

March 2026



**RE: Letter in Support of Sherburne County's Interchange at TH 10 and CSAH 11, in Becker Township**

Writing on behalf of the residents and businesses of Becker Township, we are pleased to support Sherburne County's application to advance the Highway 10 and County Highway 11 Railroad Crossing Improvement Project in Becker, Minnesota. Sherburne County was recently awarded a \$1.38 M Railroad Crossing Elimination Program planning grant to complete planning and preliminary design. We understand the County is now pursuing funding to complete final design, property acquisition, and construction. Federal funds will help Sherburne County create a safe and accessible transportation system for all users.

U.S. Highway 10 through Becker Township is a key freight and passenger transportation corridor in the region. The rail line is an important corridor serving numerous freight and passenger trains per day. The frequent rail traffic halts all movements of people and goods across the rail. Although trains move through the study area at significant speeds, the frequency of trains is high, and trains block County Highway 11 for up to a combined two to three hours per day. This is a highly expressed public concern and documented issue for emergency response vehicles responding to common crashes on Highway 10 and Highway 25.

The at-grade rail crossing at County Highway 11, parallel to U.S. Highway 10, was identified as an area of safety and mobility concern during Sherburne and Wright County's TH 25 Area Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. Sherburne County will use the funds to grade separate the rail crossing, which will greatly improve safety and mobility at this crossing for vehicles, freight trains, and commuters.

Due to the reasons above, Becker Township supports the proposed project and requests your favorable consideration of Sherburne County's application. We are eager to collaborate and create a safer and more accessible environment for all roadway and rail users traveling through Becker Township.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Kolbinger".

Brian Kolbinger  
Becker Township Supervisor Chair

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# Sherburne County Sheriff's Office

*"Commitment to Service with Integrity and Pride"*

**Sheriff Joel Brott**

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Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, I am pleased to support Sherburne County's application to advance the Highway 10 and County Highway 11 Railroad Crossing Improvement Project in Becker, Minnesota. Sherburne County was recently awarded a \$1.38 M Railroad Crossing Elimination Program planning grant to complete planning and preliminary design. We understand the County is now pursuing funding to complete final design, property acquisition, and construction. Federal funds will help Sherburne County create a safe and accessible transportation system for all users.

Investment in rail infrastructure is key in promoting connectivity and safety in the area. County Highway 11 is a crucial corridor through the region, connecting residents and businesses to neighboring communities and other major roadways like Highway 25 and Interstate 94. Rail delays have ripple effects on all roadway users and residents.

U.S. Highway 10 is one of multiple busy corridors within the Sheriff's Office jurisdiction. To respond to calls, personnel must deal with delays at the railway crossings. Traffic backups have significant impacts on response times, which can impact level of service and/or level of care. These delays impact how efficiently and effectively we can reach people in need.

We are excited to learn that these funds will be used to address existing safety and mobility issues that can positively impact Sherburne County. Thank you for your favorable consideration of Sherburne County's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Brott", is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name "Sheriff Joel Brott" is printed in a standard font.

Sheriff Joel Brott

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**RE: Letter in Support of Sherburne County's TH 10 and CSAH 11 Interchange Funding Application**

On behalf of Vonco II, LLC in Becker, Minnesota, I am pleased to support Sherburne County's application to advance the Highway 10 and County Highway 11 Railroad Crossing Improvement Project in Becker, Minnesota. Sherburne County was recently awarded a \$1.38 M Railroad Crossing Elimination Program planning grant to complete planning and preliminary design. We understand the County is now pursuing funding to complete final design, property acquisition, and construction. Federal funds will help Sherburne County create a safe and accessible transportation system for all users.

Investment in rail infrastructure is key in promoting connectivity and economic vitality in the area. County Highway is a crucial corridor through the region, connecting residents and businesses to neighboring communities and other major roadways like Highway 25 and Interstate 94. Rail delays have a ripple effect on residents and businesses, causing major delays.

Vonco II, LLC in Becker is a modern, environmentally secure facility that manages construction, demolition, and industrial waste for the region. Our operations depend on reliable highway access for waste haulers, contractors, and industrial partners moving material into and out of the campus. The campus relies on U.S. Highway 10 for steady inbound and outbound truck movements essential to maintaining waste processing schedules and regulatory compliance.

The at-grade rail crossing at Highway 10 and County Highway 11 triggers frequent and prolonged traffic blockages. Unpredictable blockages jeopardize schedules, drive up costs, and ripple through our partners and business operations. The proposed grade separated crossing will significantly improve access to Vonco by eliminating unpredictable blockages that currently delay hauling operations. More reliable travel times will reduce idling, improve operational efficiency, enhance safety for heavy vehicle traffic, and strengthen the region's overall waste and recycling logistics.

Thank you for your favorable consideration for this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Guillemette".

Chris Guillemette -- Vice President  
Vonco II, LLC

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