



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

**Date:** July 10, 2007  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:** Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
**Subject:** **Paving Construction Benjamin Street NE Safety Project PV033,  
Appropriation Increase**

**Recommendation:**

- a) Passage of a resolution recommending that the proper City officers be authorized to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$7,500 from Canadian Pacific Railway for closing an at grade rail crossing at Benjamin Street NE, and
- b) Further recommending increasing the appropriation in PV033 Railroad Safety Project (4100-937-9372) for the Public Works Agency by \$7,500 to reflect receipt of said funds, and
- c) Further recommending increasing the revenue source (4100-937-9372-Source 3225) by \$7,500.

**Previous Directives:**

- February 9, 2007: Resolution 2007R-073 Closing to traffic Benjamin and McKinley Streets NE adjacent to the Soo Line Railroad property at 37<sup>th</sup> Av NE
- February 10, 2006, Resolution 2006R-055 Vacating the Soo Line Railroad Company (d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway Company) Crossing, Grade Crossing USDOT NO. 688991B, RAILROAD MILEPOST 5.37, in the City of Minneapolis at Benjamin Street NE and closing McKinley Street NE at 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE.
- December 19, 2005: Resolution 2005R-658, Adopting the 2006 Capital Program
- March 11, 2005, Resolution 2005R-135 Amending the 2005-2009 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program provides that proper City officers are authorized negotiate and execute an agreement (#84033) with the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation and the Soo Line Railroad Company for design and removal costs of at grade crossing at Benjamin Street NE.

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**Approved by:**

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**Presenter:** Robb Urquhart, P.E., Transportation Planning & Engineering, 673-2628

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u>  X  </u>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u>  X  </u>

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan:  Action is within the plan.  Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Community Impact**

- Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
- City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city
- Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
- Zoning Code: Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information**

The Federal Highway Administration in cooperation with the City of Minneapolis and the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation authorized use of Federal Aid funds for the hazard elimination of the at-grade railroad crossing at Benjamin Street NE by closing both Benjamin Street NE and McKinley Street NE.

Agreement No. 84033 was made and entered into by the City of Minneapolis, Soo Line Railroad Company (D/B/A Canadian Pacific Railway) and the State of Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation. This agreement provides Federal Hazard Elimination funds to the City of Minneapolis for the design and the construction of the Benjamin and McKinley Streets NE closures. The design and construction are being performed by the City's work force. The construction work includes removal & replacement of concrete walks and concrete pavements, turf establishment, and signing. The agreement also includes a provision for additional funds in the amount of \$7,500 to be paid by CP Rail to the City for the elimination of the at-grade crossing at Benjamin Avenue NE.

Most of the construction work was completed last year. The remaining work, construction of a concrete cul-de-sac and driveway, is scheduled to be completed early this summer.

This action will add \$7,500 to the original appropriation of \$171,765 for a total appropriation of \$179,265.

Attachment 1 – Map

Cc: Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation  
Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ward 1  
Council Member Cam Gordon, Ward 2  
Paul Ogren, Field Services  
Dick Smith, PW Administration  
Bill Schroeder, Finance

**City of Minneapolis Engineering Services  
Johnson, Benjamin and McKinley Streets NE  
Rail Road Safety Project No PV033**



 Project

**T&PW** - Your Committee recommends passage and summary publication of the accompanying Resolution.

Resolution 2007R-000

**Colvin Roy**

**Amend the 2005 Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolution.**

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the proper City officers are authorized to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$7,500 from Canadian Pacific Railway for closing the at grade rail crossing at Benjamin Street NE, and

Increase the appropriation for the Public Works Agency by \$7,500, reflecting receipt of said funds, and

That the above-entitled 2005 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program Resolution, as amended, be further amended by increasing Paving construction capital appropriation 4100-937-9372 by \$7,500 from revenue source 4100-937-9372-Source3225