



**Project Fact Sheet**  
**BNSF West Track Separation Preliminary**  
**Engineering**  
**PN 3-C-029-24**  
**January 20, 2026**

**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.

<b>Schedule:</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>
Design:	RFQ	04/05/2024
	Consultant Selection	07/08/2024
	Completion	January 2028 – Estimate

<b>Council Actions:</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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
BNSF Agreement	01/20/2026	\$100,000

<b>Funding Sources:</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>CIP Year</b>
GO Bonds	\$ 500,000	2028
BNSF	\$ 100,000	2026, 2027
RCE Grant	\$1,750,000	2026, 2027

<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount to Date</b>
Design	\$2,250,000	\$10,721
Staff	\$ 75,000	\$19,656
Contingency/Other Project Costs	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,350,000</b>	<b>\$30,377</b>