

**APPENDIX E**

**NLX CORRIDOR REFINEMENT  
CITY OF BRAHAM, MN**





**Exhibit E.2 NLX Corridor through Braham, MN**



**NORTHERN LIGHTS EXPRESS PROJECT**  
**SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE**  
**BRAHAM, MINNESOTA**

**April 23, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Introduction**

A Public Information Open House for the Northern Lights Express high speed passenger rail project was held on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Braham High School, Braham, Minnesota.

**Notice of Public Information Meeting**

The City of Braham managed meeting notification via the City website, City message sign, newsletter, and posted notices at public facilities and businesses.

**Attendees**

The following agencies had representatives at the meeting to explain the project and answer questions:

<b><i>NLX Alliance:</i></b>	Bob Manzoline, NLX Exec Dir Frank Pafko, MnDOT Julie Carr, MnDOT Dave Christianson, MnDOT Jeanne Witzig, KHA
<b><i>Elected Officials:</i></b>	Sally Hoy, Braham City Administrator Patricia Carlson, Braham Mayor Larry Southerland, Isanti County Commissioner
<b><i>SRF Consulting:</i></b>	Beth Bartz Nancy Frick

An attendance record sheet was prominently displayed on a table at the front door and all persons entering were asked to sign in for the record. A total of 74 people signed in.

## **Summary of Open House**

The meeting was an informal open house and no presentation. Attendees viewed informational exhibits (presentation boards, aerial photos, and handouts) and engaged in one-on-one or small group discussions with the project staff.

Comment forms were made available to meeting attendees. Meeting attendees were encouraged to submit comments either directly at the meeting in a comment box, or by mail.

## **Written Comments**

A total of four comments were received at the night of the Public Meeting. The comments are summarized below.

### **Summary of Comments**

#### **Support for project**

- Support for station in Braham.
- NLX would enhance livability and economic development opportunities for Braham area. NLX would help attract residents with higher paying jobs in the Twin Cities.
- Project construction would provide jobs.
- Support for public funding of NLX.

#### **Project Concerns**

- Concerns about safety near the corridor (flying rocks, etc.), specifically children's safety noted by a day care provider adjacent to the corridor.
- Secondary property impacts due to side slopes.
- Impacts to City utilities, park, bank, and residences.
- Concerns about rail crossings.
- Request for slower speed.
- Concerns about increased ground vibration.
- Should have held a meeting with a presentation and opened the floor for questions.
- Soils inadequate to support the project safely.