

City of Hoyt Lakes Resolution 2024-020

A Resolution of **Support for the CSAH 100 (Main Street) Railroad Crossing Grade Separation Project**

WHEREAS, CSAH 100 (Main St) has a high-impact railroad crossing, identified as USDOT #252305T, located in the City of Aurora, which includes an estimated 12 trains per day and 4,400 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, if this railroad crossing were closed, the detour would be greater than 18 miles; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County recently completed the St. Louis County Railroad Crossing Safety Plan which prioritized the railroad crossing on CSAH 100 (Main Street) and recommended a bridge overpass be constructed; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is currently leading the CSAH 100 Corridor Study which is a preliminary engineering process to develop the new corridor layout of CSAH 100 (3rd Avenue North/Main Street) through the City of Aurora which will be constructed in 2026; and

WHEREAS, as part of this preliminary engineering process, St. Louis County completed a feasibility study that shows a bridge overpass over this railroad crossing is feasible and cost effective; and

WHEREAS, a bridge overpass would improve mobility for the highway which includes the movement of freight, recreational vehicles (ATVs and snowmobiles), bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, a bridge overpass would improve traffic safety by eliminating a railroad crossing; and

WHEREAS, a bridge overpass would eliminate the risk of a railroad crossing closure and the impact on the regional transportation system due to the long detour route; and

WHEREAS, as the primary highway connecting the cities of Aurora and Hoyt Lakes and other communities in the eastern Iron Range, it is critical to ensure that CSAH 100 is a reliable transportation corridor; and

WHEREAS, a bridge overpass would support the planned extension of the Mesabi Trail and movement of ATVs and snowmobiles throughout the eastern Iron Range; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is seeking funding for the CSAH 100 (Main Street) Railroad Crossing Grade Separation Project through the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program which is a grant program included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CITY OF HOYT LAKES supports St. Louis County's vision to construct the CSAH 100 (Main Street) Railroad Crossing Grade Separation Project.

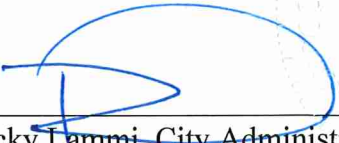
RESOLVED FURTHER, that the CITY OF HOYT LAKES recognizes CSAH 100 (Main Street) as a regionally significant highway.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the CITY OF HOYT LAKES supports St. Louis County's Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program funding application for the CSAH 100 (Main Street) Railroad Crossing Grade Separation Project.

Adopted by the Hoyt Lakes City Council this 26th day of August 2024.



Cherie Grams, Mayor



Becky Lammi, City Administrator