

SPECIAL CAMANCHE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
6:00 P.M. – CAMANCHE CITY HALL 818-7th Avenue
TO ATTEND BY PHONE: 1-717-275-8940 ACCESS CODE: 289 8487
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MARCH 31, 2026

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Unfinished Business

- 1) Adopt a Resolution Engaging Veenstra & Kimm for Feasibility Study for an overpass

New Business

- 1) Accept Resignation from Casey Green from the Park and Recreation Commission
- 2) Adopt a Resolution Temporarily Delegating Certain Authority Under Ordinance 2-12 From the Camanche Park and Recreation Commission to the City Administrator and the City Council

Adjourn

From: [Randall Goldbeck](#)
To: [Andrew Kida](#); [Gregg Maxwell](#); [Austin Pruett](#); [Wesley Farrell](#); [Toni Schneider](#); [Bob Edens](#); [Tom Klahn](#)
Subject: Gen AI Train report
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2026 9:14:16 AM
Attachments: [Rail Crossing Report.pdf](#)

I ran a probability model using a Generative Artificial Intelligence Application (GenAI) for rail crossing blockages in Camanche. Attached is the summary. This Gen AI model uses data from:

Federal Railroad Administration (# of trains, length of trains, average time through Camanche)
City of Camanche geographical and census data (# of crossings, length of rail, # of residences)
US Govt. value of a life
American Medical Associates (defines what a critical incident is, time to deal with a critical incident and estimated # of critical incidents per EMS calls)

I used an assumption that we have 5 EMS calls per month. Per Fire chief we have had 12 EMS calls on the river side of the tracks from 1 Jan 2026 to date. (mid March)

Finally, the Gen AI model reviewed peak train times as well as peak EMS calls.

The 10 year summary is quite revealing and for that reason I will vote for the study.

Randall Goldbeck
Certified GenAI Specialist
630-95-1982

Austin, I'd like to discuss this at next weeks meeting. Thank you

Randy Goldbeck
Camanche City Council
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Rail Crossing Impact on Emergency Response

City of Camanche, Iowa – 10-Year Risk Assessment

Overview

Rail crossings in Camanche can block roadway access between parts of the city when trains pass. This creates measurable delays for emergency services (EMS, fire, police), which can impact outcomes in time-critical situations.

Key Assumptions (Conservative)

Metric	Estimate
Total emergency calls	600
Blocked responses	90–120
Life-threatening calls delayed	9–18
Total EMS delay time	15–30 hours

- ~15 trains per day
- ~8 minutes average blockage per train
- ~2 hours total daily blockage
- 5 emergency calls per month (60 per year)
- 15–20% probability a call encounters a blocked crossing
- 10–15 minute delay when blocked

10-Year Impact Estimate

Public Safety Impact

- Delays of 10–15 minutes can significantly affect outcomes in cardiac arrest, stroke, and trauma
- Estimated 1–5 serious adverse outcomes over 10 years
- Risk is predictable and recurring

Risk Interpretation

- Probability of at least one serious delay over 10 years: Near 100%
- Blockages can double EMS response times
- Increased rail traffic would increase risk proportionally

Mitigation Options

Short-Term: Split ambulance coverage, pre-planned zones, train tracking (reduces delays 70–80%)

Long-Term: Grade separation (overpass/underpass) eliminates nearly 100% of delays (cost ~\$10M–\$50M)

Cost-Benefit Perspective

Federal value of statistical life: ~\$10M+. Preventing 1–5 fatalities over 10 years may justify cost.

Conclusion

Rail crossing blockages present a measurable and ongoing public safety risk. Operational improvements reduce impact, but infrastructure solutions eliminate the hazard.

**ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT
CAMANCHE, IOWA
FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR RAILROAD OVERPASS
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the **CITY OF CAMANCHE**., hereinafter referred to as the "Client" party of the first part, and **VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC.**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, party of the second part, hereinafter referred to as the "Engineers,"

WITNESSETH: THAT WHEREAS, the Owner is now contemplating construction of certain **FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR RAILROAD OVERPASS**, hereinafter referred to as the "Study", and

WHEREAS, the Client desires to retain the Engineers to provide complete engineering services on the Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto that the Client does hereby retain and employ the Engineers to act for and represent it in engineering matters in the Study. Such contract of employment shall be subject to the following terms, conditions and stipulations, to wit:

1. **SCOPE OF PROJECT.** It is understood and agreed that the Project will be funded with City funding. The following shall be included in this agreement:
 - A. The Client desires to study constructing Railroad Overpass for vehicles and pedestrians. The study will analyze these street railroad crossings for an Overpass:
 1. 4th Avenue
 2. 7th Avenue
 3. 9th Avenue
 4. 13th Avenue
 5. 3rd Street
 - B. Complete site visits to complete analysis of existing trail system, possible bridge locations, and potential detours. From these site visits the level of survey needed will be determined.
 - C. Topographic survey will be completed to a level necessary for accurate conceptual plans. It is not anticipated that a full survey will be completed as part of the conceptual study but that enough data will be collected to provide a level of confidence in calculated quantities.
 - D. Data Collection & Review:
 1. Inventory existing at-grade crossings within city limits.
 2. Review existing traffic counts, crash data, train frequency, and blockage durations.
 3. Evaluate roadway network connectivity and emergency response routes.
 4. Review available right-of-way and existing utility information.

- E. Alternatives Analysis:
 - 1. Identify potential overpass locations among or near the existing five crossings.
 - 2. Develop conceptual alignment alternatives.
 - 3. Analyze potential impacts on property, utilities, drainage, and the environment.
 - 4. Evaluate constructability, cost, and safety considerations.
 - 5. Coordinate with CPKC Railroad and applicable state and federal agencies.

- F. Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.'s team will work with the City to review the feasibility criteria and determine a rating system for each alternative. The rating system will be tied to the total project cost, potential funding, environmental risks, schedule, ROW, and assorted benefits.

- G. Prepare conceptual options and determine potential bridge types and span configurations.

- H. The study shall include:
 - 1. Plan View of Overpass
 - 2. Profile of Overpass
 - 3. Typical Overpass Bridge
 - 4. Review Stormwater Impacts
 - 5. Review Utilities Impacts
 - 6. Property Impacts
 - 7. Coordinate with CPKC, Iowa DOT, FRA on Requirements
 - 8. Letter Report Summarizing options, Drawings, Cost Estimates

- I. Meet with City staff to present findings to date to ensure alternatives to be further advanced are acceptable to City staff. At this time a coordination meeting will also be held with Iowa DOT, CPKC, FRA to discuss any concerns which should be considered during the advancement of the alternatives.

- J. Advance alternatives and identify structure types, aesthetics, lighting, ADA needs, and connectivity to other areas

- K. During advancement of alternatives, begin conversations with key stakeholders and property owners to obtain feedback. It's vital to hold these conversations during the development phase to allow for consideration of their concerns and ideas during the alternative development portion of the project.

- L. During this portion of the project Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. will work to identify any environmental concerns to allow for their consideration as needed. The Environmental Review will be a desktop review. Additionally, the safety and accessibility analysis will be completed during this portion of the project. This report will be provided to City staff at this time for review and discussion. Any revisions will be made and incorporated into the final report.

M. Public and Stakeholder Involvement:

1. Conduct at least one public meeting to gather community input.
2. Meet with City staff, elected officials, and key stakeholders.
3. Document coordination efforts and feedback received.

N. Cost Estimates & Funding Strategy:

1. Prepare preliminary cost estimates for feasible alternatives.
2. Identify potential funding sources and grant opportunities (e.g., FRA, Iowa DOT, etc.).

O. The Study will include coordination with City of Camanche, CPKC, Iowa DOT, and FRA. Report will be submitted to City of Camanche for review.

P. Utility relocation required for design will be coordinated by Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. (electric, gas, telephone, communications, cable, watermain, sewer).

Q. Study documents will be completed to contract requirements. The following plans will be submitted for approval:

1. Five Option Concepts
2. Five Cost Estimates
3. Preferred Option Concept
4. Letter Report

S. Final Report:

1. Provide a detailed written report summarizing findings, analysis, and recommendations.
2. Include maps, conceptual layouts, and visual renderings of recommended location.
3. Present findings to the Camanche City Council.

2. **DESIGN SURVEYS.** Limited Field Survey will be performed. Aerials and Lidar will be used.

3. **DESIGN CONFERENCES.** The Engineers shall attend three such design conferences with the Owner as may be necessary to make decisions as to the details of design of the Study.

4. **REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.** The design plans and specifications shall comply with the requirements of all applicable regulatory agencies including, but not limited to City of Camanche, CPKC, FRA, Iowa DOT, Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

5. **STUDY.** The Engineers shall prepare such concept plans, typical sections, and cost estimates as are reasonably necessary and desirable for conceptual level. PDF electronic set of final study shall be submitted to the Owner.

6. **ESTIMATE OF COST.** The Engineers shall prepare an estimate of cost for the construction contract. The estimate of cost shall be based on the Engineers' best knowledge at the time of preparation of the estimate of cost. The Engineers shall not be responsible if the construction contract awarded for Project varies from the Engineers' estimate of cost. The Engineers shall advise and assist the Client, if necessary, in adjusting the scope and extent of Project, to allow Project to be constructed within available budget limitations.
7. **COMPENSATION.** The Owner shall compensate the Engineers for their services by payment of the following fees:
 - A. The total fee for all engineering services for the Project shall be Lump Sum of Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and 80/100 Dollars (\$61,126.80).
 - B. The Owner shall compensate the Engineers for the cost of plans and distribution of plans as set forth in "8. COSTS OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS" above as provided in Senate File 2389. The reimbursement of the cost for plans and distribution of plans as required under Senate File 2389 is not included in the fees for services set forth under this Agreement.
8. **PAYMENT.** The fees shall be due and payable as follows:
 - A. For study, preparation of report and cost estimates, the fee shall be due and payable monthly based on that proportion of the fee which the Engineers have completed as of the time of the applicable billing.
9. **LEGAL SERVICES.** The Owner shall provide the services of the Client Attorney in legal matters pertaining to Project. The Engineers shall cooperate with said attorney and shall comply with his requirements as to form of contract documents and procedures relative to them.
10. **SERVICES NOT INCLUDED.** The above-stated fees do not include compensation for the following items:
 - A. If, after the Study are completed and approved by the Client, the Engineers are required to change concepts and cost estimates because of changes made by the Client, the Engineers shall receive additional compensation for such changes which shall be based upon standard hourly fees plus expenses for personnel engaged in performance of the work associated with making the required changes.
 - B. Contaminated soil investigations are not included in this Agreement. If required, Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. will develop a plan and acquire quotes to be presented to the Client.
 - C. Geotechnical Services is not included in this Agreement, but can be added and cost will be passed directly to the City.
 - D. Preliminary or Final Design

- E. Temporary and permanent easement drawing preparation, negotiation, and acquisition is not included in this Agreement.
- F. Bid and General Construction services is not included in this Agreement.
- G. Resident Review is not included in this Agreement.
- H. Construction staking is not included in this Agreement.
- I. Material testing is not included in this Agreement.
- J. Services related to or regarding arbitration or litigation of a construction contract between a construction contractor and the City regarding Project.

11. CHANGES AND EXTRA WORK. The above-stated fees cover the specific services as outlined in this Agreement. If the Client requires additional services of the Engineers in connection with Project, the Engineers shall receive additional compensation for changes which shall be based upon the standard hourly fees plus expenses of the personnel engaged in the performance of the work. Attachment 1 shows standard hourly wages for Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. employees. These rates will be revised effective July 1, 2025, and will be provided at that time.

The method of compensation for authorized Extra Work shall be mutually agreed upon between the Client and Engineers at the time the work shall be authorized by the Client.

12. TIME OF COMPLETION. The Client desires to initiate the Project beginning in Early February 2026. The Study are to be completed by August 2026 Engineers shall proceed with their work according to this schedule. The Engineers shall not be responsible for delays in approval or other actions by governmental agencies which may delay the completion date.

13. INDEMNIFICATION. The Engineers shall and hereby agree to hold and save the Owner harmless from any and all claims, settlements, and judgments, to include all reasonable investigative fees, attorneys' fees, suit and court costs for personal injury, property damage, and/or death arising out of the Engineers' or any of its agents', servants', and employees' errors, omissions or negligent acts for services under this Agreement, and for all injury and/or death to any and all of the Engineers' personnel, agents, servants, and employees occurring under the Workers' Compensation Act of the State of Iowa.

14. INSURANCE. The Engineers shall furnish the Client with certificates of insurance by insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of Iowa, upon which the Owner is endorsed as an additional named insured, in the following limits. It must be clearly disclosed on the face of the certificates that the coverage is on an occurrence basis.

General Liability*	\$1,000,000/2,000,000
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000
Excess Liability (Umbrella)*	\$8,000,000/8,000,000
Workers' Compensation, Statutory Benefits Coverage B	\$1,000,000

Professional Liability**, ***

\$2,000,000/2,000,000

*Occurrence/Aggregate

**The Owner is not to be named as an additional insured.

***Claims made basis

15. TERMINATION. Should the City abandon Project before the Engineers have completed their work, the Engineers shall be paid proportionately for the work and services performed until the date of termination.

16. ASSISTANTS AND CONSULTANTS. It is understood and agreed that the employment of the Engineers by the Owner for the purposes aforesaid shall be exclusive, but the Engineers shall have the right to employ such assistants and consultants as they deem proper in the performance of the work.

17. ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement and each and every portion thereof shall be binding upon the successors and the assigns of the parties hereto.

The undersigned do hereby covenant and state that this Agreement is executed in duplicate as though each were an original and that there are no oral agreements that have not been reduced to writing in this instrument.

It is further covenanted and stated that there are no other considerations or monies contingent upon or resulting from the execution of this Agreement, nor have any of the above been implied by or for any party to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto subscribed their names on the date first written above.

CITY OF CAMANCHE

ATTEST:

By _____

By _____

VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC.

ATTEST:

By 
Regional Manager/Sr. Project Manager

By 

Resolution No. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Whereas, the City of Camanche, Iowa performed a Request for Proposal for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study concerning a railroad overpass, and

Whereas, the firm of Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. submitted a proposal to conduct the feasibility study in the amount of \$61,126.980, and

Whereas, the proposal requires an agreement be signed to enact the study, and

Whereas, the City of Camanche, Iowa finds the proposal for services from Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. to be conjunction with the expectations of the Camanche City Council.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City of Camanche hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into the agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. to conduct a feasibility study for a rail overpass in Camanche.

Adopted by the Camanche City Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest: Toni L. Schneider, City Clerk

Austin Pruett, Mayor

From: [Casey Green](#)
To: [Andrew Kida](#); [Toni Schneider](#); [William Siefken](#); [Linda Putman](#); [Assistant](#)
Subject: Resignation
Date: Friday, March 20, 2026 5:24:00 PM

I no longer have the time or inclination to be involved in any city boards. Please accept this as my immediate resignation.

Thank you,
Casey A Green
Sent from my iPhone

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY DELEGATING CERTAIN AUTHORITY UNDER ORDINANCE 2-12 FROM THE CAMANCHE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

Whereas, the City of Camanche, Iowa codified city ordinances in December 2024 and

Whereas, the Camanche Code of Ordinances Chapter 2-12 creates and regulates the Park and Recreation Commission, and

Whereas, the current commission does not have enough members to perform basic functions of the commission, and

Whereas, certain functions of the commission must be conducted in order to proceed with the business functions of the parks and recreation budget.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that effective March 31, 2026, the City Council of the City of Camanche does hereby temporarily delegate certain authority under ordinance 2-12 of the Camanche Code of Ordinances from the Camanche Park and Recreation Commission to the City Administrator and the City Council until such time as the commission can be properly and sufficiently appointed and approved.

Be It Further Resolved that the following responsibilities of the commission are temporarily authorized:

- 1) All budgeted expenditures may be approved by the City Administrator when requested by the recipient, and which fall into the discretionary limits of the City Administrator.
- 2) All requests and expenditures not budgeted or outside of the City Administrator's discretionary limits must be approved by the City Council.
- 3) All other functions of the Park and Recreation Commission Ordinance 2-12 shall be performed by the City Council.

Adopted by the Camanche City Council this 31st day of March, 2026.

Attest: Toni L. Schneider, City Clerk

Austin Pruett, Mayor