

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 5 A

Council Meeting Date: March 21, 2017

ITEM TITLE: **RESOLUTION**
INTRODUCED BY: **Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich**
CONTACT PERSON: **E. Michael Leonard, CAO**

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution authorizing the City of Biloxi to notify CSX of railroad crossings that are being recommended for closing.

Resolution Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

Contract _____ Minutes _____ Plans/Maps _____ Deed _____ Lease _____

Other (Specify): Exhibit "A"

Submittal Authorization: Council President _____ Mayor

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: **Staff recommends approval**

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion By: _____ Second By: _____

| Vote: | <u>Councilmember</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Councilmember</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Other</u> |
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ACTION TAKEN:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BILOXI TO NOTIFY CSX OF RAILROAD CROSSINGS THAT ARE RECOMMENDED FOR CONSOLIDATION

WHEREAS, a study has been conducted (Exhibit A) in order to identify existing railroad crossings in the city that could be consolidated, with other crossings, to improve safety and reduce the potential for accidents; and

WHEREAS, based on the study of CSX railroad crossings in Biloxi, the following are being recommended for closure: Nixon Street, Holley Street, Iroquois Street, Keller Avenue, Dorries Street, Querens Avenue, and Delauney Street.

WHEREAS, future improvements to north-south traffic movement within the City of Biloxi may require new, safer CSX railroad crossings in the future; and

WHEREAS, CSX will not allow any additional crossings in the future unless the City of Biloxi takes action to consolidate and reduce the overall number of railroad crossings; and

WHEREAS, reduction of the number of CSX crossings in the City of Biloxi will be contingent on completion of upgraded parallel service roads which will allow citizens to use the nearest alternate railroad crossing; and

WHEREAS, nominated CSX crossings will also be contingent on the CSX and the Mississippi Department of Transportation modifying or providing funds to modify all remaining crossings to make safer grades in the streets so that the railroad can be more safely crossed; and

WHEREAS, the city will establish capital project number 1014 to support closure of CSX crossings, upgrade of service roads, and modification of remaining crossings to assist,

within the City's adjacent rights of way, the efforts of CSX and MDOT in making proper and safe crossing of the railroads; and

WHEREAS, the city will develop an estimated cost of capital project number 1014 and seek appropriate funding for the City's portion of this work and further to seek formal commitments from CSX and MDOT to finance and complete their portions of this work, all of which is to be completed prior to closure of the nominated CSX crossings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, THAT:

SECTION ONE: The findings, conclusions and statements of fact contained in the foregoing preamble are hereby adopted, ratified, and incorporated herein.

SECTION TWO: Authorization is hereby granted to the Mayor to nominate the following named CSX crossings for closure and negotiate with CSX and MDOT such schedule for closure as will allow alternate service streets to be completed and remaining crossing to be properly and safely graded by CSX and MDOT to allow safe passage—to wit: the nominated crossings for closure are: Nixon Street, Holley Street, Iroquois Street, Keller Avenue, Dorries Street, Querens Avenue, Delauney Street, and McDonnell Street.

SECTION THREE: This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after adoption.

City of Biloxi Recommendations for CSX Crossing Closure

| Cross Closure Ranking | Street Name |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Nixon |
| 2 | Holley |
| 3 | Iroquois |
| 4 | Keller |
| 5 | Dorries |
| 6 | Querens |
| 7 | Delauney |
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EXHIBIT A