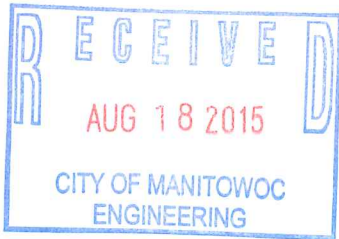


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Enclosure (photos of the road)

## Greg Minikel

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**From:** Greg Minikel  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2015 12:14 PM  
**To:** David Soeldner; James Brey - D4  
**Cc:** Greg Minikel; Dan Koski; Sonja Birr; Randy Junk  
**Subject:** FW: Waldo Blvd Complaint

Hi Dave,

Normally, this type of complaint/issue would be taken care of at our discretion. However, since this is Waldo Blvd. and it is scheduled for 2019 reconstruction, we were looking for the Committee to decide if we should be spending any maintenance funds to make some pavement repairs on a street that is scheduled for reconstruction.

As we all know, there are many other bad joints along Waldo Blvd. This is the only one currently that we have received a complaint on. Our concern is once we fix one, more complaints will roll in.

The rubberized railroad crossing does have some problems, but it appears to me that the bad pavement joints are creating a lot more of the noise that she is complaining about compared to the RR track crossing.

Since this area of the railroad tracks is out of service, I doubt that the railroad is going to be very receptive to doing anything with this crossing.

We should probably keep this item on the agenda, so that the Committee can take action on Ms. Pozoski's letter.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** David Soeldner  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 7:15 AM  
**To:** Sonja Birr; James Brey - D4  
**Cc:** Dan Koski; Greg Minikel  
**Subject:** RE: Waldo Blvd Complaint

Hi Sonja,

I'm not 100% convinced that this is an issue that needs committee discussion or action (other than placing the complaint on file). It does look to me to be a maintenance issue that would be at the discretion of the staff. . . Unless separate capital funds are needed, in which case it would need committee action. Please advise on this issue, Dan and Greg.

Is the rubber mat that surrounds the RR tracks the responsibility of the CN (which I'm guessing) or the City? If it is the CN, can we get in touch with them to see if they can repair it. Would committee action be needed to initiate this?

Thanks,

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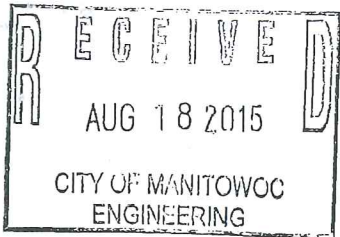
**From:** Sonja Birr  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 3:43 PM  
**To:** David Soeldner; James Brey - D4  
**Cc:** Dan Koski; Greg Minikel  
**Subject:** Waldo Blvd Complaint

Dave,

Just looking for permission to place this on the Public Infrastructure Committee Agenda.

Thanks!

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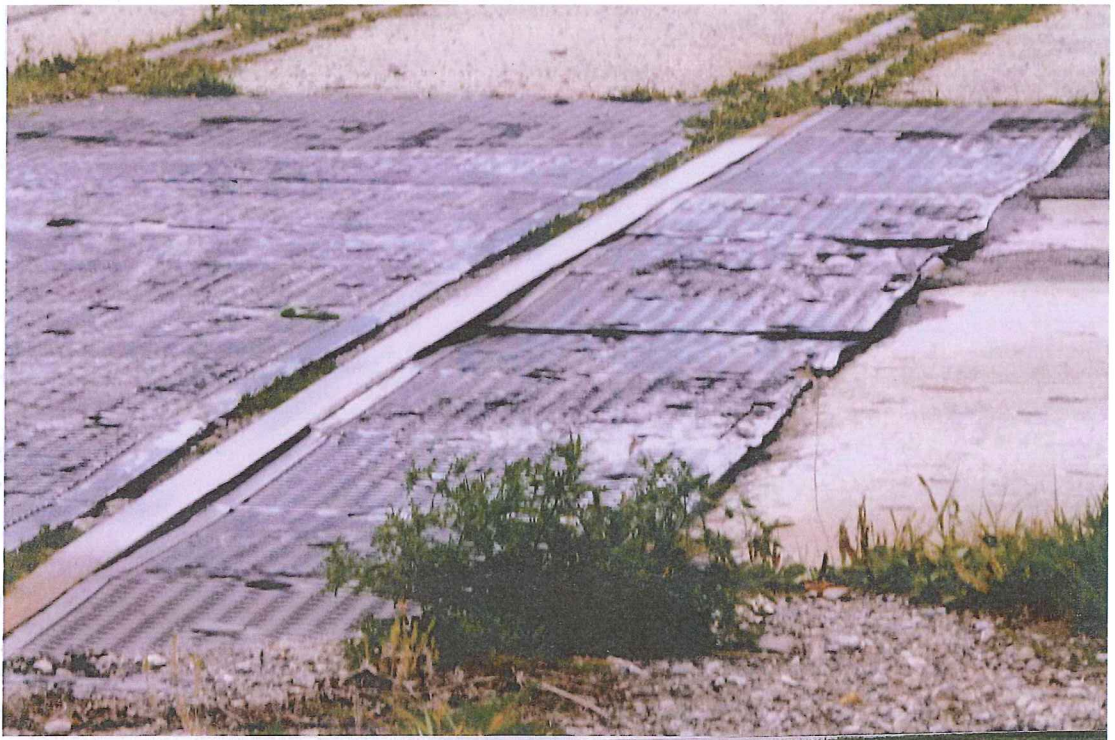
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