



Project Fact Sheet
BNSF West Track Separation Preliminary
Engineering
PN 3-C-029-24
October 21, 2025

Project Manager: Nate Baldwin / Chad Jones

Description: This project will provide conceptional engineering to improve the reliability of east-west travel time in western Olathe, including raising the western BNSF railroad tracks between Woodland Road and Dennis Avenue to provide grade separated crossings.

Justification: The City of Olathe is bisected by the BNSF Emporia Subdivision, which runs north and south at-grade through downtown Olathe. There are eight at-grade crossings and one low clearance crossing of these railroad tracks, each presenting a unique set of challenges to the City and its residents. The BNSF railroad tracks act as a major east-west barrier with the City, preventing the free flow of traffic and compounding safety issues for all modes of transportation.

Schedule:	Item	Date
Design:	RFQ	04/05/2024
	Consultant Selection	07/08/2024
	Completion	January 2028 – Estimate
Council Actions:	Date	Amount
Approved in CIP	2024-2028	\$500,000
Project Authorization Report	01/09/2024	N/A
Project Authorization	01/23/2024	\$500,000
Approved in CIP	2026-2030	\$2,350,000
Project Authorization	08/05/2025	\$2,350,000
FRA Agreement	08/05/2025	\$1,750,000
Professional Services Agreement	10/21/2025	\$2,250,000
Funding Sources:	Amount	CIP Year
GO Bonds	\$ 500,000	2028
BNSF	\$ 100,000	2026, 2027
RCE Grant	\$1,250,000	2026, 2027
Expenditures:	Budget	Amount to Date
Design	\$2,250,000	\$10,721
Staff	\$ 75,000	\$16,728
Contingency/Other Project Costs	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
Total	\$2,350,000	\$27,449