



**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Coon Rapids City Center**  
**Conference Room 1**

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**Call to Order**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.04, subd. 2, the City Council will meet in work session to discuss the following:

1. Update and Discussion on the Hanson/BNSF Railroad Grade Separation Project

**Other Business**

**Adjourn**



**City Council Work Session**

**1.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/19/2016

**Subject:** Update and Discussion on the Hanson/BNSF Railroad Grade Separation Project

**From:** Tim Himmer, Public Works  
Director

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**INTRODUCTION**

City staff would like to update the Council on the status of the Hanson/BNSF Railroad grade separation project, and seeks direction on design considerations as the project advances.

**DISCUSSION**

The "preferred alternate" (attached) that has been widely seen during the lead-up to this project was developed over the course of 2015 in cooperation with key stakeholders. City staff (Public Works Director, Fire Chief, and Community Development Director) participated on the project management team, along with Anoka County staff, a representative from BNSF, and a project consultant (Bolton & Menk). This preferred alternative was the result of several iterations of concept creation and review. All concepts developed were evaluated on the key factors of roadway performance, safety, constructability, natural environment, human environment, and cost. From this analysis the preferred alternative was selected as best meeting the needs of all parties. It should be noted, however, that no public involvement has been undertaken to date, and that will be a major part of the pending design phase work that is about to be initiated.

Staff will also provide the Council with a brief update on the efforts to obtain State financing for this project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

This item is solely for information purposes.

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**Attachments**

**Preferred Alternative**

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**CONCEPT 4  
REDEFINED  
EASTERN SHIFT  
APRIL 2014**

**LEGEND**

- SIDEWALK
- ROADWAY / DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT
- SHOULDERS (PAVED)
- TRAIL (BITUMINOUS)
- DRIVEWAY
- POTENTIAL PONDING AREA
- EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY
- PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY
- X FULL ACQUISITION
- X PARTIAL ACQUISITION
- X ACCESS CLOSURE
- EXISTING SIGNAL
- X RETAINING WALL HEIGHT

