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Date: 12/21/2010 01:05 PM
Subject: Re: TC&W study from Kimley Horn

ia: Can you call me at my desk before 2 p.m.

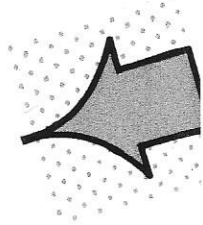


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Subject: Follow up from Meeting Yesterday

Gail, Peter, Richard,

Thank you for meeting with us yesterday - we do appreciate it.

The challenges are significant, but I think by working together we have a better chance of success.

With respect to the Kennilworth Corridor, I would interpret the contract to read that Hennepin County pays for anything beyond the normal maintenance to keep it safe and economical, hence our requests were made starting in 2005 to Hennepin County to replace the rails in the entire Kennilworth Corridor.

With respect to potential re-routes, I really strongly encourage you to ride one of our freight trains from Hopkins to St. Paul, so you can experience first-hand the graphic differences in operating a freight train versus a passenger train, a 'track-side' view of the contemplated re-route options and the fun TC&W has

in negotiating track time from the CP and BNSF dispatchers to get to St. Paul, competing with the other railroads' freight trains and the Northstar Commuter trains. Peter, if your daughter would like to ride as well we would love to have her on board!

Again we did not approve the track design submitted by your current consultants at the November 5 meeting with Hennepin County staff - it did not meet our minimum standards as communicated 2 years ago when preliminary drawings were presented to us. I was disturbed to hear that you were under the impression we had approved it.

We will await your response after you've consulted with your counsel with respect to the Kennilworth track - again we stress that we want to prevent future derailments caused by defective track.

Please let us know what you think of the train ride idea.

Thank you again for meeting yesterday!

Sincerely,

Mark

Mark Wegner
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Subject: Re: Fw: Rail Replacement Expense

In the past, TC&W has paid all bills and we have reimbursed TC&W. We have a contract with TC&W (the Trackage Rights Agreement). This contract sets up an Annual Maintenance Allowance for routine maintenance. Although funds for these expenses may not come from the Annual Maintenance Allowance, the Trackage Rights Agreement stipulates that TC&W maintains the trackage and that we reimburse them for these expenses and, in the past, we have simply submitted invoices to the Board for payment (payment to TC&W) citing the Trackage Rights Agreement as the "contract".

To my knowledge, we do not have a contact with Railworks and we did not go through Purchasing. That may or may not be a problem. If we want to pay Railworks directly, I suggest we start the process and see what additional information is required. For instance, we may need to demonstrate that this is an "emergency" or that Railworks is a sole source vendor? Thanks.

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J. Michael Noonan John - please see the attached from Tim Jeske...

01/03/2011 08:27:53 AM

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John - please see the attached from Tim Jeske at TCW. This is an initial charge for preparing for certain work to take place along the Kennilworth Corridor in advance of inspections that are to take place this month. You will see that we are being invoices \$43,034.45 - representing the cost of securing the 115lb

