

# OVERPASS AGREEMENT

BNSF File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Overpass  
U.S. D.O.T. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
LS \_\_\_\_\_  
MP \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision

This Agreement ("**Agreement**"), is executed to be effective as of \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Effective Date**"), by and between BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY, a Delaware corporation ("**BNSF**"), and the \_\_\_\_\_, a political subdivision of the State of <%State%> ("**Agency**").

## RECITALS:

WHEREAS, BNSF owns and operates a line of railroad in and through the City/County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, Agency desires to construct a new crossing at separated grades to be known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Overpass, D.O.T. No. \_\_\_\_\_.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements of the parties contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I) SCOPE OF WORK

1. The term "**Project**" as used herein includes any and all work related to the construction of the proposed \_\_\_\_\_ Overpass (hereinafter referred to as the "**Structure**"), more particularly described on the Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, including, but not limited to, any and all changes to telephone, telegraph, signal and electrical lines and appurtenances, temporary and permanent track work, fencing, grading, alterations to or new construction of drainage facilities, preliminary and construction engineering and contract preparation. During construction of the Structure, vehicular traffic will be excluded from the use of \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and rail traffic will be temporarily relocated on a shoofly in the existing \_\_\_\_\_ Right of Way. Additionally, temporary controls during construction must comply with Section 8A-08, "Temporary Traffic Control Zones" of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices ("MUTCD"), U.S. Department of Transportation.

Due to the high volume of pedestrian traffic on <%USDOTNo%>, a temporary pedestrian crossing with automated warning devices will be installed and removed upon completion of construction of the new grade separation structure. Such pedestrian crossing will be governed by a separate agreement between the parties hereto.

Agency must also install and maintain fencing which will direct pedestrians around the construction site.

## ARTICLE II) BNSF OBLIGATIONS

In consideration of the covenants of Agency set forth herein and the faithful performance thereof, BNSF agrees as follows:

1. Upon Agency's payment to BNSF of an administrative fee in the sum of Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000), together with the Temporary Construction License Fee in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and No/100 Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_), BNSF hereby grants to Agency, its successors and assigns, upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, a temporary non-exclusive license (hereinafter called, "Temporary Construction License") to construct the Structure across or upon the portion of BNSF's right-of-way described further on Exhibit A-1, excepting and reserving BNSF's rights, and the rights of any others who have obtained, or may obtain, permission or authority from BNSF, to do the following:

- (a) Operate, maintain, renew and/or relocate any and all existing railroad track or tracks, wires, pipelines and other facilities of like character upon, over or under the surface of said right-of-way;
- (a) Construct, operate, maintain, renew and/or relocate upon said right-of-way, without limitation, such facilities as the BNSF may from time to time deem appropriate, provided such facilities do not materially interfere with the Agency's use of the Structure;
- (b) Otherwise use or operate the right-of-way as BNSF may from time to time deem appropriate, provided such use or operations does not materially interfere with the Agency's use of the Structure; and
- (c) Require the Agency or its contractor to execute a Temporary Construction Crossing Agreement, for any temporary crossing requested to aid in the construction of this Project.

The term of the Temporary Construction License begins on the Effective Date and ends on the earlier of (i) substantial completion of the Structure, or (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ months following the Effective Date. The Temporary Construction License and related rights given by BNSF to Agency in this provision are without warranty of title of any kind, express or implied, and no covenant of warranty of title will be implied from the use of any word or words herein contained. The Temporary Construction License is for construction of the Structure only and shall not be used by Agency for any other purpose. Agency acknowledges and agrees that Agency shall not have the right, under the Temporary Construction License, to use the Structure for any other purpose than construction. In the event Agency is evicted by anyone owning, or claiming title to or any interest in said right-of-way, BNSF will not be liable to Agency for any damages, losses or any expenses of any nature whatsoever. The granting of similar rights to others, subsequent to the date of this Agreement, will not impair or interfere with the rights granted to Agency herein.

Upon Agency's payment to BNSF of the additional sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and No/100 Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_), such payment to be made within thirty (30) days of issuing the Notice to Proceed pursuant to Article III, Section 16 of this Agreement, and provided further that Agency is in compliance with the term and conditions of this Agreement, BNSF will grant to Agency, its successors and assigns, an easement (hereinafter called, the "Easement") to enter upon and use that portion of BNSF's right-of-way as is necessary to use and maintain the Structure, substantially in the form of Exhibit B attached to this Agreement. If Agency fails to pay BNSF within the thirty day time period set forth in the preceding sentence, BNSF may stop construction of the Project until full payment is received by BNSF.

2. BNSF will furnish all labor, materials, tools, and equipment for railroad work required for the construction of the Project, such railroad work and the estimated cost thereof being as shown on Exhibit D attached hereto and made a part hereof. In the event construction on the Project has not commenced within six (6) months following the Effective Date, BNSF may, in its sole and absolute discretion, revise the cost estimates set forth in said Exhibit D. In such event, the revised cost estimates will become a part of this Agreement as though originally set forth herein. Any item of work incidental to the items listed on Exhibit D not specifically mentioned therein may be included as a part of this Agreement upon written approval of Agency, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld. Construction of the Project must include the following railroad work by BNSF:

- (a) Procurement of materials, equipment and supplies necessary for the railroad work;

- (b) Preliminary engineering, design, and contract preparation;
- (c) Furnishing of flagging services during construction of the Project as required and set forth in further detail on Exhibit C;
- (d) Furnishing engineering and inspection as required in connection with the construction of the Project;
- (e) Providing a contract project coordinator, at Agency's expense, to serve as a project manager for the Project;
- (f) If required, removal of the existing \_\_\_\_\_ at-grade crossing, including removal of the automatic warning devices, and obliteration of the crossing between the rails and two feet outside thereof; and
- (g) If required, construction of a temporary pedestrian at-grade crossing and installation of automatic warning devices, at Agency's expense.

3. BNSF will do all railroad work set forth in Article II, Section 2 above on an actual cost basis, when BNSF, in its sole discretion, determines it is required by its labor agreements to perform such work with its own employees working under applicable collective bargaining agreements.

4. Agency agrees to reimburse BNSF for work of an emergency nature caused by Agency or Agency's contractor in connection with the Project which BNSF deems is reasonably necessary for the immediate restoration of railroad operations, or for the protection of persons or BNSF property. Such work may be performed by BNSF without prior approval of Agency and Agency agrees to fully reimburse BNSF for all such emergency work.

5. BNSF may charge Agency for insurance expenses, including self-insurance expenses, when such expenses cover the cost of Employer's Liability (including, without limitation, liability under the Federal Employer's Liability Act) in connection with the construction of the Project. Such charges will be considered part of the actual cost of the Project, regardless of the nature or amount of ultimate liability for injury, loss or death to BNSF's employees, if any.

6. During the construction of the Project, BNSF will send Agency progressive invoices detailing the costs of the railroad work performed by BNSF under this Agreement. Agency must reimburse BNSF for completed force-account work within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice for such work. Upon completion of the Project, BNSF will send Agency a detailed invoice of final costs, segregated as to labor and materials for each item in the recapitulation shown on Exhibit D. Pursuant to this section and Article IV, Section 7 herein, Agency must pay the final invoice within ninety (90) days of the date of the final invoice. BNSF will assess a finance charge of .033% per day (12% per annum) on any unpaid sums or other charges due under this Agreement which are past its credit terms. The finance charge continues to accrue daily until the date payment is received by BNSF, not the date payment is made or the date postmarked on the payment. Finance charges will be assessed on delinquent sums and other charges as of the end of the month and will be reduced by amounts in dispute and any unposted payments received by the month's end. Finance charges will be noted on invoices sent to Agency under this section.

### **ARTICLE III) AGENCY OBLIGATIONS**

In consideration of the covenants of BNSF set forth herein and the faithful performance thereof, Agency agrees as follows:

1. Agency must furnish to BNSF plans and specifications for the Project (reduced size 11" x 17"), together with calculations, and specifications in **English Units**, must be submitted to BNSF for approval prior to commencement of any construction. BNSF will give Agency final written approval of the plans and specifications substantially in the form of Exhibit E, attached to this Agreement and made a part hereof. Upon BNSF's final written approval of the plans and specifications, said plans and specifications will become part of this Agreement and are hereby incorporated herein. Any approval of the plans and specifications by BNSF shall in no way obligate BNSF in any manner with respect to the finished product design and/or construction. Any approval by BNSF shall mean only that the plans and specifications meet the subjective standards of BNSF, and such approval by BNSF shall not be deemed to mean that the plans and specifications or construction is structurally sound and appropriate or that such plans and specifications meet applicable regulations, laws, statutes or local ordinances and/or building codes.

2. Agency must make any required application and obtain all required permits and approvals for the construction of the Project.

3. Agency must provide for and maintain minimum vertical and horizontal clearances, as required in Exhibit C and as approved by BNSF as part of the plans and specifications for the Project.

4. Agency must acquire all rights of way necessary for the construction of the Project.

5. Agency must make any and all arrangements, in compliance with BNSF's Utility Accommodation Manual (<http://www.bnsf.com/communities/faqs/pdf/utility.pdf>), for the installation or relocation of wire lines, pipe lines and other facilities owned by private persons, companies, corporations, political subdivisions or public utilities other than BNSF which may be necessary for the construction of the Project..

6. Agency must construct the Project as shown on the attached Exhibit A and do all work ("Agency's Work") provided for in the plans and specifications for the Project, except railroad work that will be performed by BNSF hereunder. Agency must furnish all labor, materials, tools and equipment for the performance of Agency's Work. The principal elements of Agency's Work are as follows:

(a) Construction of the Structure;

(b) All necessary grading and paving, including backfill of excavations and restoration of disturbed vegetation on BNSF's right-of-way;

(c) Provide suitable drainage, both temporary and permanent;

(d) Installation of a gate in the fence along the \_\_\_\_\_ boundary of BNSF's right of way in order to provide BNSF with permanent access for maintenance purposes;

(e) Temporary Installation of K-Rail (Jersey) barriers and chain link fencing along \_\_\_\_\_ Avenue between the tracks and the traveled roadways;

(f) Construction and removal of a temporary pedestrian roadway detour crossing of the tracks, including chain link fence;

(g) Provide appropriate pedestrian control during construction;

(h) Design and construction of a permanent paved roadway across the Structure along the \_\_\_\_\_ track to be used for access to BNSF property located \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_;

- (i) Installation and maintenance of an 8-ft. high fence and/or concrete combination (throw fence) on the outside barrier of the Structure;
  - (j) Job site cleanup including removal of all construction materials, concrete debris, surplus soil, refuse, contaminated soils, asphalt debris, litter and other waste materials to the satisfaction of BNSF;
7. Agency must apply and maintain said D.O.T. Crossing number \_\_\_\_\_ in a conspicuous location on the Structure.
8. Agency's Work must be performed by Agency or Agency's contractor in a manner that will not endanger or interfere with the safe and timely operations of BNSF and its facilities.
9. For any future inspection or maintenance, either routine or otherwise, performed by subcontractors on behalf of the Agency, Agency shall require the subcontractors to comply with the provisions of the attached Exhibit C and execute the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit C-1. Prior to performing any future maintenance with its own personnel, Agency shall: comply with all of BNSF's applicable safety rules and regulations; require any Agency employee performing maintenance to complete the safety training program at the BNSF's Internet Website "[www.BNSFContractor.com](http://www.BNSFContractor.com)"; notify BNSF when, pursuant to the requirements of Exhibit C, a flagger is required to be present; procure, and have approved by BNSF's Risk Management Department, Railroad Protective Liability insurance.
10. Agency must require its contractor(s) to notify BNSF's Roadmaster at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to requesting a BNSF flagman in accordance with the requirements of Exhibit C attached hereto. Additionally, Agency must require its contractor(s) to notify BNSF's Manager of Public Projects thirty (30) calendar days prior to commencing work on BNSF property or near BNSF tracks.
11. Agency or its contractor(s) must submit four (4) copies of any plans (including two sets of calculations in **English Units**) for proposed shoring, falsework or cribbing to be used over, under, or adjacent to BNSF's tracks to BNSF's Manager of Public Projects for approval. The shoring, falsework or cribbing used by Agency's contractor shall comply with the BNSF Bridge Requirements set forth on Exhibit F and all applicable requirements promulgated by state and federal agencies, departments, commissions and other legislative bodies. If necessary, Agency must submit for approval two (2) copies of a professionally engineered demolition plan, as set forth in Exhibit G, with applicable calculations to BNSF's Manager of Public Projects. The existing \_\_\_\_\_ Overpass will not be removed until BNSF approves Agency's demolition plan in writing.
12. Agency must include the following provisions in any contract with its provider(s) performing work on said Project:
- (a) The Provider is placed on notice that fiber optic, communication and other cable lines and systems (collectively, the "Lines") owned by various telecommunications companies may be buried on BNSF's property or right-of-way. The locations of these Lines have been included on the plans based on information from the telecommunications companies. The Provider will be responsible for contacting BNSF and the telecommunications companies and notifying them of any work that may damage these Lines or facilities and/or interfere with their service. The Provider must also mark all Lines shown on the plans or marked in the field in order to verify their locations. The Provider must also use all reasonable methods when working in the BNSF right-of-way or on BNSF property to determine if any other Lines (fiber optic, cable, communication or otherwise) may exist.
  - (b) The Provider will be responsible for the rearrangement of any facilities or Lines determined to interfere with the construction. The Provider must cooperate fully with any telecommunications company(ies) in performing such rearrangements.
  - (c) Failure to mark or identify these Lines will be sufficient cause for BNSF to stop construction at no cost to the Agency or BNSF until these items are completed.

- (d) In addition to the liability terms contained elsewhere in this Agreement, the Provider hereby indemnifies, defends and holds harmless BNSF for, from and against all cost, liability, and expense whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorney's fees and court costs and expenses) arising out of or in any way contributed to by any act or omission of Provider, its subcontractors, agents and/or employees that cause or in any way or degree contribute to (1) any damage to or destruction of any Lines by Provider, and/or its subcontractors, agents and/or employees, on BNSF's property or within BNSF's right-of-way, (2) any injury to or death of any person employed by or on behalf of any telecommunications company, and/or its contractor, agents and/or employees, on BNSF's property or within BNSF's right-of-way, and/or (3) any claim or cause of action for alleged loss of profits or revenue by, or loss of service by a customer or user of such telecommunication company(ies). **THE LIABILITY ASSUMED BY PROVIDER WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE FACT, IF IT IS A FACT, THAT THE DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION, INJURY, DEATH, CAUSE OF ACTION OR CLAIM WAS OCCASIONED BY OR CONTRIBUTED TO BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF BNSF, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHERWISE, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH CLAIMS ARE PROXIMATELY CAUSED BY THE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF BNSF.**

13. Agency must require compliance with the obligations set forth in this agreement, including Exhibit C and Exhibit C-1, and incorporate in each prime contract for construction of the Project, or the specifications therefor (i) the provisions set forth in Article III and IV; and (ii) the provisions set forth in Exhibit C, Exhibit C-1, and Exhibit E attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

14. Except as otherwise provided below in this Section 13, all construction work performed hereunder by Agency for the Project will be pursuant to a contract or contracts to be let by Agency, and all such contracts must include the following:

- (c) All work performed under such contract or contracts within the limits of BNSF's right-of-way must be performed in a good and workmanlike manner in accordance with plans and specifications approved by BNSF;
- (d) Changes or modifications during construction that affect safety or BNSF operations must be subject to BNSF's approval;
- (e) No work will be commenced within BNSF's right-of-way until each of the prime contractors employed in connection with said work must have (i) executed and delivered to BNSF an agreement in the form of Exhibit C-1, and (ii) delivered to and secured BNSF's approval of the required insurance; and
- (f) To facilitate scheduling for the Project, Agency shall have its contractor give BNSF's representative \_\_\_\_\_ weeks advance notice of the proposed times and dates for work windows. BNSF and Agency's contractor will establish mutually agreeable work windows for the Project. BNSF has the right at any time to revise or change the work windows, due to train operations or service obligations. BNSF will not be responsible for any additional costs and expenses resulting from a change in work windows. Additional costs and expenses resulting from a change in work windows shall be accounted for in the contractor's expenses for the Project.
- (g) The plans and specifications for the Project must be in compliance with the Bridge Requirements set forth on Exhibit E, attached to this Agreement and incorporated herein.

15. Agency must advise the appropriate BNSF Manager of Public Projects, in writing, of the completion date of the Project within thirty (30) days after such completion date. Additionally, Agency must notify BNSF's Manager of Public Projects, in writing, of the date on which Agency and/or its Contractor will meet with BNSF for the purpose of making final inspection of the Project.

**16. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, AGENCY HEREBY RELEASES, INDEMNIFIES, DEFENDS AND HOLDS HARMLESS BNSF, ITS AFFILIATED COMPANIES,**

**PARTNERS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS FOR, FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITIES, FINES, PENALTIES, COSTS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, LIENS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, DEMANDS, JUDGMENTS AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES) OF ANY NATURE, KIND OR DESCRIPTION OF ANY PERSON (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE EMPLOYEES OF THE PARTIES HERETO) OR ENTITY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, RESULTING FROM OR RELATED TO (IN WHOLE OR IN PART) (I) THE USE, OCCUPANCY OR PRESENCE OF AGENCY, ITS CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS IN, ON, OR ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE, (II) THE PERFORMANCE, OR FAILURE TO PERFORM BY THE AGENCY, ITS CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, EMPLOYEES, OR AGENTS, ITS WORK OR ANY OBLIGATION UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, (III) THE SOLE OR CONTRIBUTING ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF AGENCY, ITS CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, EMPLOYEES, OR AGENTS IN, ON, OR ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE, (IV) AGENCY'S BREACH OF THE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION LICENSE OR EASEMENT GRANTED TO AGENCY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II OF THIS AGREEMENT, (V) ANY RIGHTS OR INTERESTS GRANTED TO AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION LICENSE OR EASEMENT DISCUSSED IN ARTICLE II OF THIS AGREEMENT, (VI) AGENCY'S OCCUPATION AND USE OF BNSF'S PROPERTY OR RIGHT-OF-WAY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, SUBSEQUENT MAINTENANCE OF THE STRUCTURE BY AGENCY, OR (VII) AN ACT OR OMISSION OF AGENCY OR ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, INVITEES, EMPLOYEES OR CONTRACTORS OR ANYONE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY ANY OF THEM, OR ANYONE THEY CONTROL OR EXERCISE CONTROL OVER. THE LIABILITY ASSUMED BY AGENCY WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE FACT, IF IT IS A FACT, THAT THE DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION, INJURY OR DEATH WAS OCCASIONED BY OR CONTRIBUTED TO BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF BNSF, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHERWISE, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH CLAIMS ARE PROXIMATELY CAUSED BY THE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF BNSF.**

17. Agency must give BNSF's Manager of Public Projects written notice to proceed ("**Notice to Proceed**") with the railroad work after receipt of necessary funds for the Project. BNSF will not begin the railroad work (including, without limitation, procurement of supplies, equipment or materials) until written notice to proceed is received from Agency.

18. Agency must perform all necessary work to obtain the permanent closure and vacation of \_\_\_\_\_ across BNSF's right-of-way and must barricade the road approaches prior to completion of the Project. BNSF will cooperate with Agency to achieve the closure and vacation of \_\_\_\_\_ and will remove the crossing surface within its right-of-way.

19. Agency agrees to provide BNSF with one of the following credit enhancements guaranteeing the **total** amount of Agency's financial obligations (including, without limitation, liquidated damages, indemnity obligations and other expenses) under this Agreement:

- (h) Irrevocable Bank Letter of Credit drawn upon a bank satisfactory to BNSF;
- (i) Surety Bond underwritten by an insurance company listed in the Department of Treasury Federal Register with terms acceptable to BNSF, in BNSF's sole discretion; or
- (j) A posted cash deposit via wire transfer to a BNSF deposit account.

Any irrevocable letter of credit or surety bond provided to BNSF pursuant to this provision shall have a minimum term of eighteen (18) months. The bank issuing the letter of credit and the insurance company issuing the surety bond shall notify BNSF thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the letter of credit or the surety bond. Upon expiration of any surety bond or letter of credit, Agency must immediately provide BNSF with a substitute letter of credit, surety bond or cash deposit as set forth above until Agency's financial obligations to BNSF are fully and finally satisfied.

Any cash deposit provided under this provision will be held in a non-interest bearing account in the name of BNSF. If Agency's financial obligations at the end of the Project are less than the amount of the cash deposit, BNSF shall refund any remaining sum to Agency.

Agency should forward the letter of credit or the surety bond to BNSF Manager of Risk Management, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, AOB-1, Fort Worth, Texas 76131 (phone: 817-352-3485). If posting a cash deposit pursuant to this provision, contact BNSF Manager of Credit to obtain the BNSF account information.

#### **ARTICLE IV)      JOINT OBLIGATIONS**

IN CONSIDERATION of the premises, the parties hereto mutually agree to the following:

1. All work contemplated in this Agreement must be performed in a good and workmanlike manner and each portion must be promptly commenced by the party obligated hereunder to perform the same and thereafter diligently prosecuted to conclusion in its logical order and sequence. Furthermore, any changes or modifications during construction which affect BNSF will be subject to BNSF's written approval prior to the commencement of any such changes or modifications from the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The work hereunder must be done in accordance with the Bridge Requirements set forth on Exhibit F and the detailed plans and specifications approved by BNSF.
3. Agency must require its contractor(s) to reasonably adhere to the Project's construction schedule for all Project work. The parties hereto mutually agree that BNSF's failure to complete the railroad work in accordance with the construction schedule due to inclement weather or unforeseen railroad emergencies will not constitute a breach of this Agreement by BNSF and will not subject BNSF to any liability. Regardless of the requirements of the construction schedule, BNSF reserves the right to reallocate the labor forces assigned to complete the railroad work in the event of an emergency to provide for the immediate restoration of railroad operations of either BNSF or its related railroads, or to protect persons or property on or near any BNSF owned property. BNSF will not be liable for any additional costs or expenses resulting from any such reallocation of its labor forces. The parties mutually agree that any reallocation of labor forces by BNSF pursuant to this provision and any direct or indirect consequences or costs resulting from any such reallocation will not constitute a breach of this Agreement by BNSF.
4. BNSF will have the right to stop construction work on the Project if any of the following events take place: (i) Agency (or any of its contractors) performs the Project work in a manner contrary to the plans and specifications approved by BNSF; (ii) Agency (or any of its contractors), in BNSF's opinion, prosecutes the Project work in a manner that is hazardous to BNSF property, facilities or the safe and expeditious movement of railroad traffic; (iii) the insurance described in the attached Exhibit C-1 is canceled during the course of the Project; or (iv) Agency fails to pay BNSF for the Temporary Construction License or the Easement pursuant to Article II, Section 1 of this Agreement. The work stoppage will continue until all necessary actions are taken by Agency or its contractor to rectify the situation to the satisfaction of BNSF's Division Engineer or until proof of additional insurance has been delivered to and accepted by BNSF. In the event of a breach of (i) this Agreement, (ii) the Temporary Construction License, or (iii) the Easement, BNSF may immediately terminate the Temporary Construction License or the Easement. Any such work stoppage under this provision will not give rise to any liability on the part of BNSF. BNSF's right to stop the work is in addition to any other rights BNSF may have

including, but not limited to, actions or suits for damages or lost profits. In the event that BNSF desires to stop construction work on the Project, BNSF agrees to immediately notify the following individual in writing:

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5. Agency must supervise and inspect the operations of all Agency contractors to ensure compliance with the plans and specifications approved by BNSF, the terms of this Agreement and all safety requirements of BNSF . If BNSF determines that proper supervision and inspection are not being performed by Agency personnel at any time during construction of the Project, BNSF has the right to stop construction (within or adjacent to its operating right-of-way). Construction of the Project will not proceed until Agency corrects the situation to BNSF's reasonable satisfaction. If BNSF feels the situation is not being corrected in an expeditious manner, BNSF will immediately notify \_\_\_\_\_ for appropriate corrective action.

BNSF will contribute \_\_\_\_\_ (**hereinafter referred to as "BNSF's Share"**) towards the total actual costs of the Project. BNSF's Share will be based on the costs for preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction within the following limits;

- (a) Where a grade crossing is eliminated by grade separation, the structure and approaches required to transition to a theoretical highway profile which would have been constructed if there were no railroad present, for the number of lanes on the existing highway and in accordance with the current design standards of the appropriate state highway agency; and
- (b) Where another facility, such as a highway or waterway, requiring a bridge structure is located within the limits of a grade separation project, the estimated cost of a theoretical structure and approaches as described in 23 CFR 646.210(c)(1) to eliminate the railroad-highway grade crossing without considering the presence of the waterway or other highway.

Additionally, local, state and federal funds will be used in the construction of the Project. The total actual cost of construction for the Project is presently estimated to be \_\_\_\_\_, more particularly described (together with BNSF's Share) on Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Agency agrees to provide, to the BNSF Manager Evidence Preservation, such Project documentation and records as are agreed to between the parties including: any project applications; any letters of approval and/or authorization forms (eg. PR-1240 or the equivalent); any and all payment Voucher forms requesting FHWA reimbursement (eg. PR-20 or the equivalent) or any other such project authorization or funding records as BNSF may request from time to time. Such records will be provided by the Agency to BNSF on a mutually agreeable schedule or within two (2) months after such records are generated or received by the Agency. Section 130 Documentation shall be provided to BNSF in the one of the following manners:

Manager Evidence Preservation

2600 Lou Menk Drive, AOB-3

Fort Worth, Texas 76131

Or electronically to:

Manager Evidence Preservation

[Section130@bnsf.com](mailto:Section130@bnsf.com)

7. Pursuant to this section and Article II, Section 6 herein, Agency must reimburse BNSF in full for the actual costs of all work performed by BNSF under this Agreement (including taxes, such as applicable sales and use taxes, business and occupation taxes, and similar taxes), less BNSF's Share as set forth in Article IV, Section 6 herein. BNSF's Share must be paid upon completion of the Project.

8. All expenses detailed in statements sent to Agency pursuant to Article II, Section 6 herein will comply with the terms and provisions of the Title 23 U.S. Code, Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, and the Federal-Aid Policy Guide, U.S. Department of Transportation, as amended from time to time, which manual is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement by reference. The parties mutually agree that BNSF's preliminary engineering, design, and contract preparation costs described in Article II, Section 2 herein are part of the costs of the Project even though such work may have preceded the date of this Agreement.

9. The parties mutually agree that neither construction activities for the Project, nor future maintenance of the Structure once completed, will be permitted during the fourth quarter of each calendar year. Emergency work will be permitted only upon prior notification to BNSF's Network Operations Center (telephone number: 800 832-5452). The parties hereto mutually understand and agree that trains cannot be subjected to delay during this time period.

10. Subject to the restrictions imposed by Article IV, Section 9 above, the construction of the Project will not commence until Agency gives BNSF's Manager of Public Projects thirty (30) days prior written notice of such commencement. The commencement notice will reference D.O.T. Crossing No. \_\_\_\_\_ and must state the time that construction activities will begin.

11. In addition to the terms and conditions set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the terms and conditions stated in Exhibit F, BNSF and Agency agree to the following terms upon completion of construction of the Project:

- (a) Agency will own and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, the Structure, the highway approaches, and appurtenances thereto, lighting, drainage and any access roadways to BNSF gates installed pursuant to this Agreement. BNSF may, at its option, perform maintenance on the Structure in order to avoid conflicts with train operations. BNSF will notify Agency prior to performing any such maintenance on the Structure. In the event such maintenance involves emergency repairs, BNSF will notify Agency at its earliest opportunity. Agency must fully reimburse BNSF for the costs of maintenance performed by BNSF pursuant to this subsection (b). Agency and BNSF shall perform the necessary work to obtain the permanent closure of \_\_\_\_\_. Such closure shall be completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) Agency must, at Agency's sole cost and expense, keep the Structure painted and free from graffiti.
- (c) Agency must provide BNSF with any and all necessary permits and maintain roadway traffic controls, at no cost to BNSF, whenever requested by BNSF to allow BNSF to inspect the Structure or to make emergency repairs thereto.
- (d) It is expressly understood by Agency and BNSF that any right to install utilities will be governed by a separate permit or license agreement between the parties hereto.
- (e) Agency must keep the Structure and surrounding areas clean and free from birds, pigeons, scavengers, vermin, creatures and other animals.
- (f) If Agency (including its contractors and agents) or BNSF, on behalf of Agency, performs (i) alterations or modifications to the Structure, or (ii) any maintenance or other work on the Structure with heavy tools, equipment or machinery at ground surface level horizontally within 25'-0" of the

centerline of the nearest track, or (iii) any maintenance or other work outside the limits of the deck of the Structure vertically above the top of the rail, then Agency or its contractors and/or agents must procure and maintain the following insurance coverage, which may be changed from time to time:

Railroad Protective Liability insurance naming only **BNSF** as the Insured with coverage of at least \$5,000,000 per occurrence and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate. The policy shall be issued on a standard ISO form CG 00 35 12 04 and include the following:

- Endorsed to include the Pollution Exclusion Amendment
- Endorsed to include the Limited Seepage and Pollution Endorsement.
- Endorsed to remove any exclusion for punitive damages.
- Endorsed to include Evacuation Expense Coverage Endorsement.
- No other endorsements restricting coverage may be added.
- The original policy must be provided to **BNSF** prior to performing any work or services under this Agreement
- Definition of "Physical Damage to Property" shall be endorsed to read: "means direct and accidental loss of or damage to all property owned by any named insured and all property in any named insured' care, custody, and control arising out of the acts or omissions of the contractor named on the Declarations.

As used in this paragraph, "**BNSF**" means "Burlington Northern Santa Fe, LLC", "BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY" and the subsidiaries, successors, assigns and affiliates of each.

In lieu of providing a Railroad Protective Liability Policy, Agency may participate in BNSF's Blanket Railroad Protective Liability Insurance Policy if available to Agency or its contractors. The limits of coverage are the same as above.

12. Agency hereby grants to BNSF, at no cost or expense to BNSF, a permanent right of access from Agency property to BNSF tracks for maintenance purposes.

13. Agency must provide one set of as built plans (prepared in **English Units**) to BNSF, as well as one set of computer diskettes containing as built CAD drawings of the Structure and identifying the software used for the CAD drawings. The "as built plans" must comply with the Bridge Requirements set forth on Exhibit F and depict all information in BNSF engineering stationing and mile post pluses. The "as built plans" must also include plan and profile, structural bridge drawings and specifications, and drainage plans. All improvements and facilities must be shown.

14. Subject to the restrictions imposed by Article IV, Section 9 above and in accordance with the requirements of Article II, Section 9 above, Agency must notify and obtain prior authorization from BNSF's Manager of Public Projects before entering BNSF's right-of-way for **INSPECTION OR MAINTENANCE** purposes, and the BNSF Manager of Public Projects will determine if flagging is required. If the construction work hereunder is contracted, Agency must require its prime contractor(s) to comply with the obligations set forth in Exhibit C and Exhibit C-1, as the same may be revised from time to time. Agency will be responsible for its contractor(s) compliance with such obligations.

15. In the event that BNSF shall deem it necessary or desirable in the future, in the performance of its duty as a common carrier, to raise or lower the grade or change the alignment of its tracks or to lay additional track or tracks or to build other facilities in connection with the operation of its railroad, BNSF shall, at its expense,

have full right to make such changes or additions, provided such changes or additions do not change or alter the Structure herein proposed to be constructed and provided further, however, that should it become necessary or desirable in the future to change, alter, widen or reconstruct the Structure to accommodate railroad projects, the cost of such work, including any cost incidental to alteration of railroad or highway facilities made necessary by the alteration of the Structure shall be the sole responsibility of Agency.

16. Agency may, at Agency's sole expense, alter or reconstruct the highway components of the Structure if necessary or desirable, due to traffic conditions or pedestrian or other recreational traffic, provided, however, that any such alteration or reconstruction must receive BNSF's prior written approval as evidenced by either a supplement to this Agreement, or execution of a new agreement that provides for the termination of this Agreement. Furthermore, any alteration or reconstruction of the highway components of the Structure will be covered by a Commission Order.

17. Any books, papers, records and accounts of the parties hereto relating to the work hereunder or the costs or expenses for labor and material connected with the construction will at all reasonable times be open to inspection and audit by the agents and authorized representatives of the parties hereto, as well as the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Federal Highway Administration, for a period of one (1) year from the date of the final BNSF invoice under this Agreement.

18. The covenants and provisions of this Agreement are binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties hereto. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, neither party hereto may assign any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other party.

19. In the event construction of the Project does not commence within \_\_\_\_\_ months [years] of the Effective Date, this Agreement will become null and void.

20. Neither termination nor expiration of this Agreement will release either party from any liability or obligation under this Agreement, whether of indemnity or otherwise, resulting from any acts, omissions or events happening prior to the date of termination or expiration.

21. To the maximum extent possible, each provision of this Agreement will be interpreted in such a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law. If any provision of this Agreement is prohibited by, or held to be invalid under, applicable law, such provision will be ineffective solely to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity and the remainder of the provision will be enforceable.

22. This Agreement (including exhibits and other documents, manuals, etc. incorporated herein) is the full and complete agreement between BNSF and Agency with respect to the subject matter herein and supersedes any and all other prior agreements between the parties hereto.

23. Any notice provided for herein or concerning this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed sufficiently given when sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the parties at the following addresses:

**BNSF Railway Company:**

BNSF's Manager of Public Projects

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Agency:**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and attested by its duly qualified and authorized officials as of the day and year first above written.

**BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

**AGENCY**

CITY [COUNTY] OF \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS:

\_\_\_\_\_



## Exhibit A

[Insert drawing of the Project and/or Structure]

## EXHIBIT "B"

### EASEMENT AGREEMENT

FOR \_\_\_\_\_

(C&M Agreement)

**THIS EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR** \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Easement Agreement**") is made and entered into as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ ("**Effective Date**"), by and between **BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY**, a Delaware corporation ("**Grantor**"), and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Grantee**").

A. Grantor owns or controls certain real property situated at or near the vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, at Mile Post \_\_\_\_\_, [Project # \_\_\_\_\_], as described or depicted on **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "**Premises**").

B. Grantor and Grantee have entered into that certain Construction and Maintenance Agreement dated as of \_\_\_\_\_ concerning improvements on or near the Premises (the "**C&M Agreement**").

C. Grantee has requested that Grantor grant to Grantee an easement over the Premises for the Easement Purpose (as defined below).

D. Grantor has agreed to grant Grantee such easement, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Easement and in the C&M Agreement incorporated herein as if fully set forth in this instrument which terms shall be in full force and effect for purposes of this Easement even if the C&M Agreement is, for whatever reason, no longer in effect.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing recitals which are incorporated herein, the mutual promises contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

#### **Section 1     Granting of Easement.**

1.1 Easement Purpose. The "**Easement Purpose**" shall be for the purposes set forth in the C&M Agreement. Any improvements to be constructed in connection with the Easement Purpose are referred to herein as "**Improvements**" and shall be constructed, located, configured and maintained by Grantee in strict accordance with the terms of this Easement Agreement and the C&M Agreement.

1.2 Grant. Grantor does hereby grant unto Grantee a non-exclusive easement ("**Easement**") over the Premises for the Easement Purpose and for no other purpose. The Easement is granted subject to any and all restrictions, covenants, easements, licenses, permits, leases and other encumbrances of whatsoever nature whether or not of record, if any, relating to the Premises and subject to all with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, restrictions, covenants and court or administrative decisions and orders, including Environmental Laws (defined below) and zoning laws

(collectively, "**Laws**"),. Grantor may not make any alterations or improvements or perform any maintenance or repair activities within the Premises except in accordance with the terms and conditions of the C&M Agreement.

1.3 **Reservations by Grantor.** Grantor excepts and reserves the right, to be exercised by Grantor and any other parties who may obtain written permission or authority from Grantor:

- (a) to install, construct, maintain, renew, repair, replace, use, operate, change, modify and relocate any existing pipe, power, communication, cable, or utility lines and appurtenances and other facilities or structures of like character (collectively, "**Lines**") upon, over, under or across the Premises;
- (b) to install, construct, maintain, renew, repair, replace, use, operate, change, modify and relocate any tracks or additional facilities or structures upon, over, under or across the Premises; and
- (c) to use the Premises in any manner as the Grantor in its sole discretion deems appropriate, provided Grantor uses all commercially reasonable efforts to avoid material interference with the use of the Premises by Grantee for the Easement Purpose.

**Section 2 Term of Easement.** The term of the Easement, unless sooner terminated under provisions of this Easement Agreement, shall be perpetual.

**Section 3 No Warranty of Any Conditions of the Premises.** Grantee acknowledges that Grantor has made no representation whatsoever to Grantee concerning the state or condition of the Premises, or any personal property located thereon, or the nature or extent of Grantor's ownership interest in the Premises. Grantee has not relied on any statement or declaration of Grantor, oral or in writing, as an inducement to entering into this Easement Agreement, other than as set forth herein. GRANTOR HEREBY DISCLAIMS ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE DESIGN OR CONDITION OF ANY PROPERTY PRESENT ON OR CONSTITUTING THE PREMISES, ITS MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE, THE QUALITY OF THE MATERIAL OR WORKMANSHIP OF ANY SUCH PROPERTY, OR THE CONFORMITY OF ANY SUCH PROPERTY TO ITS INTENDED USES. GRANTOR SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE TO GRANTEE OR ANY OF GRANTEE'S CONTRACTORS FOR ANY DAMAGES RELATING TO THE DESIGN, CONDITION, QUALITY, SAFETY, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF ANY PROPERTY PRESENT ON OR CONSTITUTING THE PREMISES, OR THE CONFORMITY OF ANY SUCH PROPERTY TO ITS INTENDED USES. GRANTEE ACCEPTS ALL RIGHTS GRANTED UNDER THIS EASEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE PREMISES IN AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" AND "WITH ALL FAULTS" CONDITION, AND SUBJECT TO ALL LIMITATIONS ON GRANTOR'S RIGHTS, INTERESTS AND TITLE TO THE PREMISES. Grantee has inspected or will inspect the Premises, and enters upon Grantor's rail corridor and property with knowledge of its physical condition and the danger inherent in Grantor's rail operations on or near the Premises. Grantee acknowledges that this Easement Agreement does not contain any implied warranties that Grantee or Grantee's Contractors (as hereinafter defined) can successfully construct or operate the Improvements.

**Section 4 Nature of Grantor's Interest in the Premises.** GRANTOR DOES NOT WARRANT ITS TITLE TO THE PREMISES NOR UNDERTAKE TO DEFEND GRANTEE IN THE PEACEABLE POSSESSION OR USE THEREOF. NO COVENANT OF QUIET ENJOYMENT IS MADE. In case of the eviction of Grantee by anyone owning or claiming title to or any interest in the Premises, or by the abandonment by Grantor of the affected rail corridor, Grantor shall not be liable to refund Grantee any compensation paid hereunder.

**Section 5 Improvements.** Grantee shall take, in a timely manner, all actions necessary and proper to the lawful establishment, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Improvements, including such actions as may be necessary to obtain any required permits, approvals or authorizations from applicable governmental authorities. Any and all cuts and fills, excavations or embankments necessary in the construction, maintenance, or future alteration of the Improvements shall be made and maintained in such manner, form and extent as will

provide adequate drainage of and from the adjoining lands and premises of the Grantor; and wherever any such fill or embankment shall or may obstruct the natural and pre-existing drainage from such lands and premises of the Grantor, the Grantee shall construct and maintain such culverts or drains as may be requisite to preserve such natural and pre-existing drainage, and shall also wherever necessary, construct extensions of existing drains, culverts or ditches through or along the premises of the Grantor, such extensions to be of adequate sectional dimensions to preserve the present flowage of drainage or other waters, and of materials and workmanship equally as good as those now existing. In the event any construction, repair, maintenance, work or other use of the Premises by Grantee will affect any Lines, fences, buildings, improvements or other facilities (collectively, "**Other Improvements**"), Grantee will be responsible at Grantee's sole risk to locate and make any adjustments necessary to such Other Improvements. Grantee must contact the owner(s) of the Other Improvements notifying them of any work that may damage these Other Improvements and/or interfere with their service and obtain the owner's written approval prior to so affecting the Other Improvements. Grantee must mark all Other Improvements on the Plans and Specifications and mark such Other Improvements in the field in order to verify their locations. Grantee must also use all reasonable methods when working on or near Grantor property to determine if any Other Improvements (fiber optic, cable, communication or otherwise) may exist. The Grantee agrees to keep the above-described premises free and clear from combustible materials and to cut and remove or cause to be cut and removed at its sole expense all weeds and vegetation on said premises, said work of cutting and removal to be done at such times and with such frequency as to comply with Grantee and local laws and regulations and abate any and all hazard of fire.

**Section 6 Taxes and Recording Fees.** Grantee shall pay when due any taxes, assessments or other charges (collectively, "**Taxes**") levied or assessed upon the Improvements by any governmental or quasi-governmental body or any Taxes levied or assessed against Grantor or the Premises that are attributable to the Improvements. Grantee agrees to purchase, affix and cancel any and all documentary stamps in the amount prescribed by statute, and to pay any and all required transfer taxes, excise taxes and any and all fees incidental to recordation of the Memorandum of Easement. In the event of Grantee's failure to do so, if Grantor shall become obligated to do so, Grantee shall be liable for all costs, expenses and judgments to or against Grantor, including all of Grantor's legal fees and expenses.

## **Section 7 Environmental.**

7.1 **Compliance with Environmental Laws.** Grantee shall strictly comply with all federal, state and local environmental Laws in its use of the Premises, including, but not limited to, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), the Clean Water Act, the Oil Pollution Act, the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Toxic Substances Control Act (collectively referred to as the "**Environmental Laws**"). Grantee shall not maintain a "treatment," "storage," "transfer" or "disposal" facility, or "underground storage tank," as those terms are defined by Environmental Laws, on the Premises. Grantee shall not handle, transport, release or suffer the release of "hazardous waste" or "hazardous substances", as "hazardous waste" and "hazardous substances" may now or in the future be defined by any Environmental Laws.

7.2 **Notice of Release.** Grantee shall give Grantor immediate notice to Grantor's Resource Operations Center at (800) 832-5452 of any release of hazardous substances on or from the Premises, violation of Environmental Laws, or inspection or inquiry by governmental authorities charged with enforcing Environmental Laws with respect to Grantee's use of the Premises. Grantee shall use its best efforts to promptly respond to any release on or from the Premises. Grantee also shall give Grantor immediate notice of all measures undertaken on behalf of Grantee to investigate, remediate, respond to or otherwise cure such release or violation.

7.3 **Remediation of Release.** In the event that Grantor has notice from Grantee or otherwise of a release or violation of Environmental Laws which occurred or may occur during the term of this Easement Agreement, Grantor may require Grantee, at Grantee's sole risk and expense, to take timely measures to investigate, remediate, respond to or otherwise cure such release or violation affecting the Premises. If during the construction or subsequent maintenance of the Improvements, soils or other materials considered to be

environmentally contaminated are exposed, Grantee will remove and safely dispose of said contaminated soils. Determination of soils contamination and applicable disposal procedures thereof, will be made only by an agency having the capacity and authority to make such a determination.

7.4 Preventative Measures. Grantee shall promptly report to Grantor in writing any conditions or activities upon the Premises known to Grantee which create a risk of harm to persons, property or the environment and shall take whatever action is necessary to prevent injury to persons or property arising out of such conditions or activities; provided, however, that Grantee's reporting to Grantor shall not relieve Grantee of any obligation whatsoever imposed on it by this Easement Agreement. Grantee shall promptly respond to Grantor's request for information regarding said conditions or activities.

7.5 Evidence of Compliance. Grantee agrees periodically to furnish Grantor with proof satisfactory to Grantor that Grantee is in compliance with this **Section 7**. Should Grantee not comply fully with the above-stated obligations of this **Section 7**, notwithstanding anything contained in any other provision hereof, Grantor may, at its option, terminate this Easement Agreement by serving five (5) days' notice of termination upon Grantee. Upon termination, Grantee shall remove the Improvements and restore the Premises as provided in **Section 9**.

## **Section 8 Default and Termination**

8.1 Grantor's Performance Rights. If at any time Grantee, or Grantee's Contractors, fails to properly perform its obligations under this Easement Agreement, Grantor, in its sole discretion, may: (i) seek specific performance of the unperformed obligations, or (ii) at Grantee's sole cost, may arrange for the performance of such work as Grantor deems necessary for the safety of its rail operations, activities and property, or to avoid or remove any interference with the activities or property of Grantor, or anyone or anything present on the rail corridor or property with the authority or permission of Grantor. Grantee shall promptly reimburse Grantor for all costs of work performed on Grantee's behalf upon receipt of an invoice for such costs. Grantor's failure to perform any obligations of Grantee or Grantee's Contractors shall not alter the liability allocation set forth in this Easement Agreement.

8.2 Abandonment. Grantor may, at its option, terminate this Easement Agreement by serving five (5) days' notice in writing upon Grantee if Grantee should abandon or cease to use the Premises for the Easement Purpose. Any waiver by Grantor of any default or defaults shall not constitute a waiver of the right to terminate this Easement Agreement for any subsequent default or defaults, nor shall any such waiver in any way affect Grantor's ability to enforce any section of this Easement Agreement.

8.3 Effect of Termination or Expiration. Neither termination nor expiration will release Grantee from any liability or obligation under this Easement, whether of indemnity or otherwise, resulting from any acts, omissions or events happening prior to the date of termination or expiration, or, if later, the date the Premises are restored as required by **Section 9**.

8.4 Non-exclusive Remedies. The remedies set forth in this **Section 8** shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, any other remedies that Grantor may have under the C&M Agreement, at law or in equity.

## **Section 9 Surrender of Premises**

**9.1 Removal of Improvements and Restoration. Upon termination of this Easement Agreement, whether by abandonment of the Easement or by the exercise of Grantor's termination rights hereunder, Grantee shall, at its sole cost and expense, immediately perform the following:**

- (a) remove all or such portion of Grantee's Improvements and all appurtenances

thereto from the Premises, as Grantor directs at Grantor's sole discretion;

- (b) repair and restore any damage to the Premises arising from, growing out of, or connected with Grantee's use of the Premises;
- (c) remedy any unsafe conditions on the Premises created or aggravated by Grantee; and
- (d) leave the Premises in the condition which existed as of the Effective Date.

9.2 Limited License for Entry. If this Easement Agreement is terminated, Grantor may direct Grantee to undertake one or more of the actions set forth above, at Grantee's sole cost, in which case Grantee shall have a limited license to enter upon the Premises to the extent necessary to undertake the actions directed by Grantor. The terms of this limited license include all of Grantee's obligations under this Easement Agreement. Termination will not release Grantee from any liability or obligation under this Easement Agreement, whether of indemnity or otherwise, resulting from any acts, omissions or events happening prior to the date of termination, or, if later, the date when Grantee's Improvements are removed and the Premises are restored to the condition that existed as of the Effective Date. If Grantee fails to surrender the Premises to Grantor upon any termination of the Easement, all liabilities and obligations of Grantee hereunder shall continue in effect until the Premises are surrendered.

**Section 10** Liens. Grantee shall promptly pay and discharge any and all liens arising out of any construction, alterations or repairs done, suffered or permitted to be done by Grantee on the Premises or attributable to Taxes that are the responsibility of Grantee pursuant to **Section 6**. Grantor is hereby authorized to post any notices or take any other action upon or with respect to the Premises that is or may be permitted by Law to prevent the attachment of any such liens to any portion of the Premises; provided, however, that failure of Grantor to take any such action shall not relieve Grantee of any obligation or liability under this **Section 10** or any other section of this Easement Agreement.

**Section 11** Tax Exchange. Grantor may assign its rights (but not its obligations) under this Easement Agreement to Goldfinch Exchange Company LLC, an exchange intermediary, in order for Grantor to effect an exchange under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code. In such event, Grantor shall provide Grantee with a Notice of Assignment, attached as Exhibit C, and Grantee shall execute an acknowledgement of receipt of such notice.

**Section 12** Notices. Any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder by one party to the other shall be delivered in the manner set forth in the C&M Agreement. Notices to Grantor under this Easement shall be delivered to the following address: BNSF Railway Company, Real Estate Department, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, Ft. Worth, TX 76131, Attn: Permits, or such other address as Grantor may from time to time direct by notice to Grantee.

**Section 13** Recordation. It is understood and agreed that this Easement Agreement shall not be in recordable form and shall not be placed on public record and any such recording shall be a breach of this Easement Agreement. Grantor and Grantee shall execute a Memorandum of Easement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B" (the "**Memorandum of Easement**") subject to changes required, if any, to conform such form to local recording requirements. The Memorandum of Easement shall be recorded in the real estate records in the county where the Premises are located. If a Memorandum of Easement is not executed by the parties and recorded as described above within \_\_\_\_ days of the Effective Date, Grantor shall have the right to terminate this Easement Agreement upon notice to Grantee.

**Section 14** Miscellaneous.

14.1 All questions concerning the interpretation or application of provisions of this Easement

Agreement shall be decided according to the substantive Laws of the State of [Texas] without regard to conflicts of law provisions.

14.2 In the event that Grantee consists of two or more parties, all the covenants and agreements of Grantee herein contained shall be the joint and several covenants and agreements of such parties. This instrument and all of the terms, covenants and provisions hereof shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon each of the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns and shall run with and be binding upon the Premises.

14.3 If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Easement Agreement, the prevailing party or parties shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party or parties may be entitled.

14.4 If any provision of this Easement Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under present or future Laws, such provision will be fully severable and this Easement Agreement will be construed and enforced as if such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision is not a part hereof, and the remaining provisions hereof will remain in full force and effect. In lieu of any illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision herein, there will be added automatically as a part of this Easement Agreement a provision as similar in its terms to such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid and enforceable.

14.5 This Easement Agreement and the C&M Agreement, which is incorporated herein, is the full and complete agreement between Grantor and Grantee with respect to all matters relating to Grantee's use of the Premises, and supersedes any and all other agreements between the parties hereto relating to Grantee's use of the Premises as described herein. However, nothing herein is intended to terminate any surviving obligation of Grantee or Grantee's obligation to defend and hold Grantor harmless in any prior written agreement between the parties.

14.6 Time is of the essence for the performance of this Easement Agreement.

**Section 15. Administrative Fee.** Grantee acknowledges that a material consideration for this agreement, without which it would not be made, is the agreement between Grantee and Grantor, that the Grantee shall pay upon return of this Easement Agreement signed by Grantee to Grantor's Broker a processing fee in the amount of \$2,000.00 over and above the agreed upon acquisition price. Said fee shall be made payable to BNSF Railway Company by a separate check.

Witness the execution of this Easement Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

**GRANTOR:**

**BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY**, a Delaware corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRANTEE:**

\_\_\_\_\_,

a \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT "A-1"**

**Premises**

Memorandum of Easement

**THIS MEMORANDUM OF EASEMENT** is hereby executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_, by and between **BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY**, a Delaware corporation ("**Grantor**"), whose address for purposes of this instrument is 2500 Lou Menk Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76131, and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Grantee**"), whose address for purposes of this instrument is \_\_\_\_\_, which terms "Grantor" and "Grantee" shall include, wherever the context permits or requires, singular or plural, and the heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the respective parties:

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, Grantor owns or controls certain real property situated in \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_ as described on **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the "**Premises**");

**WHEREAS**, Grantor and Grantee entered into an Easement Agreement, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_ (the "**Easement Agreement**") which set forth, among other things, the terms of an easement granted by Grantor to Grantee over and across the Premises (the "**Easement**"); and

**WHEREAS**, Grantor and Grantee desire to memorialize the terms and conditions of the Easement Agreement of record.

For valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor does grant unto Grantee and Grantee does hereby accept from Grantor the Easement over and across the Premises.

The term of the Easement, unless sooner terminated under provisions of the Easement Agreement, shall be perpetual.

All the terms, conditions, provisions and covenants of the Easement Agreement are incorporated herein by this reference for all purposes as though written out at length herein, and both the Easement Agreement and this Memorandum of Easement shall be deemed to constitute a single instrument or document. This Memorandum of Easement is not intended to amend, modify, supplement, or supersede any of the provisions of the Easement Agreement and, to the extent there may be any conflict or inconsistency between the Easement Agreement or this Memorandum of Easement, the Easement Agreement shall control.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Grantor and Grantee have executed this Memorandum of Easement to as of the date and year first above written.

**GRANTOR:**

**BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY**, a Delaware corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF TEXAS**

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**§**

**COUNTY OF TARRANT**

**§**

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ (name) as \_\_\_\_\_ (title) of **BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY**, a Delaware corporation.

\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

My appointment expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

# EXHIBIT "C"

## CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

See separate link on BNSF website

**EXHIBIT "C-1"**

**Agreement Between  
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY  
and the  
CONTRACTOR**

[See separate link on BNSF website](#)

**EXHIBIT D**

[Insert Cost Estimate for Railroad Work here]

**Exhibit E**

[Public Projects Manager's letterhead]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Agency Here]

\_\_\_\_\_ [Address for Agency]

\_\_\_\_\_

Re: Final Approval of Plans and Specifications dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, drafted by  
\_\_\_\_\_ (**hereinafter called, the "Plans and Specifications"**)

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

This letter serves as BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY's ("BNSF") final written approval of the Plans and Specifications covering the construction of \_\_\_\_\_. This final written approval is given to \_\_\_\_\_ ("Agency") pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of that certain Underpass Agreement between BNSF and Agency, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, which this Exhibit E is attached to and made a part thereof.

If the Plans and Specifications are revised by Agency subsequent to the date set forth above, this letter shall no longer serve as final written approval of the Plans and Specifications and Agency must resubmit said Plans and Specifications to BNSF for final written approval.

It is understood that the approvals contained in this letter do not cover, the approvals of plans and specifications for any falsework, shoring, and demolition that may be subsequently submitted to BNSF by CITY or its contractor for approval.

BNSF has not reviewed the design details or calculations for structural integrity or engineering accuracy. BNSF accepts no responsibility for errors or omissions in the design of the project.

Regards,

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[Public Projects Manager's Name]

# EXHIBIT F

## *Grade Separations*

### **BNSF PROCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF GRADE SEPARATION PROJECTS BY A PUBLIC AGENCY ON BNSF RIGHT OF WAY, WHICH IMPACT BNSF PROPERTY OR OPERATIONS**

#### **1.01 General:**

- 1.01.01 The Contractor must cooperate with **BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY**, hereinafter referred to as "**Railway**" where work is over or under on or adjacent to Railway property and/or right-of-way, hereafter referred to as "Railway Property", during the construction of

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- 1.01.02 Definitions:
  - **Operationally Critical, (OC):** defined as Work that requires a submittal and acceptance by BNSF, which impacts, or could impact BNSF operations, on BNSF right-of-way or adjacent to it.
  - **Acceptance:** BNSF's response to plan submittals indicating a notice to proceed with work in the field; **Disclaimer for Acceptance:** **\*BNSF has reviewed these submittals and no exceptions are taken with regard to BNSF's ability to use or accommodate the project as intended. BNSF has not reviewed the design details or calculations for structural integrity or engineering accuracy. BNSF accepts no responsibility for errors or omissions in the design or execution of the project.**
  - **Inspector/Coordinator, (I/C):** A third party consultant which BNSF hires to assist in the coordination of the project on BNSF's behalf. When referenced, "I/C" refers to the I/C team consisting of I/C-I, I/C-II, and the Resident Engineer (RE). The I/C team's role is to ensure the project is constructed per accepted\* plans and specifications for that portion of the project on BNSF right of way, as it affects BNSF. The I/C will monitor construction activities to ensure that improvements used by BNSF meet all requirements of BNSF, and accommodate railroad operations.
- 1.01.03 The following submittals and actions are required by BNSF prior to Operationally Critical, (OC) Work being performed on BNSF property or above tracks being operated by BNSF Railway:

#### **2.01 Submittals and Actions Required During the Project Design Phase:**

- 2.01.01 The Agency shall be the main contact for BNSF throughout the project. Agency shall be included on all correspondence relating to BNSF.
- 2.01.02 Required Design Submittals: (Allow for 4 weeks for BNSF to review design submittals)

Agency shall refer to the requirements of the UP/BNSF Guidelines on Grade Separation Projects when designing a grade separation which will impact BNSF Railway. Agency will be required to submit plans for BNSF review and comment. Plans shall not be labeled "final" until all comments have been addressed and BNSF has accepted\* the plans.

Examples of required design submittals may be, but are not limited to:

Concept, vertical profile of Top of Rail, 30% plans and final plans

The following submittals will require a Professional Engineer, (PE) stamp:

Overpass design

Underpass design

Hydraulic study

Any non-standard design of a structure which will carry train loading

Work covered by a submittal shall not be performed in field without receiving Acceptance from BNSF.

Work windows will not exceed 6 hours, so project should be designed accordingly.

The following Disclaimer applies to BNSF acceptance of Agency design plans:

*\*BNSF has reviewed these submittals and no exceptions are taken with regard to BNSF's ability to use or accommodate the project as intended. BNSF has not reviewed the design details or calculations for structural integrity or engineering accuracy. BNSF accepts no responsibility for errors or omissions in the design or execution of the project.*

### **3.01 Submittals and Actions Required During the Construction Phase:**

- 3.01.01 The Agency shall be the main contact for BNSF throughout the project. Agency shall be included on all correspondence relating to BNSF. **BNSF will NOT accept submittals directly from the Agency's Contractor.**
- 3.01.02 BNSF will hire a consultant team to perform the duties of an Inspector/Coordinator, (I/C) on behalf of BNSF for the duration of the field construction of the project. The cost of the I/C will be reimbursable to BNSF by the Agency or their Contractor.

BNSF requires the I/C team be involved in the project throughout the construction phase to represent BNSF.

**The I/C has authority to remove a contractor's employee from BNSF property if that employee fails to comply with the BNSF safety policy, does not have proper PPE or otherwise ignores instructions regarding work on BNSF right-of-way. The I/C has authority to shut down work on BNSF right-of-way if the contractor works in a manner that is in violation of BNSF's safety policy or FRA regulations.**

**Anytime instructions to the contractor by BNSF or the I/C are not complied with, the project may be shut down. All equipment and personnel will be removed from BNSF property until issues causing the shutdown are resolved to BNSF's satisfaction.**

- 3.01.03 Agency must hold a pre-construction meeting with contractor and BNSF prior to work beginning on BNSF property.

The Pre-Construction meeting shall not be held until 30 days after I/C has been selected – this allows time for the I/C to become familiar with the project.

Recommend scheduling two weeks prior to construction commencing to allow for adjustment to work plans, if needed.

- 3.01.04 Required Construction Submittals: : (Allow for 4 weeks for BNSF to review submittals)

All submittals should flow from the Contractor to the Agency, to the I/C Consultant, to the BNSF Project Engineer, (PE), and to BNSF Structures with responses back through the same communication chain. **BNSF will not accept submittals directly from the Contractor.**

Any changes to the work governed by a submittal requires that the submittal be re-accepted\* by BNSF before the work commences.

Examples of construction submittals required include but are not limited to:

Contractors Safety Action Plan, Fire Prevention Plan, Proposed Project Schedule, Demolition, Shoring, Falsework and Lifting of Materials.

The following submittals will require a Professional Engineer, (PE) stamp:

Critical Pick Plan (75% of capacity of crane, or multi-crane pick)

Lifted Material Plan (Placement or Removal) – When lift is within temporary construction clearances and when list is within 25' of the centerline of the nearest track

Demolition Plan

Temporary Shoring Plan

Bracing Design Plan (non-standard only per DOT)

For overpasses, Agency shall submit as-built plans of the structure, including final clearance dimensions to the I/C. Vertical clearance must be measured from the Top of Rail, horizontal clearance must be measured from the nearest track centerline.

**OPERATIONALLY CRITICAL WORK AND SUBMITTALS:** (4 to 6 weeks review timeline) All OC work requires a submittal and acceptance\* by BNSF.

- Operationally Critical (OC) submittals are those that have the potential to affect the safe operation of trains and will need to be reviewed carefully. Work must be monitored to ensure it conforms to the submitted/accepted\* plan.
- In-person safety review meetings will be required with BNSF representative, I/C, Contractor and Agency representative for all OC work and must be documented. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure all parties understand BNSF requirements and are following the applicable submittals. When a track work window is required the meeting shall occur at least 48 hours in advance of work starting.
- **Submittals must meet the requirements of the UP Railroad - BNSF Railway Guidelines for Railroad Grade Separation Projects. Submittals must also follow the requirements outlined in BNSF Review Comment Sheets, Use of Cranes & Lifting of Materials Submittal Schedule, BNSF Guidelines for Preparation of Bridge Demolition & Removal Plan and the BNSF-UPRR Guidelines for Temporary Shoring. Some submittals are required to be sealed by a licensed professional engineer.**
  - a. See Table 3-1 for Overhead Structures in UP Railroad - BNSF Railway Guidelines for Railroad Grade Separation Projects
  - b. See Table 3-2 for Underpass Structures UP Railroad - BNSF Railway Guidelines for Railroad Grade Separation Projects
  - c. Examples of OC submittals included in the above are:
    - i. Shoring (Follow BNSF-UPRR Guidelines for Temporary Shoring)
    - ii. Falsework
    - iii. Demolition (Need plans for substructure and superstructure. Follow BNSF Guidelines for Preparation of Bridge Demolition & Removal Plan)
    - iv. Erection (overhead and underpass structures)
    - v. Construction Phasing Plans
  - d. Additional OC submittals required, but not included in the Guidelines are:
    - i. All work plans that remove tracks from service (track outage windows require a detailed Gantt chart when greater than 2 hours)
    - ii. Contingency plans
    - iii. Additional OC submittals may be required on a project by project basis.

For underpasses and other railroad bridges, as required in Sections 4.11 and 4.12 of the UP Railroad - BNSF Railway Guidelines for Railroad Grade Separation Projects, a RE will be on site full-time during construction, at the cost of the project. At the discretion of the RE, as accepted by BNSF, an I/C-I or I/C-II may be assigned for field duties where the work is not critical to ensuring the bridge is built to accepted project plans and specification.

- BNSF requires temporary and new track and railroad bridges be inspected by an FRA qualified BNSF employee prior to being placed into service. Two week advanced notice to BNSF structures department is required. For underpasses, all pile driving records are to be provided within 3-days of driving to the BNSF PE.
- Agency shall submit an as-built survey of shoo-fly final alignments. Alignments must conform to BNSF Shoo-fly procedures.

- 3.01.05 Prior to any work commencing on BNSF right of way:

Contractors C/C-1 or Right of Entry must be fully executed and their insurance must be approved before they can perform work on BNSF property.

Proof of Contractors insurance approval must be produced to the BNSF PE and the I/C.

- 3.01.06 Contractor must adhere to all other BNSF policies and procedures not specifically mentioned in this agreement.

**Exhibit G**

\_\_\_\_\_ Avenue Grade Separation Project

Estimated Total Project Cost