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# Northern Pacific Railway Co.

OFFICE OF President

FILE NO. 75-3

**SUBJECT:**

Auburn, Wash.--overhead and under-  
crossings.

NOT

PRESIDENT  
75-3

C. D.  
R. V.  
J.  
E. M.  
A. M. G.

Saint Paul, May 13, 1926.



MR. CHARLES DONNELLY:

Attached is Seattle Division A.F.E. E.D. No. 82, covering removal and abandonment of Algona overhead viaduct and reconstruction of highway at Bridge 23, Auburn, Washington, amount \$16,366.00, with a credit to Additions and Betterments of \$12,080.00, a charge to Material and Supplies of \$2,515.00, to Profit and Loss \$24,592.00, and to Operating Expenses \$1,339.00, leaving a net expenditure of \$13851.00.

This work was informally authorized in your letter of March 24th. Our total expenditure under the arrangement covered by this agreement and A.F.E. will be \$16,366.00, whereas, to have renewed the structure in kind would have cost approximately \$37,000.00.

The A.F.E. does not apply against the 1926 budget.

*Copy  
5/20/26*

*Thompson*

*Not necessary to go to my*

*Signed* MAY 20 1926

*Curry*

NOTED BY

✓ C. S.

✓ R. W. C.

✓ J. H. P.

✓ E. M. W.

✓ A. M. B.

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St. Paul, Minn., April 16, 1926.

Mr. Charles Donnelly:

Referring to your letter of March 24  
about removal of Algoma Viaduct over Auburn Yard:

For your information, material is on  
hand and part of the work is started. It is expected it will  
be far enough along so that the county can do their grading  
the last of this week.

*J. E. Williamson*





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# Telegram—Be Brief

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St Paul Minn

April 16 1926

Geo T Reid  
Seattle

Your wire 15th Arrangement you suggest for removing  
earth in connection with widening undercrossing at  
Auburn has my approval

Charles Donnelly

NOTED BY

C. D. ☒  
R. W. C. ☒  
J. H. P. ☒  
E. H. W. ☒  
A. M. G. ☒



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Seattle Apr 15 1926

Charles Donnelly

StPaul

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R. W. C. \_\_\_\_\_  
J. H. P. \_\_\_\_\_  
E. M. W. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. M. G. \_\_\_\_\_

In securing authority to remove viaduct at Auburn we agreed to widen undercrossing from ten feet to twenty feet, this work has just been completed excepting some earth which it is necessary to remove, // road Supervisor can be employed to remove this material and Mr Cook would like to have matter handled in that way particularly as we are anxious to get it closed up, // will it be all right for me to arrange with road Supervisor to do work and draw draft to cover, probably not more than four hundred dollars involved.

Geo T Reid

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✓ NOTED BY  
C. D. ✓  
R. W. C. ✓  
J. H. P. ✓  
E. M. W. ✓  
A. M. G. ✓

PRESIDENTS  
File 75-3

St. Paul, Minn., March 30, 1926.

My dear Judge Reid:

I have received your letter of March 23 enclosing certified copy of order of the Board of County Commissioners, King County, directing the vacation of the highway across our yards at Auburn. I have forwarded the order to Mr. Watson for his files.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY *dk*

Mr. Geo. T. Reid, Vice President,  
Northern Pacific Railway Company,  
Seattle, Washington.

St. Paul, Minn., March 30, 1926.  
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Mr. J. L. Watson,  
Right of Way Commissioner.

Judge Reid has been negotiating with officials of King County, Washington, with respect to the abandonment of the Algoma viaduct over our yard at Auburn and has reached an agreement whereby the highway will be vacated. I attach hereto, for your information, certified copy of an order issued by the Board of County Commissioners directing the vacation.

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY

Encl.



NOTED BY

C. D. \_\_\_\_\_  
R. W. C. \_\_\_\_\_  
J. H. P. \_\_\_\_\_  
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A. M. G. \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENTS  
PH. 75-3

St. Paul, Minn., March 24, 1926.  
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Mr. F. E. Williamson,  
Vice President.

You are aware of the negotiations which Judge Reid has been having with the officials of King County, Washington, with respect to the abandonment of the Algoma viaduct over Auburn yard. These negotiations have been brought to a successful conclusion and Judge Reid thinks it will be well for us to proceed with reasonable promptness in taking the viaduct down.

No doubt Mr. Brown is informed of the conditions, but I wish you would see that Judge Reid's suggestion is carried out.

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY.



St. Paul, Minn., March 24, 1926.  
8-3

My dear Judge Reid:

I have your letter of March 16 about the Auburn viaduct.

I have told Mr. Williamson of the progress you are making and have directed his attention to your suggestion that the work of taking the viaduct down should be expedited as much as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY.

Mr. Geo. T. Reid, Vice President,  
Northern Pacific Railway Company,  
Seattle, Washington.

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C. F. \_\_\_\_\_  
R. W. C. \_\_\_\_\_  
J. H. P. \_\_\_\_\_  
E. M. W. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. M. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Seattle, Wash., March 23, 1926



Mr. Charles Donnelly, President,  
Northern Pacific Railway Company,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Donnelly:

I hand you herewith voucher for \$1500.00 growing out of the expense of opening up a highway near Auburn in order to be relieved of the expense of maintaining the more southerly of the two viaducts spanning our Auburn yards. This completes the payments, totaling \$6500.00.

Everything is now about finished excepting the widening of the undercrossing near this point and that will probably be completed in a week or such a matter. I hand you herewith certified copy of order of the Board of County Commissioners vacating the highway across our yards. As soon as our undercrossing is widened the County will take up some or all of the decking on the viaduct, which I have told the Commissioners

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they may have and we should then proceed in an orderly way to take down the viaduct which will be more or less of an eyesore.

Yours truly,

*Geo. A. Reid*





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# Telegram—Be Brief

M.

St. Paul, Minn., March 23, 1926.

Geo. T. Reid,  
Seattle, Wash.

✓  
W. C. ✓  
J. H. P. ✓  
E. M. W. ✓  
A. M. C. ✓

Have arranged with Treasurer to protect draft fifteen hundred dollars account Auburn viaduct. I congratulate you on the successful solution of this problem.

Charles Donnelly.

3:15 PM

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St. Paul, Minn., March 23, 1926. DB

Mr. F. W. Sweeney,  
Comptroller.

We are just in receipt of a telegram from Judge  
Reid advising that he is today drawing draft for \$1500.00  
on account of the Auburn viaduct.

Please arrange to protect when presented for  
payment.

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY  
W

cc-Mr. H. A. Clifford:





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Seattle

Mar 23 1926

C. B. \_\_\_\_\_

R. W. C. \_\_\_\_\_

J. H. P. \_\_\_\_\_

E. M. W. \_\_\_\_\_

A. M. G. \_\_\_\_\_

Charles Donnelly

ST PAUL MINN

Am drawing draft today for fifteen hundred dollars account Auburn viaduct. This closes matter Am sending Certified copy of order of Vacation and Voucher by mail Total amount expended sixty-five hundred dollars which is considerably under my estimate of ten thousand dollars. Please protect draft.

Geo T Reid

138PM

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NOTED BY

C. B. \_\_\_\_\_  
R. W. C. \_\_\_\_\_  
J. H. P. \_\_\_\_\_  
E. M. W. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. M. G. \_\_\_\_\_



Seattle, Wash., March 16, 1926

My dear Mr. Donnelly:

I hand you herewith voucher for \$3,000 covering an equal sum which I am today giving my check to cover in favor of King County Road District No. 2. The \$3,000 is made up of \$2,000 to cover grading and graveling of the new highway and \$1,000 to cover resurfacing of the highway between the northerly end of the new highway and the northerly end of the old highway in the city limits of Auburn.

The County has proceeded in this matter with remarkable speed. On my way to Aberdeen yesterday I noticed the grading was completed and the Road Supervisor, who was in the office this morning, tells me that the work of graveling will start today. Mr. Cook is to widen the undercrossing with temporary material and when that is done we will be in a position to take down the viaduct.

I have told the County Commissioners that they may have the decking, or so much of it as they want to remove off the viaduct. One reason I was glad to give them this old

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decking was that it effectively puts the viaduct out of commission and is proof conclusive that everything has been done that we promised to do as a condition to having the highway vacated.

It will probably be a good plan for our people to proceed with reasonable promptness to take down the viaduct.

I will have some more money to pay the County for one thing and another but the total sum is going to be well within my original estimate. This matter has proceeded in a remarkably satisfactory way due largely to the personal interest that has been taken in it by a representative of the County Engineer's office.

Yours very truly,

*Leo. J. Reid*

Mr. Charles Donnelly,  
President,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.



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# TELEGRAM—BE BRIEF

St. Paul, Minn., March 16, 1926.

Geo. T. Reid,

Seattle, Wash.

Wire date Have instructed Treasurer to honor your draft for  
three thousand dollars.

Charles Donnelly

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R. W. C. ✓  
J. H. P. ✓  
E. M. W. ✓  
A. M. G. ✓

*5000 advanced to date*



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R. W. C. \_\_\_\_\_  
J. H. F. \_\_\_\_\_  
L. M. W. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. M. C. \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENTS  
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St. Paul, Minn., March 16, 1926.65

Mr. H. A. Clifford,  
Treasurer.

Judge Reid has just wired me that he is drawing draft on you today in the amount of \$3,000.00, in connection with the Auburn Viaduct matter. Will you please arrange to honor such draft when presented for payment.

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY

cc-Mr. F. W. Sweeney

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY



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Seattle Mar 16 1926

Charles Donnelly

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County has finished grading and is starting to gravel auburn highway  
Am paying King County road district no 2 three thousand dollars today  
and am drawing draft to cover please direct treasurer to honor

NOTED BY

Geo T Reid

C. B. \_\_\_\_\_

R. W. C. \_\_\_\_\_

J. H. P. \_\_\_\_\_

E. M. W. \_\_\_\_\_

A. M. G. \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTED BY

C. D. ☒  
H. C. ☒  
P. ☒  
L. M. W. ☒  
A. M. G. ☒

PRESIDENTS  
File 75-3

St. Paul, Minn., March 12, 1926.

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My dear Judge Reid:

Upon my return to Saint Paul, I find your letter of March 3 about the Auburn viaduct. I am glad you are making such good progress in the working out of that problem.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY.

Mr. George T. Reid, Vice President,  
Northern Pacific Railway Company,  
Seattle, Washington.



NOTED BY

C. D. \_\_\_\_\_  
R. W. C. \_\_\_\_\_  
J. H. P. \_\_\_\_\_  
E. M. W. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. M. G. \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENTS

FILE 75



Seattle, Wash., March 3, 1926

My dear Mr. Donnelly:

*Approved 3/8*

I am sending you herewith a voucher for \$500 covering the draft I drew on Treasurer Clifford today in the matter of the viaduct at Auburn.

I have secured the actual vacation of this highway but of course it is conditional upon certain things being done. Practically all of the right of way has been purchased and the County has undertaken to grade the road itself and will ask us to pay the cost. The cost is estimated at \$2,000. They think the bills will aggregate about \$1500 and they want me to buy the County gasoline books for the balance up to \$2000. This is a peculiar sort of an arrangement but I think a satisfactory one. There will be some items that it will be necessary for me to pay from time to time but I am very sanguine that the total expense is going to be well within the estimate I made. Among other things, we have to pay the

Mr. Donnelly--2

County \$1,000 for resurfacing another portion of the highway but that need not be done until they are through working on the highway they are grading.

This is going to be a nice saving to our company because we are going to get rid of a very expensive viaduct.

Yours very truly,

*Geo. A. Rind*

Mr. Charles Donnelly, President,  
Northern Pacific Railway Company,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.





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St. Paul, Minn., March 3, 1926.

Geo. T. Reid,  
Seattle, Wash.

NOTED BY

C. D. \_\_\_\_\_  
R. V. \_\_\_\_\_  
J. F. \_\_\_\_\_  
E. M. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. M. G. \_\_\_\_\_

Have instructed Treasurer honor draft five hundred dollars  
account Auburn viaduct matter.

Charles Donnelly

3.55 PM

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J. H. \_\_\_\_\_  
E. M. W. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. M. G. \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENTS  
FILE 75-3

St. Paul, Minn., March 3, 1926. A5

Mr. H. A. Clifford,  
Treasurer.

I Have just received telegram from Judge Reid indicating that he has drawn draft on you today for \$500.00 to reimburse him for money paid in connection with the Auburn viaduct matter, and I shall be glad if you will arrange to honor when presented for payment.

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY

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cc-Mr. F. W. Sweeney



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Seattle Mar 3 1926

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E. M. W. \_\_\_\_\_

A. M. G. \_\_\_\_\_

Chas Donnelly

St Paul

Have drawn draft today for five hundred dollars on H A Clifford treasurerer to reiburse me for money paid on matter of securing authority to take down overhead bridge at Auburn please instruct treasurer to honor this matter is proceeding nicely we have formal order of board vacating highway and county is grading road other payments of course will have to be made as work progresses answer

Geo T Reid

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NOTED BY  
G. D. ✓  
R. W. C. ✓  
J. H. P. ✓  
E. M. W. ✓  
A. M. G. ✓



Seattle, Wash., January 27, 1926

Mr. Charles Donnelly, President,  
Northern Pacific Railway Company,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Donnelly:

I send you herewith voucher in my favor for \$1,000.00 covering funds advanced by me for securing right of way in connection with vacation of overhead highway viaduct across our yards at Auburn. I yesterday drew a draft for \$1,000 on our Treasurer for this amount and have so noted on the face of the voucher.

Yours truly,

*A. J. Reid*

Voucher approved and  
passed to Acctg Dept  
1/30/26 *Amg*



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W. H. C. ✓  
E. M. W. ✓  
A. M. G. ✓

St. Paul, Minn., January 29, 1926.

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My dear Judge Reid:

I have your letter of January 25, informing me of the adoption of the resolution vacating the highway that crosses the Auburn yards.

I am glad to learn that this action has been taken.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Charles D. Doolittle

Mr. Geo. T. Reid,  
Vice President,  
Northern Pacific Ry Co.,  
Seattle, Wash.

NOTED BY

C. D. \_\_\_\_\_  
R. W. C. \_\_\_\_\_  
J. H. P. \_\_\_\_\_  
E. M. W. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. M. G. \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT'S  
FILE 75-3

Seattle, Wash., January 25, 1926

My dear Mr. Donnelly:

The Board of County Commissioners of King County, Washington, this morning adopted a resolution vacating the highway that crosses the Auburn Yards. This highway crosses on a viaduct and is the more southerly of the two viaducts across our property. Before the viaduct can be actually closed and torn down, we will have to wait until we can build for the County a half mile of gravel road along the westerly side of our right of way from the end of the present road to the undercrossing near the Stuck River. We will also have to widen the undercrossing so as to allow a 20 foot horizontal clear opening and pay into the County Treasury \$1,000.00, which sum the County will use for resurfacing the existing highway on the westerly side of our tracks. This money will practically all be spent within the city limits of Auburn because it is that part of the road that is not well maintained. The County cannot spend its own money on it and the City won't spend its money on it. There was a very determined opposition to this action

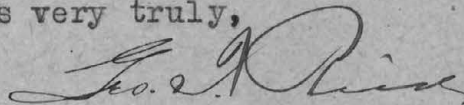
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but the County Commissioners felt that the viaduct is both unsightly and dangerous and that the opposition to its removal was not well founded.

I will try and push matters as rapidly as possible so as to avoid the necessity of spending any substantial amount of money on the viaduct prior to its removal.

This is quite an advantageous arrangement for our company as the viaduct is expensive to maintain.

Yours very truly,



Mr. Charles Donnelly, President,  
Northern Pacific Railway Company,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

cc- Mr. H.E. Stevens  
Mr. A.V. Brown  
Mr. A.R. Cook





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J. H. P. ☒  
E. M. V. ☒  
A. M. G. ☒

St Paul Minn January 26 1926.

Geo T Reid  
Seattle Wash.

Wire date. Have instructed Treasurer honor draft one thousand  
dollars account Auburn Viaduct matter.

Charles Donnelly

4.05 PM



NOTED  
C. D. ....  
R. W. C. ....  
J. H. ....  
E. M. W. ....  
A. M. G. ....

PRESIDENTS  
75-3

St. Paul, Minn., January 26, 1926. AB

Mr. H. A. Clifford,  
Treasurer.

Referring to my letter of December 18th:

We have just received advice from Judge Reid that he is today drawing draft for \$1,000.00, account of the Auburn Viaduct matter, and I shall be glad if you will arrange to honor same when presented for payment.

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY.  
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cc-Mr. F. W. Sweeney



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Seattle Jan 26/26

Charles Donnelly

STPAUL

Am drawing draft today for one thousand dollars account Auburn  
viaduct matter please instruct treasurer to Honor.

Geo T Reid

223PM

St. Paul, Minn., December 18, 1925.

A5

Mr. H. A. Clifford,  
Treasurer.

I have just received a telegram from Judge Reid that he is drawing a draft for \$500.00 to cover some preliminary right of way expenses for highway in connection with securing the vacation of an overhead bridge at Auburn, and I shall be glad if you will honor such draft when presented for payment.

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY.

cc-Mr. F. W. Sweeney

*Voucher Reid and approved 12/21/25.  
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# Telegram—Be Brief

M.

St Paul Minn December 18 1925.

Geo T Reid  
Seattle Washington.

C. D. \_\_\_\_\_

R. W. C. \_\_\_\_\_

J. H. F. \_\_\_\_\_

E. M. W. \_\_\_\_\_

A. M. G. \_\_\_\_\_

Your wire seventeenth Have instructed Treasurer honor draft  
five hundred dollars expenses securing vacation overhead  
bridge Auburn.

Charles Donnelly





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R. W. C. ....

J. H. P. ....

M. W. ....

A. N. G. ....

Charles Donnelly

STPAUL

Am drawing draft for five hundred dollars to cover some preliminary right of way expenses for Highway in order to secure vacation overhead bridge ~~across~~ <sup>across</sup> Auburn Yards. Will you please direct treasurer to honor feel very confident we can secure vacation

Geo T Reid

117PM

PRESIDENTIAL  
FILE 75-3

At Chicago, Ill., December 5, 1925.

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My dear Judge Reid:

I have your personal letter of November 30 about the Auburn highway.

I have no hesitancy in authorizing you to incur an expenditure up to \$10,000.00, if by this means you can get the overhead viaduct vacated.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Geo. T. Reid,  
Vice President,  
Northern Pacific Ry Co.,  
Seattle, Wash.

*Personal*

Seattle, Wash., November 30, 1925

My dear Mr. Donnelly:

When we established the Auburn Yards, we found it necessary to get a highway vacated across the property and in order to secure its vacation we had to build an overhead crossing. This is the more southerly of the two over crossings. This crossing is now in a bad state of repair and the engineers advise that it will have to be rebuilt at a cost of about \$50,000.

In the hope of saving this very large expenditure I have been figuring around to see if we cannot satisfy all concerned by extending the highway that now runs north and south on the westerly side of our tracks a short distance south to where there is an undercrossing very close to the Stuck River.

I am in consultation with one of the county engineers who lives in Auburn and he thinks the matter can be brought about. I am working on the theory that I would be well justified in spending \$10,000 on this case because

*See 1628*



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the engineers say it will cost \$50,000 to rebuild the viaduct and we will still have it on our hands.

If we go ahead with this it will be desirable from a practical standpoint for the contract for grading the road to be let in an informal way. I would like your authority to spend the necessary money up to \$10,000, if I find we can get the overhead viaduct vacated by the County, and remove it. I would like to have your approval of this matter promptly if you do approve it and would like authority to draw drafts from time to time for the necessary expenditures.

Yours very truly,

*Geo. A. Reid*

Mr. Charles Donnelly, President,  
Northern Pacific Railway Company,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.



NOTED BY

C.D. ☒

R.W.C. ☒

L.M.P. ☒

J.H.P. ☒

A.M.S. ☒

PRESIDENTS  
File 75-3

St. Paul, Minn., April 20, 1923.



Mr. Charles Donnelly:

Referring to your letter of April 14, and returning voucher No. 31429, covering bill rendered by King County, Washington, in connection with undercrossing at Bridge 102-3, near Auburn:

I attach copy of letter Judge Reid has written Mr. Blanchard about this, under date of April 17, explaining the inclusion of the pavement charge in the bill, and Mr. Blanchard advises me that Judge Reid thinks the bill should be passed as rendered.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. M. Murphy".

Voucher approved  
4/23

COPY

Seattle, April 17, 1923.

Mr. E. C. Blanchard,  
General Manager.

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Dear Sir:

I have your letter of April 16th, quoting a telegram from Mr. Rapelje's office about an item of \$614.00 for paving under the bridge at Auburn.

The contract as drawn did not contemplate our participating in the expense of paving the road. Neither did it contemplate that the County should pay the expense of building the side walk. Both the sidewalk and pavement are shown on the map attached to the contract.

If we should object to paying the County's bill for paving the road because the contract does not specify it, they can and will object to paying any part of the expense of building the side walk for like reason and we should not therefore object to the paving of the road.

The way this matter got into its present form is this: The County started in with the excavating work and ruined the sidewalk undercrossing then existing. The City of Auburn began making a fuss about it and were going to demand a separate opening for the sidewalk. We clearly did not want to do this so we hurriedly arranged for the building of the sidewalk in the same opening the County was making for the highway. This will give us an opportunity to fill up the old sidewalk undercrossing whenever we build the permanent abutment to the bridge.

Your file return<sup>ed</sup>/herewith.

Yours truly,

Signed - Geo. T. Reid.

NOTED BY

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R.W.C. ☒  
L.M.P. ☒  
J.H.P. ☒  
A.W.G. ☒

PRESIDENTS  
FILE 75-3

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St. Paul, Minn., April 14, 1923.

A-3

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the attached voucher, Audit No. 31429, covering bill rendered by King County, Washington, in connection with undercrossing at Bridge 102-3, near Auburn:

While the contract is not quite clear, the correspondence leading up to it indicates that we were not to pay any of the cost of paving in connection with this work. I note that there is included in the bill some paving expense. Is this correct?

Yours truly,

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY

Mr. J. M. Rapelje,  
Vice President.

Encl.



NOTED BY  
C. D. ✓  
R. W. C. ✓  
L. M. P. ✓  
J. H. P. ✓  
A. M. G. ✓

PRESIDENTS  
File 75-3

St. Paul, Minn., October 19, 1921. 05

{ See Pres File  
# 1073 a - Letter  
9/27/21 for CD to H.B.

Dear Judge Reid:

I have your letter of October 10 and return herewith for delivery to King County, Washington, copy of agreement between the Railway Company and the County, covering the installation of an undercrossing at Auburn, Washington, which I have executed on behalf of the Railway Company.

The original of this agreement is being filed with the Assistant Secretary.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY.

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Mr. Geo. T. Reid,  
Asst. to the President,  
Tacoma, Washington.

cc-Mr. R. H. Relf:  
Mr. W. T. Tyler:



Tacoma, October 10, 1921

Mr. Charles Donnelly,

P r e s i d e n t,

St Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Donnelly:

I hand you herewith two copies of a proposed contract with King County relative to the installation of an undercrossing at Auburn. You will remember my having talked to you about this matter. We are of course to build the structure which supports our track and the plan contemplates temporary supports to be later converted into permanent supports, the County to participate to the extent of 60% in the cost of both the temporary and permanent work.

The County Engineer was slow in taking this matter up with us and it will be necessary to do some temporary work to support our track so that the contractor grading the highway can remove material from our embankment.

If satisfactory will you please execute and return one copy for the County?

Yours truly,

Leo. A. Rich

*WFE has been  
approved  
Meeting Ex Comm  
Oct 5, 1921.*

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Mr. Donnelly say signed  
you please have the bill  
and return proposed for the  
Donnelly's approval  
E. Rich*

PRESIDENTS

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NOTED BY

C. D. \_\_\_\_\_

R. W. C. \_\_\_\_\_

L. M. P. \_\_\_\_\_

J. H. P. \_\_\_\_\_

A. M. G. \_\_\_\_\_

Tacoma, October 5, 1921



MR. A. R. COOK:

While in Seattle today I called on the County Engineer relative to the Auburn crossing, and I initialed the contract as he had rewritten it which placed upon us the obligation of assuming 40% of the excavation.

I know of no principle that requires the County to accept more than 60% of the entire expense and think it is not diplomatic for us to claim that excavation or anything else reasonably connected with the building of the structure is not properly speaking a part of the cost, because more often than not we will want items of that kind included as costs.

Mr. Beeman was quite anxious that we should very promptly do the necessary work so as to enable the excavation to proceed as otherwise he will be in difficulties with his contractor. He admits they were very late in taking the matter up with us. I talked the situation over with Mr. Donnelly, whom I met in Seattle, and he agrees that it is right and proper to take our share of the excavation. If it is necessary for you to obtain emergency authority you can doubtless do so by wire.

Yours truly,

cc- Charles Donnelly, ✓  
E.C. Blanchard.

GEO. T. REID

St. Paul, Minn., March 11, 1914.

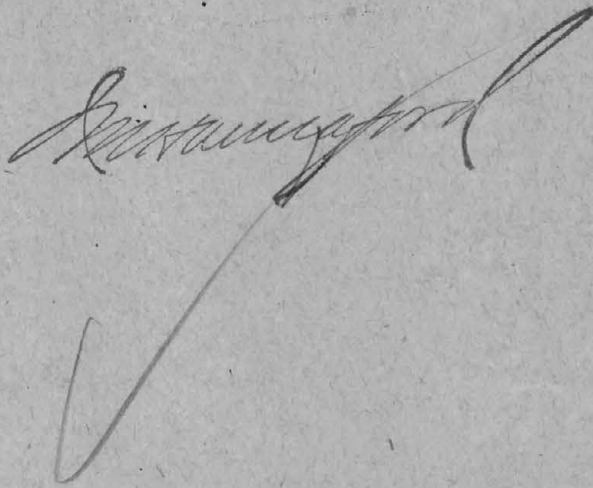
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Mr. Geo. T. Slade,  
First Vice President.

Referring to your letter of March 10th and  
returning correspondence about question of charges ac-  
count of overhead crossings at Auburn.

I agree with suggestions of yourself, Judge  
Reid and Mr. Blanchard, that it would not be proper to  
make a charge against the Great Northern for this work  
and matter should be handled on that basis.

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A handwritten signature, possibly "E. W. Anderson", is written in cursive. Below the signature is a large, simple checkmark.



St. Paul, March 10, 1914.

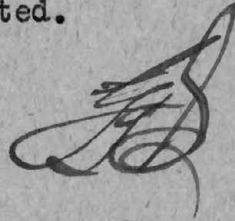
Mr. J. M. Hannaford:

I herewith enclose a letter from Mr. Blanchard, with letters written him by Messrs. Mayer and Reid, on the subject of the overhead crossings at Auburn.

The question is whether a proportion of the cost of these viaducts should be added to the valuation on which the Great Northern pays interest.

For the reasons given by Judge Reid and Mr. Blanchard, I feel that the Great Northern would have every right to protest against any addition to their rental on account of these structures, as they are only remotely of advantage to the Great Northern and were made necessary wholly because of our construction of the Auburn yard, which is an exclusive facility.

Your decision for the instruction of the Accounting Department is respectfully requested.



See file #1628



