



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

**Date:** February 16, 2010

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** Cedar Lake Parkway RR Safety Project Agreement

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute Agreement No. 92319 with the State of Minnesota and the Twin City and Western Railroad Company

**Previous Directives:**

None

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**Approved by:**

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Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

**Presenters:** Steve Mosing, Traffic Operations Engineer, Department of Public Works  
Tim Drew, Professional Engineer, Department of Public Works

**Reviews**

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	NA
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	NA
Policy Review Group (PRG):	NA

**Financial Impact**

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME: the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained, people will feel safe in the city.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information**

MnDOT's Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations conducts annual safety reviews of grade crossing locations for potential projects to include in the RR Grade Crossing Safety Program. This project was submitted and approved for SAFETEA-LU funds as part of the State's 2009 and 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

This project includes safety enhancements such as the replacement of the existing crossing warning devices with warning devices that are more reliable, the addition of crossing gates, and replacing existing track circuitry for improved train arrival prediction.

This project will be completed in 2010 by Western Railroad Company forces.

Thus, Public Works is requesting that the proper City Officials be directed to execute State Agreement No. 92319 with the State of Minnesota and the Twin City and Western Railroad Company for the installation of a railroad signal system on Cedar Lake Parkway (referred to in MnDOT agreement as Cedar Lake Boulevard - M1629) (see attached map).

The estimated total cost for the two crossing signal installations is \$133,060. Of this cost, 90% (\$119,754) will be reimbursed by the Federal Highway Administration in cooperation with the State of Minnesota. The City is responsible for funding the remaining costs (\$13,306). Funding is available in the 2010 capital budget under TR013 (Railroad Crossing Safety Improvements).

Attachments: Map

Cc: Council Member Goodman, Ward 7  
Don Elwood, Public Works  
Greg Schroeder, Public Works  
Tim Drew, Public Works

By Council Members Colvin Roy

**T&PW**

Your Committee recommends that the proper City Officials be directed to execute Agreement No. 92319 [MN Proj. RRS 2710(023)] with the Commissioner of Transportation, State of Minnesota and the Twin City and Western Railroad Company in the amount of \$133,060 for installation of a railroad crossing signal system on Cedar Lake Parkway (referred to in MnDOT Agreement as Cedar Lake Boulevard) at Burnham Road