



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

**Date:** June 21, 2011  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** Cedar Lake Boulevard RR Safety Project Agreement

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the proper City Officials to approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 92319 (C-27733) with the State of Minnesota and the Twin City and Western Railroad Company which cancels the Railroad Crossing Upgrade Project on Cedar Lake Boulevard at Burnham Road

**Previous Directives:**

February 16, 2010, Authorize proper City Official to execute Agreement No 92319 with the State of Minnesota and the Twin City and Western Railroad Company to upgrade the railroad crossing system on Cedar Lake Boulevard at Burnham Road.

**Prepared by:** Steve Mosing, Traffic Operations Engineer 673-5746

**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

**Reviews**

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

**Financial Impact**

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 annually conducts 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).

As part of follow up diagnostics meeting that included the State, City and Twin Cities Western Railroad Company, it was determined that the existing crossing system is adequate based on accident history, train volume, train speed, roadway ADT and sightlines.

Thus, Public Works jointly with the State and Twin Cities Western Railroad is requesting that the proper City Officials be directed to execute Amendment 1 to State Agreement No. 92319 with the State of Minnesota and the Twin City and Western Railroad Company, which cancels the project for the upgrade of a railroad signal system on Cedar Lake Boulevard (M1629). See attached map.

The State will continue to fund 100% of other improvements at this crossing which include an upgrade of track circuitry and replacing the existing flashing system with LED Lights. This will be completed in 2011 by Twin Cities Western Railroad Company Forces.

The previous estimated total cost for the crossing upgrade was \$133,060. Of this cost, 90% (\$119,754) was to be reimbursed by the Federal Highway Administration in cooperation with the State of Minnesota. The City was responsible for funding the remaining costs (\$13,306) which is programmed as Net Debt Bonds in the 2010 Public Works Capital Budget. Both the State and the City will reprogram the respective amounts into a future crossing upgrade project.

Attachments: MnDOT Letter, Map

Cc: Council Member Goodman, Ward 1  
Don Elwood, Public Works  
Tilahun Hailu, Public Works

By Council Member Colvin Roy

**T&PW**

Your Committee recommends that the proper City Officials be directed to execute Amendment No. 1 to MnDOT Agreement No. 92319 [MN Proj. RRS 2710(023)] with the State of Minnesota and Twin Cities Western Railroad Company which cancels the Railroad Upgrade Project on Cedar Lake Pkwy at Burnham Road