



City of Camanche, Iowa

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Feasibility Study for a Railroad Overpass

Along the Canadian Pacific / Kansas City Southern (CPKC) Rail Line

Issued: November 4, 2025

1. Introduction

The City of Camanche, Iowa (hereafter “the City”), is soliciting proposals from qualified engineering firms to conduct a feasibility study for the construction of a railroad overpass along the Canadian Pacific / Kansas City Southern (CPKC) rail line. The objective of the study is to identify and evaluate the most feasible location for an overpass within the city limits, where there are currently five at-grade railroad crossings.

The study will support future funding applications, design, and construction efforts to improve public safety, traffic flow, and emergency response times by reducing conflicts between rail and vehicular traffic.

2. Background

The City of Camanche is located in Clinton County, Iowa, along the Mississippi River. The CPKC rail line runs through the community, intersecting several key transportation routes. The City currently has five at-grade railroad crossings that frequently experience train blockages, creating safety and mobility challenges for residents, businesses, and emergency services.

Recognizing the need for improved traffic and emergency access, the City seeks a comprehensive feasibility study to determine the most practical and cost-effective location for a grade-separated overpass.

3. Scope of Work

The selected engineering firm will provide a feasibility study that includes, but is not limited to, the following tasks:

1. Data Collection & Review

- Inventory existing at-grade crossings within city limits.
- Review existing traffic counts, crash data, train frequency, and blockage durations.
- Evaluate roadway network connectivity and emergency response routes.
- Review available right-of-way and existing utility information.



2. Alternatives Analysis

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

3. Public and Stakeholder Involvement

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

4. Cost Estimates & Funding Strategy

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

5. Final Report

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

4. Deliverables

- Draft and final feasibility study report (electronic and hard copy)
- Conceptual layout drawings and cost estimates
- GIS-compatible location maps
- Summary of public engagement activities
- Presentation materials for City Council

5. Proposal Requirements

Proposals shall include the following:

1. Cover Letter
2. Project Understanding & Approach
3. Experience & Qualifications
4. Project Schedule
5. Cost Proposal
6. References



6. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Weight
Project understanding and approach	25%
Relevant experience and qualifications	25%
Ability to meet schedule	15%
Cost proposal	20%
References and past performance	15%

7. Submission Details

Submission Deadline: December 10, 2025 at 4:00 PM CST

Submittal Format: One (1) electronic PDF copy and three (3) hard copies.

Submit To:

City of Camanche

Attn: Andrew Kida, City Administrator

818 7th Avenue

Camanche, IA 52730

Email: akida@camancheia.org

Phone: 563-259-8342

8. Schedule (Tentative)

Milestone	Date
RFP issued	[November 4, 2025]
Deadline for questions	[November 25, 2025 4:00 PM CST]
Proposal submission deadline	[December 10, 2025 4:00 PM CST]
Selection and notification	[December 19, 2025]
Project kickoff	[January 19, 2026]
Draft report due	[July 2026]
Final report presentation	[August 18, 2026]

9. General Conditions

- The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.
- All costs incurred in responding to this RFP are the responsibility of the proposer.
- The selected consultant must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.



10. Contact Information

All questions regarding this RFP should be directed to:

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