Resolution
of the
Board of County Commissioners
St. Louis County, Minnesota
Adopted on: March 20, 2018 Resolution No. 18-165
Offered by Commissioner: Boyle

Cooperative Agreement with the City of Aurora to Purchase Property for the County State Aid Highway 100 Temporary Railroad Crossing

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department is leading a project to improve the railroad crossing on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 100/Main Street, DOT #252305T, located approximately one-half mile north of CSAH 110 in the City of Aurora; and

WHEREAS, This work will require the closure of the railroad crossing on CSAH 100/Main Street for an estimated period of three to four weeks; and

WHEREAS, The detour length for this railroad crossing is approximately 24 miles; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department is developing a temporary railroad crossing that will provide a temporary bypass for traffic; and

WHEREAS, There is public right-of-way available on 1st Street West to access the railroad track right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Central Ltd. is the owner of the parcel (2.03 acres) located between the railroad track right-of-way and Central Avenue over which the temporary railroad crossing bypass would be located; and

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Central Ltd. has made this parcel available for sale for the price of $15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department has worked with the City of Aurora regarding the purchase of this parcel and the City of Aurora has expressed interest in owning this parcel for their future needs; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department also believes there is a public benefit of creating permanent public access across this parcel from Central Avenue to the railroad track right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department supports the purchase of this parcel for $15,000.00 and it is anticipated the City of Aurora will purchase a remnant of this parcel from St. Louis County for $10,000.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Aurora to purchase property to provide permanent public access for the temporary at-grade railroad crossing for CSAH 100/Main Street;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to purchase the property from Wisconsin Central Ltd. to provide permanent public access for this temporary railroad crossing. Funds for the purchase of this property will be payable from Fund 200, Agency 203508, Object 669200.

Commissioner Boyle moved the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:
Yeas – Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Olson, Rukavina, Jugovich and Chair Nelson – 6
Nays – None
Absent – Commissioner Stauber – 1

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of County Auditor, ss.
County of St. Louis

I, **DONALD DICKLICH**, Auditor of the County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 20th day of March, A.D. 2018, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 20th day of March, A.D., 2018.

DONALD DICKLICH, COUNTY AUDITOR

By
Deputy Auditor/Clerk of the County Board