

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 27, 2013

Subject: Northstar Commuter Rail: Authorization to Execute Overpass Agreement for Anoka Station with BNSF Railway (BNSF)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Overpass Agreement with BNSF Railway (BNSF) for the Anoka station.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Ed Byers, Metro Transit Deputy Chief Operating Officer – Rail, presented the item. There was no discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Reynoso and seconded by Councilmember Doan. Motion passed.

**Business Item: 2013-69 SW
Transportation Committee
Meeting date: February 25, 2013
For the Council Meeting of February 27, 2013**

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: February 18, 2013
Subject: Northstar Commuter Rail: Authorization to Execute Overpass Agreement for Anoka Station with BNSF Railway (BNSF)
District(s), Member(s): 9 - Reynoso
Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statute 473.4057
**Staff Prepared/Presented: Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612.349.7510
Vince Pellegrin, Chief Operating Officer, 612.349.7511
Ed Byers, Director, Northstar Commuter Rail, 612.349.7080**
Division/Department: Metro Transit

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Background

The surface parking lots for the Anoka station are owned by the city and leased to the Council for Northstar use. The city desires to replace the two surface parking lots with structured parking on the south side of the station.

The Overpass Agreement with BNSF will allow the City of Anoka to construct a pedestrian overpass of the mainline tracks on BNSF property at the Anoka station site as part of the City's structured parking project.

Rationale

An Overpass Agreement with BNSF is required to construct the pedestrian overpass connecting the future structured parking to the north side platform.

Funding

There is no cost associated with this agreement.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition