.

Paragraph 2A - ARRC will assume liability arising from accidents arising from faulty crossing or signal maintenance when ARRC is responsible for maintenance.

Paragraph 2B - The municipality will assume liability for accidents arising from faulty maintenance when the municipality is responsible for maintenance.

The City is in receipt of maintenance charges from the ARR in the amount of \$8,354.04. A condition of acceptance of the ARR proposal should be to void existing alleged debts and start new effective July 1, 1990.

Recommend Council approval for Administration to attempt to negotiate the above changes and if successful, enter into a new agreement with the ARR.

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Deputy Administrator

Crossing Maintenance Contracts
Proposed Amendments to Municipalities

1. Maintenance

A. Maintenance costs for clearing sight triangles, snow removal, etc. at all crossings will continue to be the responsibility of the municipality. However, if flag protection is needed, it will be provided at the expense of the ARRC.

B. A routine signal maintenance charge of \$750 for signalized crossings will be paid semi-annually by each municipality.

C. All repair costs resulting from vandalism, traffic accidents, or snow removal equipment will be the responsibility of the municipality. False reports of signal malfunction will be considered vandalism.

D. Signal technician rates will be direct hourly wages, plus benefits and department overhead only. At present, at straight time, this rate is \$45.20 per hour. Material costs will carry a 10% handling fee and equipment will be billed at standard industrial rental rates.

E. Item D does not apply to repairs related to traffic accidents. They will be billed at full overhead rates.

F. All other normal or routine signal repair costs, including the replacement of failed components, will be the responsibility of ARRC.

G. Major repairs or revisions to the crossing or signal will be programmed by the municipality and the railroad no less than three years prior to being needed unless a shorter time period is agreeable to both parties.

H. The division of costs for major repairs will be for the municipality to pay for all road improvements including relocating signal stands if the road is redesigned or widened. Rail leveling and all rail or tie replacements will be the responsibility of the railroad.

2. Liability

A. ARRC will assume liability arising from accidents arising from faulty signal maintenance when ARRC performs maintenance.

B. The municipality will assume all other liability which will be either covered by insurance or by confirmed ability to pay.