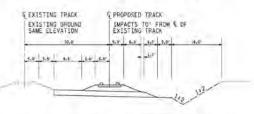
APPENDIX E

NLX CORRIDOR REFINEMENT CITY OF BRAHAM, MN

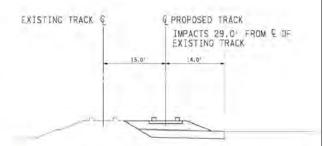
Exhibit E.1 Refinement of NLX Corridor through Braham, MN

Worst Case Property Impacts



- new NLX track 30' from existing track,
- slopes for ditch drainage
- Would encroach on
 - 305 Main Avenue (lot, not house)
 - BP Station (lot, not building)
 - Adjacent vacant commercial lot
 - Black Dog Archery (lot and building)
 - Rural American Bank (lot and building)
 - Freedom Park (land and buildings)

Refined Property Impacts



- Modified the cross section to keep foot-print in the railroad right of way
- Introduced gradual curves to tighten the spacing between tracks to 15' (minimum)
- Eliminated ditch slopes; trackbed would drain as does today
- Refined footprint avoids all direct property impacts
- Additional refinement in next level of engineering

Exhibit E.2 NLX Corridor through Braham, MN



NORTHERN LIGHTS EXPRESS PROJECT

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

BRAHAM, MINNESOTA

April 23, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Introduction

A Public Information Open House for the Northern Lights Express high speed passenger rail project was held on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Braham High School, Braham, Minnesota.

Notice of Public Information Meeting

The City of Braham managed meeting notification via the City website, City message sign, newsletter, and posted notices at public facilities and businesses.

Attendees

The following agencies had representatives at the meeting to explain the project and answer questions:

NLX Alliance:	Bob Manzoline, NLX Exec Dir		
	Frank Pafko, MnDOT		
	Julie Carr, MnDOT		
	Dave Christianson, MnDOT		
	Jeanne Witzig, KHA		
Elected Officials:	Sally Hoy, Braham City Administrator		
	Patricia Carlson, Braham Mayor		
	Larry Southerland, Isanti County Commissioner		
SRF Consulting:	Beth Bartz		
	Nancy Frick		

An attendance record sheet was prominently displayed on a table at the front door and all persons entering were asked to sign in for the record. A total of 74 people signed in.

Summary of Open House

The meeting was an informal open house and no presentation. Attendees viewed informational exhibits (presentation boards, aerial photos, and handouts) and engaged in one-on-one or small group discussions with the project staff.

Comment forms were made available to meeting attendees. Meeting attendees were encouraged to submit comments either directly at the meeting in a comment box, or by mail.

Written Comments

A total of four comments were received at the night of the Public Meeting. The comments are summarized below.

Summary of Comments

Support for project

- Support for station in Braham.
- NLX would enhance livability and economic development opportunities for Braham area. NLX would help attract residents with higher paying jobs in the Twin Cities.
- Project construction would provide jobs.
- Support for public funding of NLX.

Project Concerns

- Concerns about safety near the corridor (flying rocks, etc.), specifically children's safety noted by a day care provider adjacent to the corridor.
- Secondary property impacts due to side slopes.
- Impacts to City utilities, park, bank, and residences.
- Concerns about rail crossings.
- Request for slower speed.
- Concerns about increased ground vibration.
- Should have held a meeting with a presentation and opened the floor for questions.
- Soils inadequate to support the project safely.