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OFFICE OF President

FILE NO. 999-103

SUBJECT:

Purchase of additional property,  
Auburn, Wash. for industrial  
purposes.

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

PRESIDENTS  
File 999-103

St. Paul, Minn., May 10, 1927. A4

Mr. E. O. Parks,  
Auditor Disbursements.

Referring to Mr. Woker's conversation with  
Mr. Poore about treating as joint under the contract of  
July 1, 1909, the additional property which we have re-  
cently purchased at Auburn:

I enclose, for your information, a copy of my  
wire of the 9th instant to Judge Reid and a copy of his  
reply of the same date. This matter has also been con-  
sidered with Mr. Lyons and he concurs in Judge Reid's  
recommendation. You may, therefore, arrange to add the  
cost of this property to the valuation on which the  
Great Northern pays rental.

(Signed) R. W. CLARK.



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Seattle May 9 1927

Charles Donnelly

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C. B. ----- It seems quite clear to me that Great Northern should be given opport  
R. W. C. -----  
H. P. ----- unity to have property we are thinking of purchasing at Auburn consid  
W. -----  
D. -----  
G. -----  
the purchase as an addition to the property as a matter of course. If  
given opportunity they doubtless will come in but I would dislike to  
see idea prevail that on a piece of property of this kind it could  
come in now or later on. Doubtless it could come into a spur now  
or later on but I would not put that construction on a piece of  
warehouse property. I think it would be distinctly bad practice for  
us to buy property adjacent to our tracks and seek to treat it as  
exclusive property Tenant lines would doubtless have equal right



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and it might create very undesirable situation

Geo T Reid

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SA Paul Minn May 9 1927

Geo T Reid  
Seattle

J. H. P.

E. M. W.

F. W. D.

A. M. G.

Your letter October 26 last about purchase additional property at Auburn Question has been raised as to whether Great Northern should be given opportunity to have this property considered as joint under contract of July 1 nineteen nine. What are your views.

Charles Donnelly

cc-Mr. F. W. Sweney



NOTED

At Portland, Ore.,  
February 14, 1927.  
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C.D. ✓  
R.W.C. ✓  
J.H.P. ✓  
E.M.W. ✓  
F.W.D. ✓  
A.M.G. ✓

My dear Mr. Elliott:

Herewith third copy of Seattle Division Right of Way Department A.F.E. No. 825, covering the purchase of additional industrial property at Auburn, at a cost of \$7,425.00, all of which is chargeable to Capital Account.

Judge Reid and the operating and traffic department officers, in November last, strongly recommended the purchase of this property; and as it was desirable to take reasonably prompt action, I gave informal authority to complete the purchase.

Will you please obtain formal approval of the Executive Committee or Board?

It is not a budget item.

Yours very truly,

encl.

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY.

Mr. Howard Elliott, Chairman,  
Northern Pacific Ry Co.,  
34 Nassau Street, New York City.

Approved at meeting  
Executive Committee

Date 3-23-27.

NOTED BY

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

PRESIDENT:

File 999-103

St. Paul, Minn., November 17, 1926.  
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Mr. J. L. Watson,  
 Right of Way Commissioner.

I send you herewith my file, originating with Judge Reid's letter of October 30 and ending with Mr. Williamson's letter of November 15, about proposed purchase of a block of ground near our tracks at Auburn, Washington, as shown on the blue print contained in the file.

In view of the recommendations of Judge Reid and the operating and traffic department officers, you are authorized to arrange to purchase this property for not to exceed the sum of \$7400.00.

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY

Encl.

cc--

Mr. F. E. Williamson  
 Mr. J. G. Woodworth  
 Mr. Geo. T. Reid, Seattle.



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



St. Paul, Minn., November 15, 1926.

Mr. Charles Donnelly:

Referring to your letter of November 5th and returning file about proposed purchase of a block of ground near our tracks at Auburn:

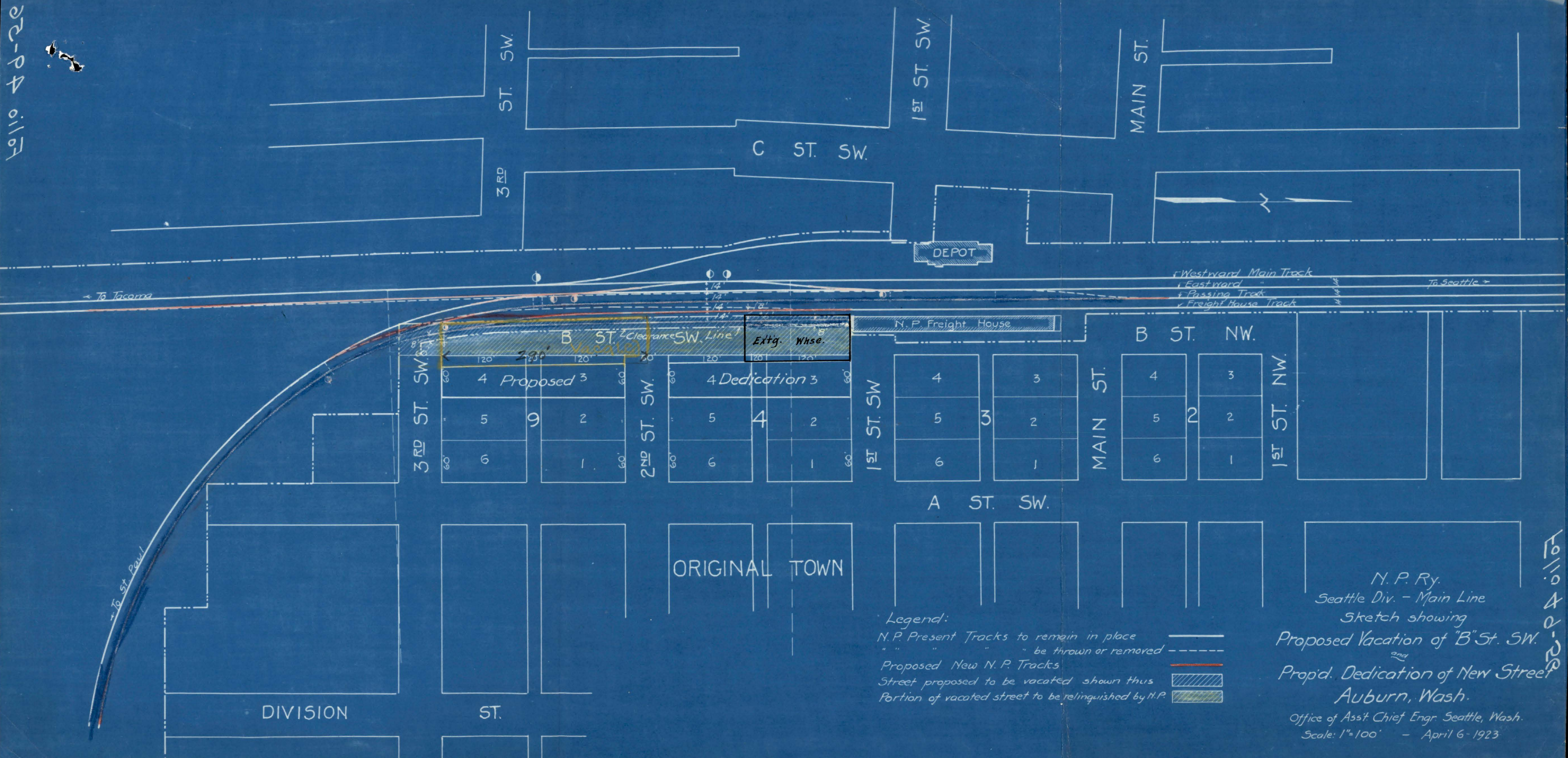
Mr. Stevens has furnished the attached print colored to show the property to be purchased and proposed location of tracks to serve same. The property is a direct continuation of our existing freight house property and is well adapted for industrial locations. It can be easily and cheaply served by trackage.

While we have no industries definitely in view, we have no sites in the vicinity of the depot, or close enough to the business district to place us in position to offer favorable locations to prospective industries and I, therefore, concur in the recommendation of our Engineering and Operating Department Officers that the property be purchased.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. B. Munson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "B".



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Legend:  
N.P. Present Tracks to remain in place  
" " " " be thrown or removed  
Proposed New N.P. Tracks  
Street proposed to be vacated shown thus  
Portion of vacated street to be relinquished by N.P.

N. P. Ry.  
Seattle Div. - Main Line  
Sketch showing  
Proposed Vacation of "B" St. SW.  
Prop'd. Dedication of New Street  
Auburn, Wash.  
Office of Asst. Chief Engr. Seattle, Wash.  
Scale: 1"=100' - April 6-1923

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✓ NOTED BY

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

PRESIDENT

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St. Paul, Minn., November 5, 1936.

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Mr. F. E. Williamson,  
Vice President.

With return of the attached file ending with Mr. Woodworth's letter of November 4 to me about proposed purchase of a block of ground near our tracks at Auburn, please let me have your views and recommendations.

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY. *dr*

Encl.

NOTED BY

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

St. Paul, November 4, 1926.



MR. CHARLES DONNELLY:

Returning Judge Reid's letter dated October 30 and other papers received with your letter of November 2, about proposed purchase of ground adjacent to our tracks at Auburn, Washington.

When I was in Seattle, Mr. Coman talked with me about the purchase of this ground. The district between Seattle and Tacoma is developing rapidly. The U.P. and CM&StP have made every effort to locate industries on their joint tracks and have been successful to the extent of getting several lettuce packing and shipping houses, including one at Auburn.

Auburn is a good location for us considered from Operating Department standpoint. Our position there is relatively strong and we are justified in doing everything possible to concentrate business at that point, but we have no available sites in the vicinity of our depot or anywhere close to the business district, and, as matter stands today, our competitors would get any new industries developed at that point.

Mr. Coman fully realizes the chance we are taking and understands the embarrassment we will suffer should we buy this land and make no use of it, but he and Mr. Williams are convinced that we ought to have it and I feel that I am justified in endorsing his recommendation that

Mr. Donnelly, #2.

it be purchased at price named, \$7400.00.

*Woodward*



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

PRESIDENTS  
FILE 999-103

11/9

St. Paul, Minn., November 2, 1926.  
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Mr. J. G. Woodworth,  
Vice President.

I send you herewith Judge Reid's original letter of October 30 to me, with blue print showing outlined in red certain property at Auburn, Washington, which he states the Traffic Department thinks we should purchase for industrial purposes.

With return of Judge Reid's letter please give me your views and recommendations.

(Signed) CHARLES DONNELLY. *CD*

Encl.

NOTES BY  
C. D. \_\_\_\_\_  
R. W. C. \_\_\_\_\_  
J. H. P. \_\_\_\_\_  
E. M. W. \_\_\_\_\_

Seattle, October 30, 1926



My dear Mr. Donnelly:

*ghw*

I enclose herewith a blue print of a part of Auburn, Washington, showing outlined in red a piece of property which the Traffic Department would like to have our company purchase with a view of having a desirable site or sites for future industries.

It is believed that this property can be bought for \$7400.00. Mr. V.E. Williams has made an investigation and reports that in his opinion that would be a reasonable price for the property, particularly when taking into consideration the fact that the tract of land has a frontage of 290 feet on a paved street and an equal frontage on our railroad track. The Traffic Department has not now any industry to locate on this property but feels that it is of great advantage to have property available so when the opportunity arises, a party may be located without danger of his getting away to some other company.

The Traffic Department has in mind the purchase of a small piece of property at Donald I believe in the

Mr. Charles Donnelly - 2

Yakima Valley, and in that case as in this, no industry is in sight to be located but it is felt that it is wise in both instances to be ready. I think myself that within the bounds of reason and prudence this is a good policy to follow. Of course, I am not submitting the Donald matter but am merely mentioning it in order that you will understand that this is not an isolated case and that others of a similar nature may be presented to you.

I have no hesitancy in joining in the recommendation that the property be acquired.

Yours truly,



cc - W.E.Coman  
V.E.Williams

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