MN&S Freight Rail Study

• Purpose:

To define and evaluate the potential impacts, mitigation measures, and conceptual design along the MN&S line if the current TC&W freight trains operating from the west to St. Paul are to be relocated from the Kenilworth Corridor to the MN&S line.
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- Community Impact Assessment
- Conceptual Engineering
- Estimated Cost
- Environmental Assessment Worksheet
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- Project Management Team:
  - Mn/DOT, HCRRA, St. Louis Park
  - TCW, CP, BNSF
  - St. Louis Park neighborhood groups
  - School Board
  - Safety in the Park
  - Business Representatives
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• Estimated Cost = $76.7 M (2011 dollars)
• EAW
  - Quiet Zone
  - Upgrade of 90 lb rail to 136 lb rail
  - Continuously welded rail
  - Wetland replacement
  - Continued coordination with agencies on community assessments (potential pedestrian grade separations at high school, overhead flashers, impacts on unique property, etc.)
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• Next Steps:
  - Open House on June 8, 2011
  - EAW comment period ends June 15, 2011
  - Responsible Government Unit (Mn/DOT) makes environmental determination