

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

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Division/Department: Metro Transit

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.

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.