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RE: Final Report on Minnesota Trunk Highway 55 and Wilkin County State Aid Highway 19 Intersection

Dear Legislators:

In accordance with [Laws of Minnesota 2017, 1st Spec. Sess., Chapter 3, Section 139](#), the Minnesota Department of Transportation is submitting the final report with the preferred option selected to mitigate the issue at the intersection of TH 55 and Wilkin CSAH 19 in Nashua.

A working group consisting of MnDOT staff, a Wilkin county board member, county highway department staff, Nashua city officials, a Champion township board member, Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative representatives and nearby property owners was formed to study and discuss possible solutions to the crossing problem at the intersection.

The working group selected option 6 as the preferred option to solve the problem of crossing blockages at CSAH 19 in Nashua. It is recommending this solution over the others because it addresses the issue of trains blocking the tracks causing traffic back-ups. This option also allows emergency vehicles to cross the tracks if the CSAH 19 crossing is blocked.

Please contact me with any questions you may have, or you may contact Brian Bausman, D4 Project Manager, at brian.bausman@state.mn.us or (218) 846-7944.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Zelle
Commissioner

Final Report on

Minnesota Trunk Highway 55 and Wilkin County State Aid Highway 19 Intersection

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Legislative Request

This report is issued to comply with [Laws of Minnesota 2017, 1st Spec. Sess., Chapter 3, Section 139.](#)

Sec. 139. WORKING GROUP FOR INTERSECTION IN WILKIN COUNTY; REPORT.

(a) By September 1, 2017, the commissioner of transportation must convene a working group to consider potential options for Wilkin County Road 19 between marked Trunk Highway 55 and the railroad tracks north of marked Trunk Highway 55. The working group must consist of the commissioner, or designee, and one representative from each of the following: Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative; the Wilkin County Board; the town board of Champion; and the city council of Nashua. By December 15, 2017, the working group must identify project options to address safety concerns of local residents at this location. For each identified project, the commissioner must include an estimated cost and the estimated date by which the project would be completed. The working group must then identify a preferred option. Based on that preferred option, the responsible parties must develop funding strategies and a delivery schedule with the goal that the project be completed by December 31, 2019.

(b) By January 1, 2018, the commissioner must report to the chairs, ranking minority members, and staff of the senate and house of representatives committees or divisions with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. The report must, at a minimum, include: a summary of the meetings held by the working group; the project options identified and the commissioner estimates associated with each option; and, if identified, the preferred option and the funding and delivery schedule for that option.

The cost of preparing this report is about \$34,000.

Introduction

The 2017 Minnesota Legislature passed legislation requiring the Minnesota Department of Transportation to study a transportation issue involving the intersection of Minnesota Trunk Highway 55 and Wilkin County State Aid Highway 19 in Nashua.

The issue involves trains blocking CSAH 19 which causes backups on both CSAH 19 and Highway 55. The blockages occur when trains stop on the siding track of the Canadian Pacific Railway that crosses CSAH 19. Highway 55 is a rural two lane highway with traffic moving at 60 miles per hour. Cars and trucks on Highway 55 form queues waiting to turn into Nashua.

A working group consisting of MnDOT staff, a Wilkin county board member, county highway department staff, Nashua city officials, a Champion township board member, Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative representatives and nearby property owners was formed to study and discuss possible solutions to the crossing problem.

Background

In the Nashua area, Highway 55 and the CP Railway line have been located adjacent to each other in their current locations since at least the 1930s. In the city, Wilkin CSAH 19 intersects both Highway 55 and the CP Railway. Historical photographs and plans show that from the 1930s until 2014, the CSAH 19 crossing with the CP Railway line consisted of one mainline east-west track and a spur line just to the north. The CSAH 19 intersection with Highway 55 is located just to the south of the rail crossings.

Figure 1 - Highway 55 and CSAH 19 before the siding extension (image from Google Earth)



In 2015, CP Railway extended a siding track between the mainline railroad track and Highway 55, crossing CSAH 19. A siding track allows for one train to pull off the mainline track while a separate train passes from either direction. The work was entirely within the CP Railway right of way.

Figure 2- Highway 55 and CSAH 19 after the siding extension (image from Google Earth)



As a result of the siding extension, the distance between the tracks and Highway 55 was reduced to about 21 feet. In addition, the railroad crossing is blocked for significantly longer periods of time for staging and parked trains.

Initial discussions

Prior to this legislation, MnDOT discussed the issue with concerned residents on March 9, 2017. The initial meeting was a listening session allowing attendees to share their concerns about the crossing and related issues. Representatives from Minn-Dak Farmers Co-op, the Campbell-Tintah School District, the city of Nashua, Champion Township, the Wilkin County Highway Department and local Emergency Medical Services agencies provided input at the meeting and through emails.

The primary concerns from the March 2017 meeting focused around two issues:

1. The new siding on the rail line allows trains to block the CSAH 19 crossing for extended periods, occasionally more than 30 minutes at a time.
2. The new siding reduced the space on CSAH 19 between the tracks and Highway 55, adding additional safety concerns to an already tight intersection.

Attendees also brought up several other observations, categorized into three primary areas:

1. Vehicles on Highway 55 wanting to go north on CSAH 19 stop on the state highway waiting for the tracks to clear. The problem is year-round but much worse during the harvest season. Attendees said the situation is unsafe.

2. Buses and other large vehicles do not have adequate space to safely stop on CSAH 19 between the STOP sign and the tracks to turn onto Hwy 55. Only 21 feet of roadway is available for stopping between the tracks and Highway 55.
3. Vehicles, including emergency vehicles, cannot get from Hwy 55 to Nashua (and north of Nashua) without a lengthy detour or a short detour on a minimum maintenance road not equipped for heavy year-round traffic.

Many of the representatives of this initial meeting were asked to be a part of the working group.

Stakeholders

MnDOT addressed the legislative requirements by engaging both public and private sector stakeholders to identify potential solutions to the issue of CSAH 19 railroad crossing blockages by CP Railway trains at Nashua.

Working Group:

The role of the working group was to review and provide feedback to MnDOT regarding various design options that address the problem at the railroad crossing. MnDOT's consultant, Interstate Engineering, developed six options for the working group to consider. The goal of the working group was to reach consensus on a preferred option to address the CSAH 19 rail crossing issue.

The working group was comprised of the following stakeholders. Not everyone attended each meeting.

Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative and nearby landowners:

- Troy Koltes
- Andy Finkral
- Tom Knudsen
- Brent Davison
- Tanner Davison
- Frank Davison
- Darin Raguse

Wilkin County:

- Eric Klindt, Commissioner
- Brian Noetzelman, Engineer
- Steve Neppl, Highway Department
- Rick Fiedler, Sheriff
- Josh Nack, Sheriff's Deputy

Champion Township:

- Jim Arnhalt, Township Clerk

City of Nashua:

- Sharon Rittenour, City Clerk
- Jim Stargel, Mayor

Minnesota Department of Transportation:

- Mike Ginnaty, Assistant District Engineer
- Tom Swenson, Traffic Engineer
- Nathan Gannon, State Aid Engineer
- Brian Bausman, Project Manager

Other attendees:

- Dean Toella, city of Tintah
- Donald Holte
- Jeffrey Loeks
- Craig Carter
- Reg Hawes
- Jean and Doug Daniels
- Randy Rittenour

Meetings Summary

The focal point of the meetings was to identify the issues with blockages at the CSAH 19 railroad crossing at Nashua and arrive at a recommendation from the working group for a preferred option to resolve the problem. Below is a list of the meetings held by the working group and a summary of the discussions.

Local Government Agency meeting – May 10, 2017

MnDOT presented its findings after discussions with CP. CP indicated its intention to review its operations to reduce the number of blockages at CSAH 19. It was suggested that residents contact the Community Connect telephone number for assistance when the crossing was blocked. MnDOT and Wilkin County agreed to install distance signage on both Highway 55 and CSAH 19 and add the Community Connect telephone number to signs on both highways. MnDOT presented a possible solution of moving the crossing west of Nashua to approximately 0.5 mile east of Nashua and construct a road connecting to CSAH 19. The group agreed to review this proposal further to present to the full working group. MnDOT agreed to hire a consultant, Interstate Engineering, to develop alignments for this option.

Working Group meeting – June 28, 2017

MnDOT presented three options for a new alternate railroad crossing about a half mile east of CSAH 19. The three options cured the blocked crossing issue, but the affected property owner was not willing to sell the required right of way for any of the alternate options. The working group decided none of the three alternate options could work. The group asked MnDOT to develop two additional options. One was to construct turn lanes and vehicle storage on Highway 55. The second was to realign Highway 55 to provide additional vehicle stacking area. MnDOT agreed to have the consultant develop these two options.

Working Group meeting – Sept. 6, 2017

MnDOT presented and reviewed the additional options 4 and 5. Option 4 involved constructing right and left turn lanes on Highway 55. Option 5 included a realignment of Highway 55 to the south in addition to right and left turn lanes. Option 5 also added storage for vehicles waiting to cross the tracks. Neither option 4 nor option 5 addressed the blockage at the crossing. After a lengthy discussion by the working group, a sixth option was proposed as a solution. Option 6 used an existing crossing one mile east of Nashua. Existing township roads would provide the route from Highway 55 to CSAH 19. The group requested MnDOT explore option 6 and develop a cost estimate similar to options 1 thru 5. MnDOT also provided an update on additional signage being installed warning motorists of “Traffic Stopped Ahead” on both Highway 55 and CSAH 19.

Working Group meeting – Nov. 1, 2017

Option 6 was presented to the working group along with the cost estimate. The cost of Option 6 and the proximity to Nashua for emergency responders was a concern to the groups. There was additional discussion about the possible viability of Option 1 that resurfaced during the meeting. The group agreed to contact the property owner and CP Railway for input on Option 1, the shortest route and least expensive alternative, as a potential solution.

Working Group meeting – Nov. 14, 2017

MnDOT briefed the group on discussions it had with CP Railway. For Option 1 to be viable, the public road crossing west of Nashua would either need to be removed or converted from a public road crossing to a private crossing. In addition, the parties managing the private crossing would need to execute an agreement with the railroad and purchase liability insurance. The property owners affected by the conversion were not in favor of either removal or the conversion. The group discussion then centered on Option 6, which would improve the township roads one mile east and one mile north of Nashua. The working group agreed to modify the improvements to the township road to accommodate only a gravel surface and not include a future bituminous surface. The main issue remaining for Option 6 is the maintenance cost. Further discussions will be held between the township and county to resolve this issue. The group also asked MnDOT to consider turn lanes on Highway 55 to CSAH 19 during the proposed 2023 Highway 55 project.

All of the options presented to the working group are described and shown below, and can be found in Appendix A of this report, including cost estimates for each option.

Final Recommendation

Options 1-6

Options 1-3

These three options all included constructing a local frontage road and diverting traffic to a new railroad crossing to the east of the current crossing. Each of these three options was a bit different because of where it connected to CSAH 19.

Option 4

This option constructed right and left turn lanes for Trunk Highway 55 to give vehicles space to wait to turn onto CSAH 19 when trains are blocking the intersection.

Option 5

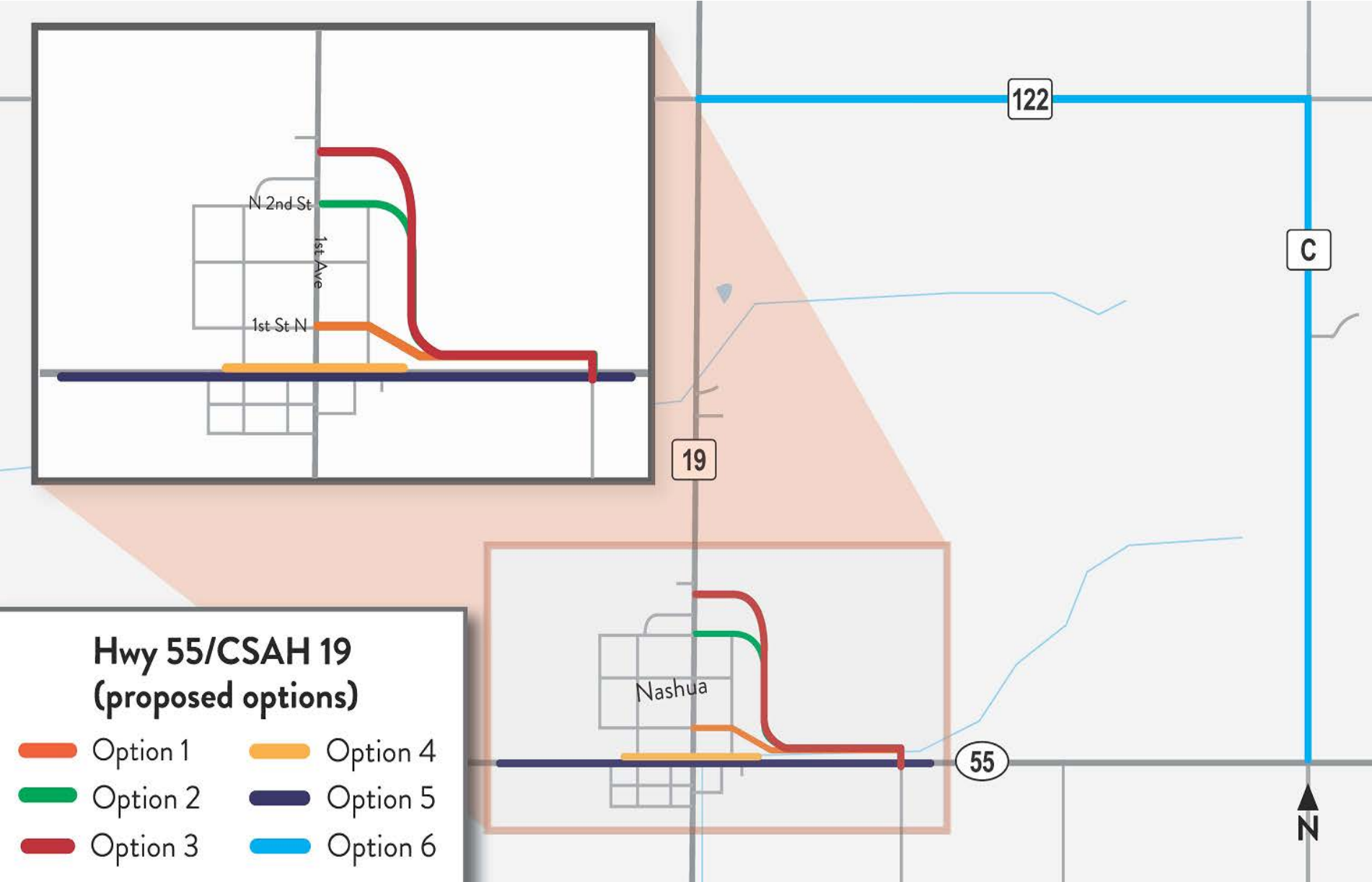
This option realigned Highway 55 and provided for extra-long turn lanes to safely accommodate all vehicles, including commercial vehicles, waiting to turn onto CSAH 19.

Option 6

This option is the recommended option. It includes improving two miles of township roads to accommodate traffic, including commercial vehicles, by bypassing the crossing.

Each proposed option is shown on the following map.

Figure 3: Map of Proposed Options for Highway 55 and CSAH 19 Intersection



The working group selected option 6 as the preferred option to solve the problem of crossing blockages at CSAH 19 in Nashua. It is recommending this solution over the others because it addresses the issue of trains blocking the tracks causing traffic back-ups. This option also allows emergency vehicles to cross the tracks if the CSAH 19 crossing is blocked.

Option 6 uses local township roads for the route from Highway 55 to CSAH 19. It begins one mile east of Nashua at the intersection of Highway 55, travels north one mile and then west to CSAH 19. These roads will require upgrading to 9 ton load limit.

Wilkin County will assume the lead agency role, with MnDOT's assistance, moving forward with the project. In addition, MnDOT will review the intersection of Minnesota Trunk Highway 55 and Wilkin County State Aid Highway 19 for needed improvements as part of its future project in 2023. Once funding has been identified, the project delivery schedule will be developed. Wilkin County, Champion Township and the City of Nashua have prepared an application for funding from the Local Road Improvement Program through MnDOT's Office of State Aid. Applications are due December 2017 with project selection in the spring of 2018. If this project is not selected for LRIP funding, Wilkin County and other working group stakeholders will explore additional funding alternatives. Assuming funding is fully secured, Wilkin County plans to complete project construction by fall 2019.

Conclusion

As a result of 2017 legislation passed by the Minnesota Legislature a working group was formed to study the possible solutions for an at-grade railroad crossing in Nashua frequently blocked by rail traffic. The group consisted of various stakeholders including MnDOT staff, Wilkin County staff and Nashua city officials. Stakeholders also included representatives of Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative, Wilkin County Board, town board of Champion and several local residents.

Meetings were held between March and November 2017. The results of these meeting included a final recommendation. The preferred option of the working group was Option 6. This option addressed the crossing blockages by trains remaining stationary keeping mainline traffic from proceeding through the Nashua area. This option addresses the blocked crossing for vehicles that want to move into and out of Nashua by bypassing the CP siding tracks near Highway 55 and CSAH 19. Local township roads will be used for this route. The location of the route is one mile east of Nashua and uses an existing crossing. The township roads will be reconstructed to a 9-ton load limit with a gravel surface.

Finally, the process outlined in this report provided stakeholders with an opportunity to voice concerns with existing crossing conditions and participate in recommended solutions for the problem. Funding for the local road project is uncertain at this time. One potential revenue source is the Local Road Improvement Program through MnDOT's State Aid program. Wilkin County, in conjunction with Champion Township, will submit an application for this project. A proposed construction schedule has not been determined and is dependent on funding.

Appendix A: Memo and Preliminary Maps of Options



MEMO

To: Tom Lundberg, MnDOT D4
Mike Ginnaty, MnDOT D4
Brian Bausman, MnDOT D4

From: Chris McConn, Interstate Engineering

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CM', is written over the 'From:' line.

CC: Damon DeVillers, P.E. (IE)
Dan Harris (IE)

Date: November 9, 2017

Re: SAP 8405-11 Nashua
Preliminary Commercial Traffic options for Crossing Rail

BACKGROUND

The existing railroad crossing for Wilkin County CSAH 19 (2014 AADT = 410) at the CSAH 19 and Minnesota Trunk Highway 55 (TH 55, 2014 AADT = 415) is currently located too close to the intersection to allow adequate storage space to allow commercial vehicles to stop between the railroad tracks and the TH 55. There is currently about 21 feet of storage between the railroad crossing signals and the stop sign. Currently, there are two railroad crossings operated by the Canadian Pacific (CP) railroad at this location. The northern rail is the mainline rail used for interstate rail traffic. The southern crossing was added to allow for storage of mainline traffic to allow for rail traffic heading in opposite directions to pass each other. This area experiences a relatively high seasonal volume of commercial traffic due to agricultural traffic. There are two sugar beet piling grounds and a regional grain terminal within 10 miles of this intersection. The entire project area is within the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (BDSWD). Ditches JD 7 and GCD 22 follow TH 55 in this area.

The following options and cost estimates have been prepared to determine the most appropriate improvements to create a safer rail crossing for commercial vehicles:

- a. Options 1-3 Construct frontage road for new crossing location
- b. Option 4 Add turn lanes and bypass lanes to TH 55
- c. Option 5 Re-align TH 55 with turn lanes
- d. Option 6 Two Miles Township Road

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OPTIONS 1-3 CONSTRUCT FRONTAGE ROAD FOR NEW CROSSING LOCATION

Options 1 through 3 include constructing a locally owned and operated frontage road to divert commercial traffic to a new public railroad crossing approximately 2,100 feet east of the existing crossing where there is adequate distance between the new rail crossing and TH 55. The difference between each option is the location where it connects to CSAH 19. All three options would include closure of the public crossing at 310th Avenue (1 mile west of CSAH 19) to create a net zero increase in crossings. The private rail crossing approximately 850 feet east of the proposed crossing may be closed and the driveway reconstructed to share the new crossing. Preliminary Drawings for all options are provided in Appendix A. Cost Estimates for each Option are provided in Appendix B. The cost estimate includes signalization of the new crossing, cross arms and concrete panels. These options would leave the existing CSAH 19 crossings in operation. These options would require obtaining right of way in agricultural fields. Below is a summary of design criteria for each option:

1. Typical section as shown for a 37 foot wide road
2. 7" of Aggregate Base Class 5
3. 4" drain tile on each side of road
4. 280' radii for curves in road

The benefit of this option would be avoiding construction on TH 55. Signage on TH 55 and CSAH 19 would direct commercial vehicle traffic to the alternate route. The new crossing would provide approximately 75 feet of storage, allowing school busses and WB-62 vehicles space to stop between the rail crossing and TH 55. Turn lanes on TH 55 are not included in the cost estimate for Options 1 through 3.

OPTION 4 – ADD TURN LANES AND BYPASS LANES TO TH 55

Option 4 would include the construction of right and left turn lanes for eastbound and westbound traffic on TH 55 as illustrated in Figure 5-3.01C of the MnDOT Road Design Manual, entitled, "Painted Median Left-Turn Lane on Existing Highway – At Cross Road Intersections". This option provides storage for vehicles desiring to turn north onto CSAH 19 while a train is occupying the intersection. However, it does not allow for safe storage of northbound or southbound commercial vehicles on CSAH 19 that are stopped between the tracks and TH 55 while they are waiting for trains to clear; or traffic on TH 55 to pass. The ditches along TH 55 near this intersection are deep with steep inslopes. The improvements included obtaining additional right of way to construct 4:1 slopes and widen the ditch bottom. This ditch is regulated by the BDSWD and will require permitting.

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OPTION 5 – TH 55 REALIGNMENT WITH TURN LANES

Option 5 would be for a re-alignment of TH 55 to increase the storage area between the railroad tracks and the intersection. This option would include the construction of both right and left turn lanes on TH 55 at the intersection. As shown in Appendix A, the proposed re-alignment moves the westbound lane of TH 55 approximately 47 feet southward to provide 68 feet of storage between the cross arms and the stop sign (98 feet from center of rail to edge of westbound driving lane). This design includes full reconstruction of TH 55 for approximately 4,100 feet. The length utilized is longer than the standard turn lane arrangement for several reasons. Below is a summary of site specific conditions:

- a. Design is based on a 2,000 foot turning radii for re-alignment of the road. The MnDOT design manual specifies in Table 3-2.03A that 1,660 lineal feet is the minimum radius for a 65 mph design speed.
- b. Tangents between reverse curves were provided.
- c. Tangents for 67% of superelevation runout were provided at the beginning and end of realignment.
- d. Left turn lanes provide 730 feet of storage. Based on MnDOT staff meetings with local representatives, turn lane storage demands peak during the fall sugar beet harvest due to the harvest campaign with sugar beets delivered to the Minn-Dak pileground immediately southwest of Nashua. Producer owned vehicles are often tandem axel straight trucks. Based on discussions with a Minn-Dak representative, storage for up to 10 vehicles would be necessary.

Similar to Option 4, this option would require re-alignment of BDSWD ditches and require permitting therefor. Construction limits on the south side of TH 55 would require right of way acquisition of multiple properties. Based on a 4 foot deep ditch, 1:4 inslopes, 1:3 backslopes, 10' wide ditch bottom, approximately 42 feet would be required for construction limits. The limits as shown in the figures are approximately 40-50 wide based on modeling with LIDAR data.

OPTION 6 – TWO MILES TOWNSHIP ROAD

Option 6 improves township roads 500th Street and 330th Avenue so that commercial traffic will cross the railroad one mile east of the existing CSAH 19 crossing in Nashua as illustrated in Figure 6. Eastbound traffic on TH 55 intending to travel north on CSAH 19 would continue 1 mile past CSAH 19 and turn north onto 330th Avenue, travel north one mile, turn west and travel one mile arriving back at CSAH 19. This would ultimately add an additional 2 miles to their trip.

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There is an existing rail crossing at 330th Avenue that would be improved with cross arms and concrete panels. This crossing would provide approximately 75 feet of storage for vehicles between TH 55 and the rail crossing.

The existing township roads are approximately 20 feet wide. The proposed road would be 37 feet wide with 7 inches of aggregate and drain tile. The typical section used for this option is the same as for Options 1 through 3 and was furnished by Wilkin County. See also Figure 6. Existing culverts would be replaced with new corrugated steel culverts. Additional road right of way or temporary easements would be necessary for the widening. The addition of turn lanes on CSAH 19 and TH 55 was not included with this option.

ESTIMATED COSTS

Below is a table summarizing the costs for each option. The details for each cost estimate are provided in Appendix 2.

TABLE 1 ESTIMATED COSTS

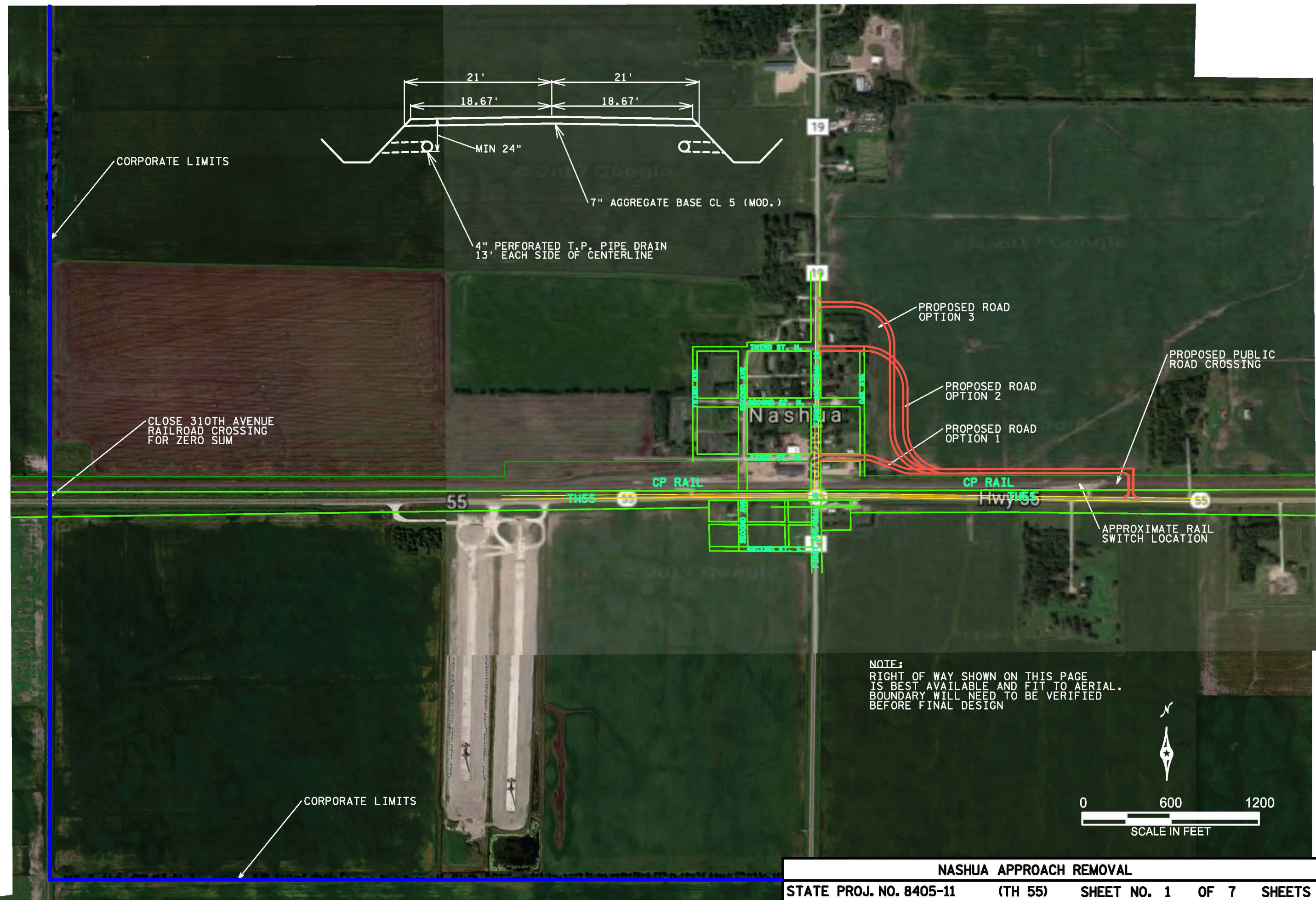
OPTION	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST
1	Frontage Road to First Street N	\$1,030,000.00
2	Frontage Road to Third Street N	\$1,150,000.00
3	Frontage Road North of Third Street	\$1,200,000.00
4	Turn Lanes and Bypass Lanes on TH 55	\$1,190,000.00
5	Re-alignment of TH 55	\$2,790,000.00
6	Two Mile Township Road Alternate Route	\$2,050,000.00

The estimated costs provided include numerous assumptions:

- The real estate acquisition values are not based on appraisals or discussions with property owners.
- A percentage based cost was added for contingency, miscellaneous, overruns, engineering, legal and administration.
- Excavation and embankment values are based on assumed average cut and fill depths.
- Salvaging of existing aggregates for re-use was not considered.
- An environmental assessment of the properties needed for Option 5 have not been reviewed for possible mitigation requirements.
- A subsurface soils investigation was not performed to determine aggregate and bituminous thicknesses, or subgrade conditions.
- Based on a review of the National Wetland Inventory maps, wetlands were not identified in any of the Option project areas. No additional efforts were made to confirm the presence of wetlands.

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NASHUA OPTION 1

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NASHUA OPTION 2

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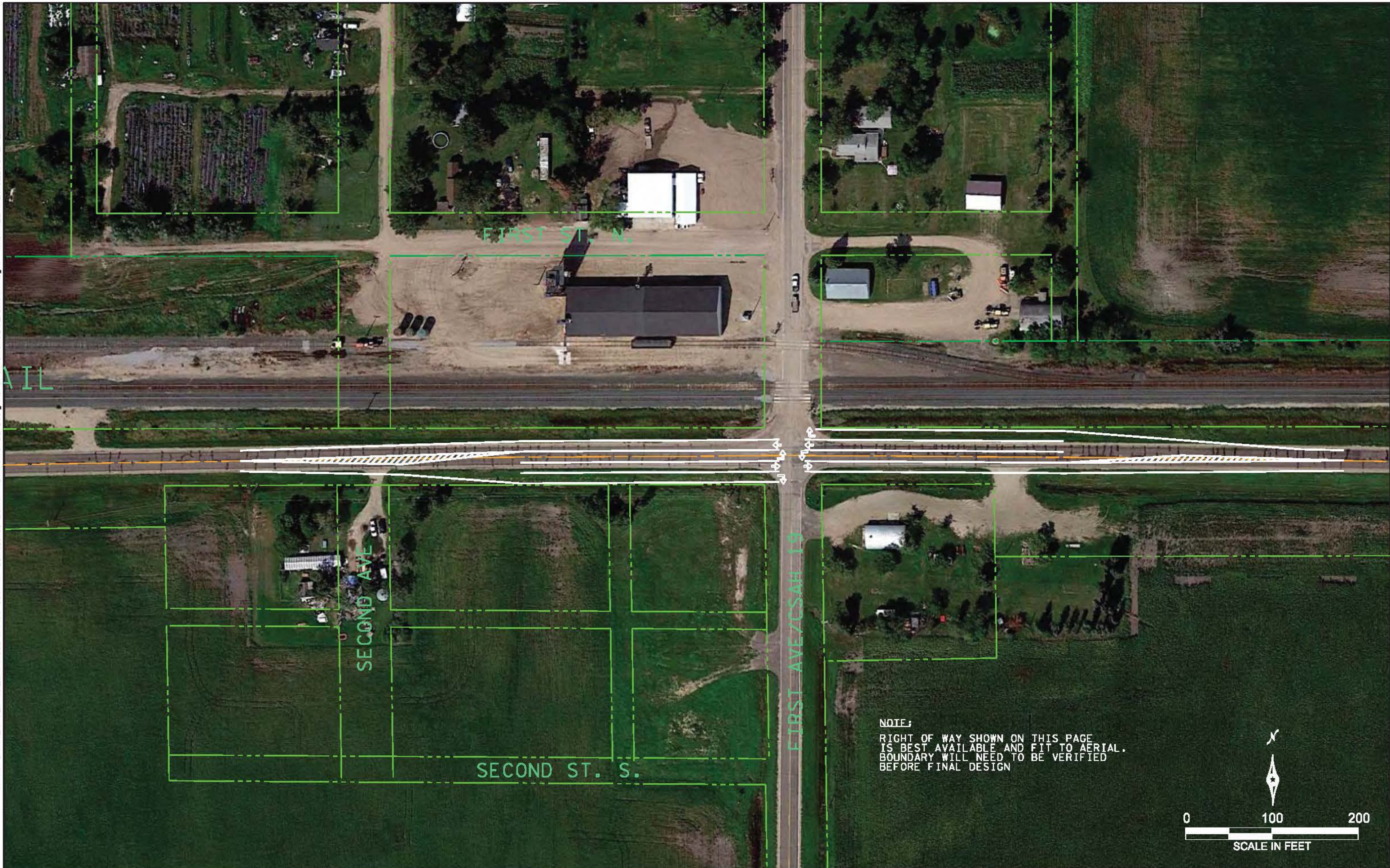
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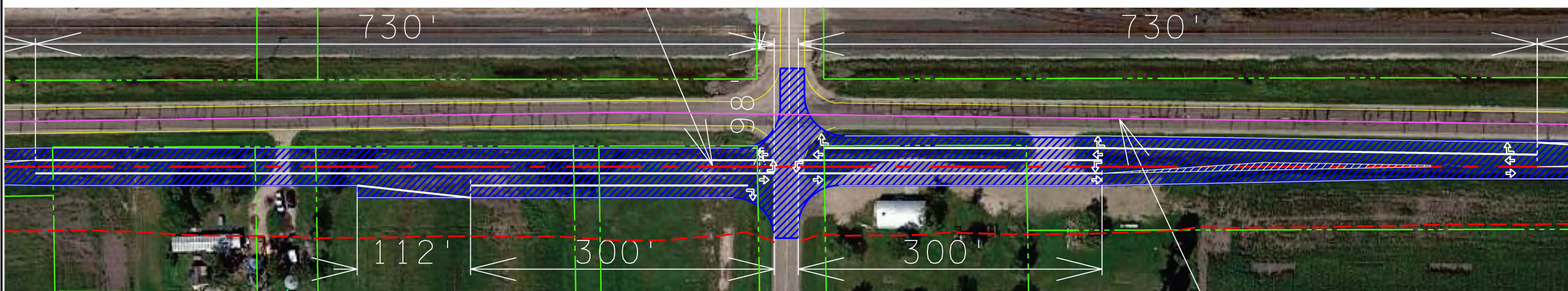
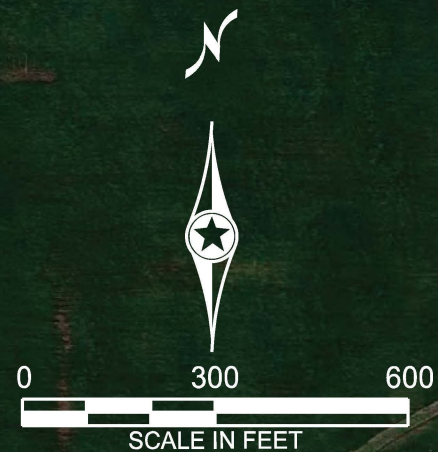
NASHUA OPTION 4

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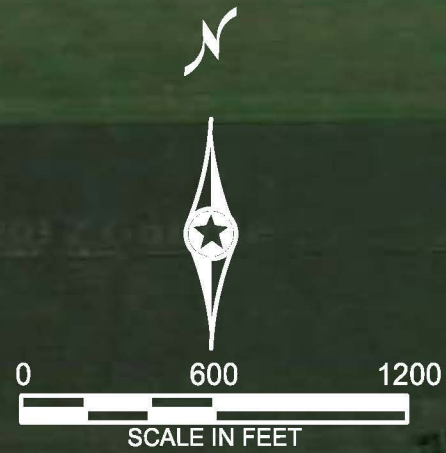


ENLARGED TURN LANE VIEW

NASHUA OPTION 5

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330th Ave.



Nashua

Hwy 55

ENLARGED TURN LANE VIEW

NASHUA OPTION 6

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Appendix B: Preliminary Cost Estimates of the Options

OPINION OF PROBABLE PROJECT COST
SAP 8405-11
NASHUA ALTERNATIVE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE RR CROSSING ROUTE
OPTION 1 (FRONTAGE ROAD TO FIRST STREET NORTH)
REVISED NOVEMBER 9, 2017

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNITS	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	MOBILIZATION (10%)	LUMP SUM	1	\$64,000.00	\$64,000
2	PAVEMENT MARKING REMOVAL	LIN FT	0	\$2.75	\$0
3	SALVAGE CONCRETE APRON	EACH	0	\$250.00	\$0
4	COMMON EXCAVATION	CY	3,000	\$7.00	\$21,000
5	COMMON BORROW (CV)	CY	9,500	\$18.00	\$171,000
6	7" AGGREGATE SURFACING CLASS 5	TON	3,800	\$15.00	\$57,000
7	STREET SWEEPER (WITH PICKUP BROOM)	HOUR	4	\$200.00	\$800
8	18" SELECT GRANULAR BACKFILL	TON	0	\$17.00	\$0
9	6" PAVEMENT SURFACING	TON	0	\$50.00	\$0
10	24" RC PIPE CULVERT	LIN FT	80	\$55.00	\$4,400
11	18" RC PIPE CULVERT	LIN FT	80	\$45.00	\$3,600
12	INSTALL PIPE APRON	EACH	4	\$300.00	\$1,200
13	4" DRAIN TILES WITH ROCKED OUTLETS	LIN FT	5,000	\$3.00	\$15,000
14	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
15	INSTALL SIGN	EACH	5	\$150.00	\$750
16	INSTALL SIGN SUPPORT	EACH	5	\$100.00	\$500
17	SILT FENCE, TYPE MACHINE SLICED	LIN FT	2,300	\$2.00	\$4,600
18	TURF RESTORATION	ACRE	2.5	\$5,000.00	\$12,500
19	RAILROAD CROSSING CONCRETE PANELS	LUMP SUM	1	\$80,000.00	\$80,000
20	RAILROAD CROSSARMS AND SIGNALS	LUMP SUM	1	\$250,000.00	\$250,000
21	CLOSE RAILROAD CROSSING	LUMP SUM	2	\$5,000.00	\$10,000
SUBTOTAL					\$702,000
MISC				3%	\$22,000
CONTINGENCY				7%	\$50,000
CONSTRUCTION LETTING COST					\$774,000
SA/OVERRUNS				7%	\$54,000
REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION					\$40,000
ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION				20%	\$155,000
ENGINEERS OPINION OF PROBABLE COST					\$1,030,000

LENGTH (FT) = 2,313

NOTES:

- 1 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES ARE BASED TYPICAL SECTIONS PROVIDED BY WILKIN COUNTY TO MNDOT. DETAILED DESIGN HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED.
- 2 TURF RESTORATION AND EROSION CONTROL COSTS BASED ON \$5,000/ACRE FOR DISTURBED AREAS
- 3 ASSUMED 2 FEET OF COMMON BORROW
- 4 BASIS OF COMPUTATIONS: SEE TYPICAL SECTION
- 5 DOES NOT INCLUDE TURN LANES ONTO TH 55
- 6 THE ESTIMATED COSTS SHOWN HEREIN ARE PRELIMINARY AND BASED ON A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN. TOTAL COSTS ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST \$10,000.

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OPTION 2 (FRONTAGE ROAD TO THIRD STREET N.)

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ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNITS	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	1	\$72,000.00	\$72,000
2	PAVEMENT MARKING REMOVAL	LIN FT	0	\$2.75	\$0
3	SALVAGE CONCRETE APRON	EACH	0	\$250.00	\$0
4	COMMON EXCAVATION	CY	3,500	\$7.00	\$24,500
5	COMMON BORROW (CV)	CY	12,000	\$18.00	\$216,000
6	7" AGGREGATE SURFACING CLASS 5	TON	4,700	\$15.00	\$70,500
7	STREET SWEEPER (WITH PICKUP BROOM)	HOUR	4	\$200.00	\$800
8	18" SELECT GRANULAR BACKFILL	TON	0	\$17.00	\$0
9	6" PAVEMENT SURFACING	TON	0	\$50.00	\$0
10	24" RC PIPE CULVERT	LIN FT	80	\$55.00	\$4,400
11	18" RC PIPE CULVERT	LIN FT	160	\$45.00	\$7,200
12	INSTALL PIPE APRON	EACH	6	\$300.00	\$1,800
13	4" DRAIN TILES WITH ROCKED OUTLETS	LIN FT	6,200	\$3.00	\$18,600
14	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
15	INSTALL SIGN	EACH	5	\$150.00	\$750
16	INSTALL SIGN SUPPORT	EACH	5	\$100.00	\$500
17	SILT FENCE, TYPE MACHINE SLICED	LIN FT	2,900	\$2.00	\$5,800
18	TURF RESTORATION	ACRE	3	\$5,000.00	\$15,000
19	RAILROAD CROSSING CONCRETE PANELS	LUMP SUM	1	\$80,000.00	\$80,000
20	RAILROAD CROSSARMS AND SIGNALS	LUMP SUM	1	\$250,000.00	\$250,000
21	CLOSE RAILROAD CROSSING	LUMP SUM	2	\$5,000.00	\$10,000

SUBTOTAL **\$783,000**

MISC 3% **\$24,000**

CONTINGENCY 7% **\$55,000**

CONSTRUCTION LETTING COST **\$862,000**

SA/OVERRUNS 7% **\$61,000**

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION **\$50,000**

ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION 20% **\$173,000**

ENGINEERS OPINION OF PROBABLE COST **\$1,150,000**

LENGTH (FT) = 2,892

NOTES:

- 1 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES ARE BASED TYPICAL SECTIONS PROVIDED BY WILKIN COUNTY TO MNDOT. DETAILED DESIGN HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED.
- 2 TURF RESTORATION AND EROSION CONTROL COSTS BASED ON \$5,000/ACRE FOR DISTURBED AREAS
- 3 ASSUMED 2 FEET OF COMMON BORROW
- 4 BASIS OF COMPUTATIONS: SEE TYPICAL SECTION
- 5 DOES NOT INCLUDE TURN LANES ONTO TH 55
- 6 THE ESTIMATED COSTS SHOWN HEREIN ARE PRELIMINARY AND BASED ON A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN. TOTAL COSTS ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST \$10,000.

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OPTION 3 (FRONTAGE ROAD NORTH OF TOWN)

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ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNITS	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	1	\$75,000.00	\$75,000
2	PAVEMENT MARKING REMOVAL	LIN FT	0	\$2.75	\$0
3	SALVAGE CONCRETE APRON	EACH	0	\$250.00	\$0
4	COMMON EXCAVATION	CY	4,000	\$7.00	\$28,000
5	COMMON BORROW (CV)	CY	13,000	\$18.00	\$234,000
6	7" AGGREGATE SURFACING CLASS 5	TON	5,200	\$15.00	\$78,000
7	STREET SWEEPER (WITH PICKUP BROOM)	HOURL	4	\$200.00	\$800
8	18" SELECT GRANULAR BACKFILL	TON	0	\$17.00	\$0
9	6" PAVEMENT SURFACING	TON	0	\$50.00	\$0
10	24" RC PIPE CULVERT	LIN FT	80	\$55.00	\$4,400
11	18" RC PIPE CULVERT	LIN FT	80	\$45.00	\$3,600
12	INSTALL PIPE APRON	EACH	4	\$300.00	\$1,200
13	4" DRAIN TILES WITH ROCKED OUTLETS	LIN FT	6,700	\$3.00	\$20,100
14	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
15	INSTALL SIGN	EACH	5	\$150.00	\$750
16	INSTALL SIGN SUPPORT	EACH	5	\$100.00	\$500
17	SILT FENCE, TYPE MACHINE SLICED	LIN FT	3,200	\$2.00	\$6,400
18	TURF RESTORATION	ACRE	3.5	\$5,000.00	\$17,500
19	RAILROAD CROSSING CONCRETE PANELS	LUMP SUM	1	\$80,000.00	\$80,000
20	RAILROAD CROSSARMS AND SIGNALS	LUMP SUM	1	\$250,000.00	\$250,000
21	CLOSE RAILROAD CROSSING	LUMP SUM	2	\$5,000.00	\$10,000
SUBTOTAL					\$816,000
MISC				3%	\$25,000
CONTINGENCY				7%	\$58,000
CONSTRUCTION LETTING COST					\$899,000
SA/OVERRUNS				7%	\$63,000
REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION					\$55,000
ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION				20%	\$180,000
ENGINEERS OPINION OF PROBABLE COST					\$1,200,000

LENGTH (FT) = 3,205

NOTES:

- 1 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES ARE BASED TYPICAL SECTIONS PROVIDED BY WILKIN COUNTY TO MNDOT. DETAILED DESIGN HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED.
- 2 TURF RESTORATION AND EROSION CONTROL COSTS BASED ON \$5,000/ACRE FOR DISTURBED AREAS
- 3 ASSUMED 2 FEET OF COMMON BORROW
- 4 BASIS OF COMPUTATIONS: SEE TYPICAL SECTION
- 5 DOES NOT INCLUDE TURN LANES ONTO TH 55
- 6 THE ESTIMATED COSTS SHOWN HEREIN ARE PRELIMINARY AND BASED ON A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN. TOTAL COSTS ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST \$10,000.

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OPTION 4 (TURN LANES ON TH 55)

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ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNITS	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	1	\$71,000.00	\$71,000
2	PAVEMENT MARKING REMOVAL	LIN FT	5400	\$2.75	\$14,850
3	SAWING BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT FULL DEPTH	LIN FT	3000	\$3.00	\$9,000
4	SALVAGE CONCRETE APRON	EACH	4	\$250.00	\$1,000
5	COMMON EXCAVATION	CY	12000	\$7.00	\$84,000
6	COMMON BORROW (CV)	CY	10000	\$18.00	\$180,000
7	12" AGGREGATE SURFACING CLASS 5	TON	4000	\$15.00	\$60,000
8	STREET SWEEPER (WITH PICKUP BROOM)	HOURL	40	\$200.00	\$8,000
9	18" SELECT GRANULAR BACKFILL	TON	5800	\$17.00	\$98,600
10	MILLED BITUMINOUS SURFACE	S Y	1200	\$2.50	\$3,000
11	MILLED RUMBLE STRIPS	LIN FT	5400	\$0.15	\$810
12	8" PAVEMENT SURFACING	TON	2700	\$50.00	\$135,000
13	24" RC PIPE CULVERT	LIN FT	120	\$55.00	\$6,600
14	18" RC PIPE CULVERT	LIN FT	120	\$45.00	\$5,400
15	DRAIN TILES AND CONCRETE HEAD WALLS	LIN FT	3000	\$10.00	\$30,000
16	INSTALL PIPE APRON	EACH	8	\$300.00	\$2,400
17	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
18	INSTALL SIGN PANEL TYPE C	EACH	12	\$150.00	\$1,800
19	INSTALL SIGN SUPPORT	EACH	12	\$100.00	\$1,200
20	SILT FENCE, TYPE MACHINE SLICED	LIN FT	2700	\$2.00	\$5,400
21	TURF RESTORATION	ACRE	4	\$5,000.00	\$20,000
22	PAVEMENT MESSAGES	LUMP SUM	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000
23	4" PAVEMENT MARKINGS	LIN FT	10000	\$0.50	\$5,000
24	24" PAVEMENT MARKINGS	LIN FT	600	\$12.00	\$7,200
25	RAILROAD CROSSING CONCRETE PANELS	LUMP SUM	0	\$80,000.00	\$0
26	CLOSE RAILROAD CROSSING	LUMP SUM	0	\$5,000.00	\$0

	SUBTOTAL		\$772,000
	MISC	3%	\$24,000
	CONTINGENCY	7%	\$55,000
	CONSTRUCTION LETTING COST		\$851,000
	SA/OVERRUNS	7%	\$60,000
	REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION		\$100,000
	ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION	20%	\$171,000
	ENGINEERS OPINION OF PROBABLE COST		\$1,190,000

LENGTH (FT) = 2700

NOTES:

- 1 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES ARE BASED ON PLANAR AREAS AND BITUMINOUS SURFACING TYPICAL SECTION.
 - 2 TURF RESTORATION AND EROSION CONTROL COSTS BASED ON \$5,000/ACRE FOR DISTURBED AREAS
 - 3 THE ESTIMATED COSTS SHOWN HEREIN ARE PRELIMINARY AND BASED ON A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN.
- TOTAL COSTS ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST \$10,000.

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OPTION 5
RE-ALIGNMENT OF TH 55 WITH TURN LANES

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ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNITS	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	1	\$162,000.00	\$162,000
2	PAVEMENT MARKING REMOVAL	LIN FT	400	\$2.75	\$1,100
3	SAWING BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT FULL DEPTH	LIN FT	140	\$3.00	\$420
4	SALVAGE CONCRETE APRON	EACH	4	\$250.00	\$1,000
5	COMMON EXCAVATION	CY	24000	\$7.00	\$168,000
6	COMMON BORROW (CV)	CY	24000	\$18.00	\$432,000
7	12" AGGREGATE SURFACING CLASS 5	TON	9600	\$15.00	\$144,000
8	STREET SWEEPER (WITH PICKUP BROOM)	HOURL	50	\$200.00	\$10,000
9	18" SELECT GRANULAR BACKFILL	TON	14500	\$17.00	\$246,500
10	MILLED BITUMINOUS SURFACE	S Y	13000	\$2.50	\$32,500
11	MILLED RUMBLE STRIPS	LIN FT	8500	\$0.15	\$1,275
12	8" PAVEMENT SURFACING	TON	7000	\$50.00	\$350,000
13	24" RC PIPE CULVERT	LIN FT	120	\$55.00	\$6,600
14	18" RC PIPE CULVERT	LIN FT	120	\$45.00	\$5,400
15	DRAIN TILES AND CONCRETE HEAD WALLS	LIN FT	8500	\$10.00	\$85,000
16	INSTALL PIPE APRON	EACH	8	\$300.00	\$2,400
17	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1	\$45,000.00	\$45,000
18	INSTALL SIGN PANEL TYPE C	EACH	12	\$150.00	\$1,800
19	INSTALL SIGN SUPPORT	EACH	12	\$100.00	\$1,200
20	SILT FENCE, TYPE MACHINE SLICED	LIN FT	8400	\$2.00	\$16,800
21	TURF RESTORATION	ACRE	10	\$5,000.00	\$50,000
22	PAVEMENT MESSAGES	LUMP SUM	8	\$1,000.00	\$8,000
23	4" PAVEMENT MARKINGS	LIN FT	17000	\$0.50	\$8,500
24	24" PAVEMENT MARKINGS	LIN FT	48	\$12.00	\$576
25	RAILROAD CROSSING CONCRETE PANELS	LUMP SUM	0	\$80,000.00	\$0
26	CLOSE RAILROAD CROSSING	LUMP SUM	0	\$5,000.00	\$0

	SUBTOTAL		\$1,781,000
	MISC	3%	\$54,000
	CONTINGENCY	7%	\$125,000
	CONSTRUCTION LETTING COST		\$1,960,000
	SA/OVERRUNS	7%	\$138,000
	REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION		\$300,000
	ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION	20%	\$392,000
	ENGINEERS OPINION OF PROBABLE COST		\$2,790,000

LENGTH (FT) = 4100

NOTES:

- 1 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES ARE BASED ON PLANAR AREAS AND BITUMINOUS SURFACING TYPICAL SECTION. DETAILED DESIGN HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED.
- 2 TURF RESTORATION AND EROSION CONTROL COSTS BASED ON \$5,000/ACRE FOR DISTURBED AREAS
- 3 THE ESTIMATED COSTS SHOWN HEREIN ARE PRELIMINARY AND BASED ON A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN. TOTAL COSTS ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST \$10,000.

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**OPTION 6
2 MILES TOWNSHIP ROAD**

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ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNITS	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	1	\$81,000.00	\$81,000
2	PAVEMENT MARKING REMOVAL	LIN FT	0	\$2.75	\$0
3	SAWING BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT FULL DEPTH	LIN FT	0	\$300.00	\$0
4	REMOVE CULVERTS	EACH	12	\$250.00	\$3,000
5	COMMON EXCAVATION	CY	8,000	\$7.00	\$56,000
6	COMMON BORROW (CV)	CY	26,000	\$18.00	\$468,000
7	7" AGGREGATE SURFACING CLASS 5 MOD	TON	18,000	\$15.00	\$270,000
8	STREET SWEEPER (WITH PICKUP BROOM)	HOURL	4	\$200.00	\$800
9	18" SELECT GRANULAR BACKFILL	TON	0	\$17.00	\$0
10	MILLED BITUMINOUS SURFACE	S Y	0	\$2.50	\$0
11	MILLED RUMBLE STRIPS	LIN FT	0	\$0.15	\$0
12	8" PAVEMENT SURFACING	TON	0	\$50.00	\$0
13	24-48" CS PIPE CULVERT	LIN FT	480	\$50.00	\$24,000
14	18" CS PIPE CULVERT	LIN FT	480	\$50.00	\$24,000
15	4" DRAIN TILES WITH ROCKED OUTLETS	LIN FT	23,000	\$3.00	\$69,000
16	CS PIPE APRONS	EACH	24	\$200.00	\$4,800
17	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LUMP SUM	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
18	INSTALL SIGN PANEL TYPE C	EACH	6	\$150.00	\$900
19	INSTALL SIGN SUPPORT	EACH	6	\$100.00	\$600
20	SILT FENCE, TYPE MACHINE SLICED	LIN FT	2,000	\$2.00	\$4,000
21	TURF RESTORATION	ACRE	18	\$4,000.00	\$72,000
22	PAVEMENT MESSAGES	LUMP SUM	0	\$1,000.00	\$0
23	4" PAVEMENT MARKINGS	LIN FT	0	\$0.50	\$0
24	24" PAVEMENT MARKINGS	LIN FT	0	\$12.00	\$0
25	RAILROAD CROSSING CONCRETE PANELS	LUMP SUM	1	\$80,000.00	\$80,000
26	RAILROAD CROSSARMS AND SIGNALS	LUMP SUM	1	\$250,000.00	\$250,000
27	CLOSE RAILROAD CROSSING	LUMP SUM	0	\$5,000.00	\$0

	SUBTOTAL	\$1,419,000
	MISC	3% \$43,000
	CONTINGENCY	7% \$100,000
	CONSTRUCTION LETTING COST	\$1,562,000
	SA/OVERRUNS	7% \$110,000
	GRADING EASEMENTS (ACRES)	12 \$5,000 \$60,000
	ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION	20% \$313,000
	ENGINEERS OPINION OF PROBABLE COST	\$2,050,000

APPROXIMATE LENGTH (FT) = 10,620

NOTES:

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