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Willmar Rail Connector & Industrial Park
Access (Wye) Project Open House

Thursday, February 25th
5-7 p.m.



Project Area



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Project Background



The Minnesota Department of Transportation and its partners (City of Willmar, Kandiyohi County, the Kandiyohi County and City of Willmar Economic Development Commission, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway) will add a rail connection between two existing BNSF Railway lines and modify surrounding roadways to better move rail freight through the City of Willmar.

Currently delays to trains, motorized vehicles (including emergency responders), bicyclists and pedestrians occur when trains are moving from one BNSF rail line to the other via the downtown Willmar railyard.

To address the delays and mitigate their associated problems, MnDOT and its partners applied for and received federal TIGER funding.

Project Goals



- Divert trains from downtown Willmar
- Provide highway improvements
- Encourage economic growth
- Enhance quality of life

Project Funding



Funding and other resources will be coming from a variety of sources, including: US Department of Transportation, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Kandiyohi County, City of Willmar, Kandiyohi County and City of Willmar Economic Development Commission, and BNSF Railway. No individual or business assessments are anticipated as part of the project.

A majority of the funding will come from three primary entities. The US Department of Transportation will provide \$10 million in TIGER grant funding. As outlined in the TIGER grant application, the Minnesota Department of Transportation will provide \$15 million and BNSF Railway will provide \$16 million.

Other funding will include \$3.8 million from the State of Minnesota and \$830,000 from the City of Willmar and Kandiyohi County.