

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

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**NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN
RAILWAY COMPANY**

**NOTICE INTENT TO PARTICIPATE
BLOCKED CROSSINGS EMPHASIZED
CITY OF SOUTH ST. PAUL,
MINNESOTA**

Pursuant to the Surface Transportation Board's Rules of Practice, the City of South St. Paul, Minnesota hereby files this Notice of Participation in the above-referenced proceeding as a Party of Record.

The City of South St. Paul is a municipal government located in Dakota County, Minnesota and is traversed by a rail corridor that intersects local streets, emergency response routes, and access to critical public and private facilities. Rail operations within the City include numerous at-grade crossings that are integral to daily traffic circulation and public safety.

The City files this Notice of Participation to preserve its right to participate in this proceeding and to submit comments, information, or requests for appropriate mitigation related to potential local impacts arising from the proposed transaction or from alternative operating scenarios evaluated by the applicants or the Board. In particular, the City seeks to ensure that the Surface Transportation Board's review considers the potential for increased frequency and duration of blocked grade crossings, including effects associated with changes in train volumes, train length, scheduling, and yard or switching operations.

Prolonged or recurrent blockage of rail crossings may affect emergency response times, traffic operations, and neighborhood access within the City. The City therefore reserves the right

to provide location-specific information regarding crossings, emergency routes, and operational conditions, and to request reasonable mitigation measures if warranted.

The City of South St. Paul takes no position at this time regarding the merits of the proposed transaction. This filing is intended solely to ensure that the City's transportation, safety, and community interests may be appropriately considered in the Board's evaluation.

Please add Ryan Garica, City Administrator for the City of South St. Paul, to the service list for this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ryan Garcia", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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