

RESOLUTION NO. 8206

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmembers Sylvia Ortiz and John Alcalá requesting Burlington Northern Santa Fe to expedite its repairs of the railroad crossing located on SE 4th Street.

WHEREAS, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (hereinafter referred to as BNSF) railroad crossing on SE 4th Street between SE Adams and SE Hancock Streets has been in a state of deterioration for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, the dips and peaks that have developed make driving across the tracks a trying experience for motorists and causes damage to vehicle tires, rims and undercarriages. Emergency vehicle operators have expressed their concern about the difficulty they have navigating their vehicles over the rough road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka has no jurisdiction with regard to the maintenance of this crossing and is dependant upon BNSF to carry out its responsibility to make the needed repairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Topeka that the City of Topeka requests BNSF, as a good corporate citizen with a vested interest in keeping Topeka a safe community, expedite its repairs of the railroad crossing on SE 4th Street between SE Adams and SE Hancock Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka that the City Manager provide a copy of this Resolution to BNSF's corporate headquarters and to the regional manager in charge of railroad crossing maintenance in Topeka.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council September 29, 2009.

William W. Bunten, Mayor

Brenda Younger, City Clerk