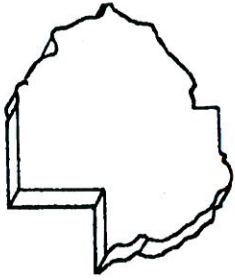


APPENDIX A

Responsible Governmental Unit Delegation Letters



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March 28, 2011

Mr. Frank Pafko
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RE: Responsible Governmental Unit Delegation for the MN&S Freight Rail Study in St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Pafko:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority is in agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) serving as the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for the proposed MN&S Freight Rail Study in the City of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota. The proposed action does not fall within a defined mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) threshold category, and hence is being prepared as a discretionary EAW 4410.1000, Subp 3(D).

As this proposed project does not fall within a defined category listed in 4410.4300 to 4410.4400, the designation of Mn/DOT as the RGU is submitted pursuant to 4410.0500, Subp. 5(B).

Regards,

Marthand Nookala, P.E.
Deputy Executive Director Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority

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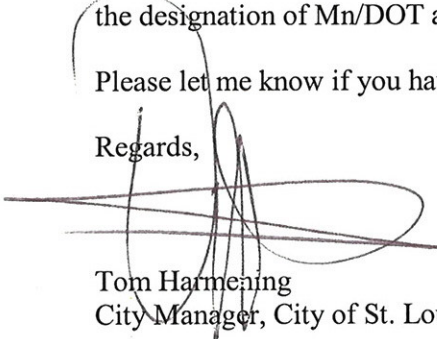
Dear Mr. Pafko:

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Please let me know if you have questions.

Regards,



Tom Harmeing
City Manager, City of St. Louis Park