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11/25/25 BNSF – Crete Grant Opportunity Follow-Up

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Agenda Items (Central Time)

11:00

Gather/Introductions

- Introduce Chris Malm

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Review Action Items

- BNSF/Crete Comment on Preliminary SOW
 - City showed it to council committee, didn't have any issues either
- DEA Develop project budget
- DEA Develop one-pager once clear ideas about scope and budget are had

11:15

Scope of Work

- Comprehensive and holistic
- City does not have survey data
- Budget
 - Need some aspects from BNSF - signal
 - Probably closer to \$3M
 - Full study take you through preliminary engineering and environmental
 - Give you a lot of information
 - Crossing improvements, potential closers,
 - Make best decisions for the city and the community

Project Narrative

- Template – show the City the different sections that go into the application

Fed Forms and Submission

- SAM-ID – Crete has this.

Letters of Support

- Letter of Support request should come from the City
 - School district weigh in
 - Fire district
 - Sheriff
 - Elected officials - congress person, Nebraska Senate delegation
 - Organization within the city (chamber of commerce, other groups)
 - Operators that run through that with BNSF and Amtrak?
- Jeremy sent the request to Amtrak
- BNSF will have a LOS and commitment
- Crete has some experience in this

Benefit-Cost Analysis

- Involves track record of crossings themselves
- Accidents that have actually occurred and some of the risk indicators
- Guidance has changed - qualitative BCA
- Local level information is really important
 - Any letter of support is really helpful
- Crete - lots of complaints from fire department on crossings being blocked as well as PD and school has been a partner for various research on getting students across
- Calculation for emergency response times - any recurring problems that emergency services have
 - Setting up a meeting with the right personnel

Crossing Safety Data

- Why is Crossing 2000 included -
 - Doesn't have to be in the study
 - 2100 is a concern

- One on Arizona - active project for section 130 for lights and gates
 - BNSF talked about

Grant Matching Funding

- Requires 20% non-federal match
- 2.5-3 million - 500k-600k in match
- BNSF able to do some of that match, talk about in the City's component
- Crete - talked about it with RR transportation safety district
 - Some taxing authority
 - Trying to include as many partners as we can
- Important to answer sooner rather than later

Grant Opportunities

- FSP
- BUILD
- RCE

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Action Items/Follow-Up Meeting

Send SOW and Budget
 Send template of project narrative
 Send LOS template
 Crete - potentially setting up meeting with personnel (school, PD, fire, etc.) on BCA
 Talk offline with BNSF/operators
 Write up on the benefits of each grant program
 Crete – matching funds