



Legislation Text

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LYNX Blue Line Extension - Sugar Creek Pedestrian Bridge Railroad Agreement

Action:

Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a bridge agreement with the North Carolina Railroad Company and Norfolk Southern Railway for maintenance and repair obligations covering the LYNX Blue Line Extension infrastructure in the North Carolina Railroad right-of-way.

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Explanation

- The LYNX Blue Line Extension alignment will run approximately 2.7 miles in the North Carolina Railroad Corridor and cross over property owned by the North Carolina Railroad Company (NCRR) and operated by Norfolk Southern Railway (NSR).
- Within the railroad right-of-way, the City will construct a pedestrian bridge for light rail users to cross over the freight tracks and access the Sugar Creek Station.
- The bridge agreement will be a three party agreement between the City, NCRR, and NSR.
- Terms and conditions will include the division of maintenance responsibilities for bridge structures and retaining walls, insurance and indemnity, giving notice of maintenance activities to railroad personnel, and new construction or alteration of existing improvements.
- On September 28, 2015, City Council awarded the Sugar Creek Parking Garage contract, which allowed construction of the pedestrian bridge in addition to the garage structure.
- On April 13, 2015, City Council authorized three other bridge agreements related to the LYNX Blue Line Extension project, for the 36th Street bridge, the Craighead bridge, and the bridge over Norfolk Southern's Aberdeen Carolina & Western freight tracks near Matheson Street.

Fiscal Note

Funding: CATS Community Investment Plan