

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, August 2, 2021

Regular Meeting

Item Reports2

Council to discuss and consider action on the Roadway Surfacing Agreement with BNSF Railway Company and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

Staff Contact: Mark Bohl, Public Works Director



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July 26, 2021

NOTE: This Agreement is contingent upon BNSF Roadmaster Approval

City of Scottsbluff
Attention: Mr. Mark Bohl
2525 Circle Drive
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

21W-10924

Dear Mr. Bohl:

Attached please find a copy of the requested contract for execution by an official authorized to execute contract agreements on behalf of your company. Please print one (1) copy, execute, and **return with original signature** for completion on part of BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") to this office.

Please note the agreements cannot be executed by BNSF without an approved insurance certificate. If there are any issues with your insurance, you will be contacted by a member of the Risk Management team of BNSF Railway. Please submit the following documents to BNSF@certfocus.com:

1. A Certificate of Insurance as required in the agreement.
2. A **separate policy** for Railroad Protective Liability Insurance as required in the agreement (**ORIGINAL POLICY MUST BE PROVIDED**). BNSF Railway Company will be the only insured party; OR;

In lieu of providing a separate policy for Railroad Protective Liability Insurance, you may participate in the BNSF's Railroad Protective Policy by checking the appropriate box in the contract and including an additional \$633.00 with your check and signed agreements.

PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS PROJECT IS ARRA FUNDED.

Acceptance and deposit of any check by BNSF does not constitute an agreement between BNSF and Licensee for the requested license. BNSF shall not be obligated to hold the check in a separate fund, but may commingle the funds with other funds of BNSF, and in no event shall BNSF be responsible for interest on said funds.

The enclosed permit is not a binding agreement and shall become binding only when, and if, it is executed by you and fully approved and executed by BNSF Railway Company. Upon completion on behalf of BNSF, one fully executed counterpart will be returned for your records.

The specifications/plans you provided may differ from BNSF's minimum specification requirements. Therefore, prior to your installation, please review the Exhibit A to determine the specifications necessary for your installation.

Please be informed that if contracts, fees, and insurance are not returned within sixty (60) days, the processing fee will increase to \$1,600.00.

Sincerely,

Flor Flores

Flor Flores
Permit Manager
Attachment

ROADWAY SURFACING AGREEMENT

This Roadway Surfacing Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into effective as of this the ____ day of _____ 2021, by and between **CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF**, ("Contractor"), a Nebraska corporation, and **BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY** ("Railway"), a Delaware corporation.

WHEREAS, Railway operates a freight transportation system by rail with operations throughout the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, desires Contractor to surface the roadway adjacent to and upon Railway's right of way, and Contractor is willing to perform such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration for Railway entering this Agreement with Contractor and granting Contractor permission to enter upon the Premises (defined herein), Contractor agrees with Railway as follows:

SECTION 1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Contractor shall perform the following services, hereinafter described as Work":
a parcel of land to be used for roadway resurfacing project approaching tracks, mill out 2" of existing pavement with overlay with 2" asphalt
Line Segment 0005 and Mile Post 31.02

Performance of the Work will necessarily require Contractor to enter Railway's right of way and property ("Premises"). Contractor agrees that no work shall be commenced on the Premises until (i) this Agreement is executed by both Contractor and Railway; and (ii) Railway approves the insurance required to be maintained by Contractor hereunder. Contractor further agrees that if this Agreement is not executed by the owner, general partner, president, or vice-president of Contractor, Contractor shall furnish Railway with evidence certifying that the signatory is empowered to execute this Agreement.

This License shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period one hundred eighty (180) days, subject to prior termination as hereinafter described.

SECTION 2. PAYMENT OF FEES

shall be responsible for payment to Contractor for the Work performed under this Agreement.

SECTION 3. RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

Contractor hereby waives, releases, indemnifies, defends and holds harmless Railway for all judgments, awards, claims, demands, and expenses (including attorney's fees), for injury or death to all persons, including Railway's and Contractor's officers and employees, and for loss and damage to property belonging to any person, arising in any manner from Contractor's or any of Contractor's subcontractors' acts or omissions or any work performed on or about Railway's property or right-of-way. **THE LIABILITY ASSUMED BY CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE FACT, IF IT IS A FACT, THAT THE DESTRUCTION, DAMAGE, DEATH, OR INJURY WAS OCCASIONED BY OR CONTRIBUTED TO BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RAILWAY, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHERWISE, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH CLAIMS ARE PROXIMATELY CAUSED BY THE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF RAILWAY.**

THE INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION ASSUMED BY CONTRACTOR SHALL INCLUDE ANY CLAIMS, SUITS OR JUDGMENTS BROUGHT AGAINST RAILWAY UNDER THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEE'S LIABILITY ACT INCLUDING CLAIMS FOR STRICT LIABILITY UNDER THE SAFETY APPLIANCE ACT OR THE BOILER INSPECTION ACT, WHENEVER SO CLAIMED.

Contractor further agrees, at its expense, in the name and on behalf of Railway, that it shall adjust and settle all claims made against Railway, and shall, at Railway's discretion, appear and defend any suits or actions of law or in equity brought against Railway on any claim or cause of action arising or growing out of or in any manner connected with any liability assumed by Contractor under this Agreement for which Railway is liable or is alleged to be liable. Railway shall give notice to Contractor, in writing, of the receipt or pendency of such claims and thereupon Contractor shall proceed to adjust and handle to a conclusion such claims, and in the event of a suit brought against Railway, Railway may forward summons and complaint or other process in connection therewith to Contractor, and Contractor, at Railway's discretion, shall defend, adjust, or settle such suits and protect, indemnify, and save harmless Railway from and against all damages, judgments, decrees, attorney's fees, costs, and expenses growing out of or resulting from or incident to any such claims or suits.

It is mutually understood and agreed that the assumption of liabilities and indemnification provided for in this Agreement shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 4. INSURANCE.

Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement the following insurance coverage:

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance.** This insurance shall contain broad form contractual liability with a combined single limit of a minimum of \$2,000,000 each occurrence and an aggregate limit of at least \$ 4,000,000. Coverage must be purchased on a post 1998 ISO occurrence form or equivalent and include coverage for, but not limited to, the following:
- ◆ Bodily Injury and Property Damage
 - ◆ Personal Injury and Advertising Injury
 - ◆ Fire legal liability
 - ◆ Products and completed operations

This policy shall also contain the following endorsements, which shall be indicated on the certificate of insurance:

- ◆ It is agreed that any workers' compensation exclusion does not apply to **Railroad** payments related to the Federal Employers Liability Act or a **Railroad** Wage Continuation Program or similar programs and any payments made are deemed not to be either payments made or obligations assumed under any Workers Compensation, disability benefits, or unemployment compensation law or similar law.
- ◆ The definition of insured contract shall be amended to remove any exclusion or other limitation for any work being done within 50 feet of railroad property.
- ◆ Any exclusions related to the explosion, collapse and underground hazards shall be removed.

No other endorsements limiting coverage as respects obligations under this Agreement may

be included on the policy.

- B. **Business Automobile Insurance.** This insurance shall contain a combined single limit of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and include coverage for, but not limited to the following:
- ◆ Bodily injury and property damage
 - ◆ Any and all vehicles owned, used or hired
- C. **Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance.** This insurance shall include coverage for, but not limited to:
- ◆ Contractor's statutory liability under the worker's compensation laws of the state(s) in which the work is to be performed. If optional under State law, the insurance must cover all employees anyway.
 - ◆ Employers' Liability (Part B) with limits of at least \$500,000 each accident, \$500,000 by disease policy limit, \$500,000 by disease each employee.
- D. **Railroad Protective Liability Insurance.** This insurance shall name only the Railroad as the Insured with coverage of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 in the aggregate. The policy shall be issued on a standard ISO form CG 00 35 10 93 and include the following:
- ◆ Endorsed to include the Pollution Exclusion Amendment (ISO form CG 28 31 10 93)
 - ◆ Endorsed to include the Limited Seepage and Pollution Endorsement
 - ◆ Endorsed to include Evacuation Expense Coverage Endorsement
 - ◆ No other endorsements restricting coverage may be added
 - ◆ The original policy must be provided to the Railroad prior to performing any work or services under this Agreement

In lieu of providing a Railroad Protective Liability Policy, Licensee may participate in Licensor's Blanket Railroad Protective Liability Insurance Policy available to Licensee or its contractor. The limits of coverage are the same as above. The cost is \$ 633.00.

- ☐ I **elect** to participate in Licensor's Blanket Policy;
- ☐ I **elect not** to participate in Licensor's Blanket Policy.

E. Other Requirements:

Where allowable by law, all policies (applying to coverage listed above) shall contain no exclusion for punitive damages and certificates of insurance shall reflect that no exclusion exists.

Contractor agrees to waive its right of recovery against **Railroad** for all claims and suits against **Railroad**. In addition, its insurers, through the terms of the policy or policy endorsement, waive their right of subrogation against **Railroad** for all claims and suits. The certificate of insurance must reflect the waiver of subrogation endorsement. Contractor further waives its right of recovery, and its insurers also waive their right of subrogation against **Railroad** for loss of its owned or leased property or property under contractor's care, custody or control.

Contractor's insurance policies through policy endorsement, must include wording which states that the policy shall be primary and non-contributing with respect to any insurance carried by **Railroad**. The certificate of insurance must reflect that the above wording is included in evidenced policies.

All policy(ies) required above (excluding Workers Compensation and if applicable, Railroad Protective) shall include a severability of interest endorsement and **Railroad** shall be named as an additional insured with respect to work performed under this agreement. Severability of interest and naming **Railroad** as additional insured shall be indicated on the certificate of insurance.

Contractor is not allowed to self-insure without the prior written consent of **Railroad**. If granted by **Railroad**, any deductible, self-insured retention or other financial responsibility for claims shall be covered directly by contractor in lieu of insurance. Any and all **Railroad** liabilities that would otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this **Agreement**, be covered by contractor's insurance will be covered as if contractor elected not to include a deductible, self-insured retention or other financial responsibility for claims.

Prior to commencing the Work, contractor shall furnish to **Railroad** an acceptable certificate(s) of insurance including an original signature of the authorized representative evidencing the required coverage, endorsements, and amendments and referencing the contract audit/folder number if available. The policy(ies) shall contain a provision that obligates the insurance company(ies) issuing such policy(ies) to notify **Railroad** in writing at least 30 days prior to any cancellation, non-renewal, substitution or material alteration. This cancellation provision shall be indicated on the certificate of insurance. Upon request from **Railroad**, a certified duplicate original of any required policy shall be furnished.

Any insurance policy shall be written by a reputable insurance company acceptable to **Railroad** or with a current Best's Guide Rating of A- and Class VII or better, and authorized to do business in the state(s) in which the service is to be provide.

Contractor represents that this **Agreement** has been thoroughly reviewed by contractor's insurance agent(s)/broker(s), who have been instructed by contractor to procure the insurance coverage required by this **Agreement**. Allocated Loss Expense shall be in addition to all policy limits for coverages referenced above.

Not more frequently than once every five years, **Railroad** may reasonably modify the required insurance coverage to reflect then-current risk management practices in the railroad industry and underwriting practices in the insurance industry.

If any portion of the operation is to be subcontracted by contractor, contractor shall require that the subcontractor shall provide and maintain insurance coverages as set forth herein, naming **Railroad** as an additional insured, and shall require that the subcontractor shall release, defend and indemnify **Railroad** to the same extent and under the same terms and conditions as contractor is required to release, defend and indemnify **Railroad** herein.

Failure to provide evidence as required by this section shall entitle, but not require, **Railroad** to terminate this **Agreement** immediately. Acceptance of a certificate that does not comply with this section shall not operate as a waiver of contractor's obligations hereunder.

The fact that insurance (including, without limitation, self-insurance) is obtained by contractor shall not be deemed to release or diminish the liability of contractor including, without limitation, liability under the indemnity provisions of this **Agreement**. Damages recoverable by **Railroad** shall not be limited by the amount of the required insurance coverage.

Prior to entering the Premises, Licensee shall and shall cause its contractor to comply with all Licensor's applicable safety rules and regulations. Prior to commencing any work on the Premises, Licensee shall complete and shall require its contractor to complete the safety-training program at the following Internet Website "<http://www.contractororientation.com>". This training must be completed no more than one year in advance of Licensee's entry on the Premises.

For purposes of this section, **Railroad** shall mean "Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation", "BNSF Railway Company" and the subsidiaries, successors, assigns and affiliates of each.

SECTION 5. PROTECTION OF RAILWAY FACILITIES AND RAILWAY FLAGGER SERVICES

A. The Contractor shall give a minimum of at least thirty (30) working days notice to the roadmaster at Clayton Maddox, telephone 308-630-6946, in advance of when flagging services will be required to bulletin the flaggers position and shall provide five (5) working days notice to the Roadmaster to abolish the position per union requirements.

B. Railway flagger and protective services and devices will be required and furnished when Contractor's work activities are located over or under of and within twenty-five (25) feet measured horizontally from center line of the nearest track and when cranes or similar equipment positioned outside of 25-foot horizontally from track center line that could foul the track in the event of tip over or other catastrophic occurrence, but not limited thereto for the following conditions:

(1). When in the opinion of the Railway's representative, it is necessary to safeguard the Premises , employees, trains, engines and facilities.

(2). When any excavation is performed below the bottom of tie elevation, if, in the opinion of Railway's representative, track or other Railway facilities may be subject to movement or settlement.

(3). When work in any way interferes with the safe operation of trains at timetable speeds.

(4). When any hazard is presented to Railway track, communications, signal, electrical, or other facilities either due to persons, material, equipment or blasting in the vicinity.

(5). Special permission must be obtained from the Railway before moving heavy or cumbersome objects or equipment which might result in making the track impassable.

C. Flagging services will be performed by qualified Railway flaggers. Licensee agrees to reimburse Licensor (pursuant to the terms of **Section 5 (d)** below) for all costs and expenses incurred by Licensor in connection with Licensee's use of the Premises or the presence, construction and maintenance of the Roadway, including but not limited to the furnishing of Licensor's flaggers and any vehicle rental costs incurred. Licensee shall bear the cost of flagger services and other safety measures provided by Licensor, when deemed necessary by Licensor's representative. Flagging costs shall include, but not be limited to, the following: pay for at least an eight (8) hour

basic day with time and one-half or double time for overtime, rest days and holidays (as applicable); vacation allowance; paid holidays (as applicable); railway and unemployment insurance; public liability and property damage insurance; health and welfare benefits; transportation; meals; lodging and supervision. Negotiations for railway labor or collective bargaining agreements and rate changes authorized by appropriate Federal authorities may increase flagging rates. Flagging rates in effect at the time of performance by the flaggers will be used to calculate the flagging costs pursuant to this **Section 5**.

D. All invoices are due thirty (30) days after the date of invoice. In the event that Licensee shall fail to pay any monies due to Licensor within thirty (30) days after the invoice date, then Licensee shall pay interest on such unpaid sum from the due date until paid at an annual rate equal to the lesser of (i) the prime rate last published in *The Wall Street Journal* in the preceding December plus two and one-half percent (2-1/2%), or (ii) the maximum rate permitted by law.

(1) A flagging crew generally consists of one employee. However, additional personnel may be required to protect the Premises and operations, if deemed necessary by the Railway's representative.

(2) Each time a flagger is called, the minimum period for billing shall be the eight (8) hour basic day.

(3) The cost of flagger services provided by the Railway, when deemed necessary by the Railway's representative, will be borne by the City's contractor.

SECTION 6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

In the performance of the Work under this Agreement, Contractor will be considered as an independent contractor, neither Contractor nor any of its employees, subcontractors, agents or servants will be considered as employees of Railway in any respect. Contractor shall have the exclusive right and duty to control the work of its employees. All persons employed by Contractor or any of its subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement shall be the sole employees of Contractor or its subcontractors. Contractor will be given general directions and instructions regarding the Work to be rendered under this Agreement; however, direct supervision of Contractor's employees will be Contractor's responsibility and obligation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first written above.

CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF

2525 Circle Drive
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY

Jones Lang LaSalle Brokerage, Inc.,
its Attorney in Fact
4200 Buckingham Rd., Suite 110
Fort Worth, TX 76155

By: _____
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Name: _____
Title: _____

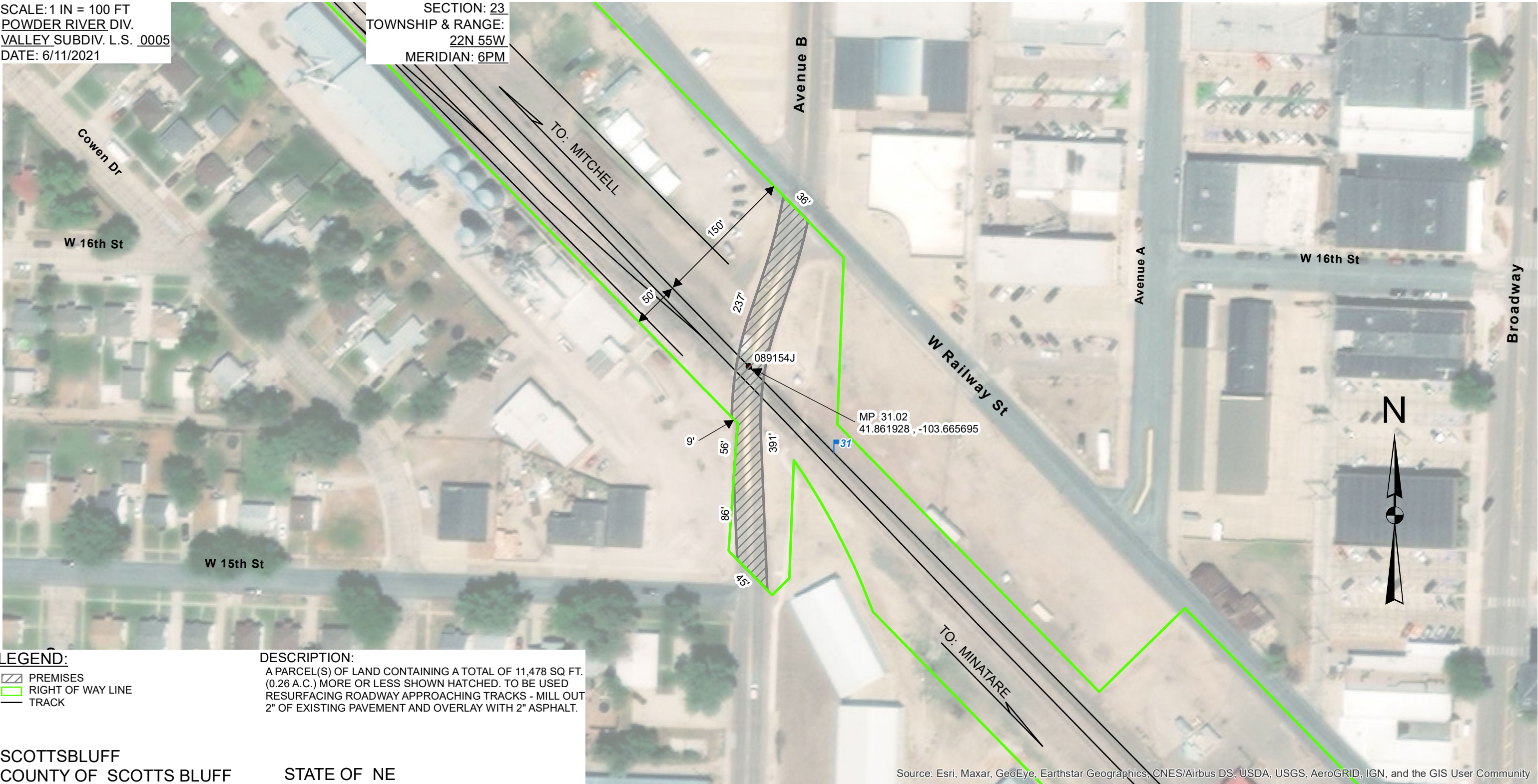
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Title: Vice President - Permits & Special Proj. _____

EXHIBIT "A"
ATTACHED TO CONTRACT BETWEEN
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY
AND

CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF

SCALE: 1 IN = 100 FT
POWDER RIVER DIV.
VALLEY SUBDIV. L.S. 0005
DATE: 6/11/2021

SECTION: 23
TOWNSHIP & RANGE:
22N 55W
MERIDIAN: 6PM



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