

City of Blaine, MN

TH 65 Improvements Project – FY 2023 Community Project Funding

Rep. Tom Emmer

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April 12, 2022

The Honorable Tom Emmer
United States House of Representatives
315 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: TH 65 Improvements Project – FY 2023 Community Project Funding

Dear Representative Emmer:

The City of Blaine requests your support for our request for \$4 million in Community Project Funding for the City's Trunk Highway 65 Improvements Project at 99th Avenue. This project will add a grade separated interchange on TH 65 that will improve local traffic circulation and bicycle/pedestrian access and safety across and along the corridor.

The community's vision for the TH 65 corridor is one of improved vehicle mobility, greater safety, and access and mobility. The current TH65 corridor configuration creates a significant barrier within our community, dividing our residents living on the west side from the goods, services, and employment on the east side. It has been a constant impediment for public safety such as Police, Fire, and Ambulance services to quickly respond as needed through our community. The project, which will combine federal, state, and local funds, will address these issues and significantly improve the lives of the citizens of Blaine as well as our visitors.

We would greatly appreciate your support for our Community Project Funding request, and we thank you for all of your hard work and dedication on our behalf in Washington.

Sincerely,

Tim Sanders, Mayor
City of Blaine, MN



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April 1, 2022

Joe MacPherson
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Anoka County Highway Department
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RE: Letter of Support for CSAH 12 Corridor Improvements

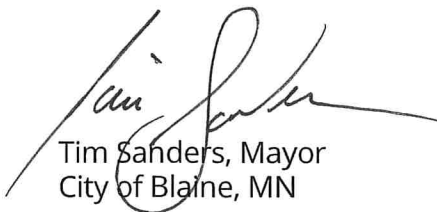
Dear Mr. MacPherson,

This letter documents the City of Blaine's support for Anoka County's funding request to the Metropolitan Council for the 2022 Regional Solicitation for 2026-2027 funding for the expansion of CSAH 12 (109th Avenue) to four lanes from CSAH 52 (Radisson Road) to CSAH 17 (Lexington Avenue).

Blaine looks forward to continued cooperation with Anoka County as this project moves forward and as we work together to improve travel mobility and safety.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please reach out to Jon Haukaas, Director of Public at 763-785-6167 or jhaukaas@blainemn.gov

Sincerely,



Tim Sanders, Mayor
City of Blaine, MN



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RE: Letter of Support for TH 65 Intersection Improvements in Blaine

The City of Blaine would like to express its strong support for the Trunk Highway 65 Intersection Improvement Project within the City of Blaine that implements the plans and vision developed through the recently completed TH65 Planning and Environmental Linkages Study (TH 65 PEL). This study examined a range of cost-effective roadway alternatives to address capacity, access, mobility and safety issues between Bunker Lake Blvd. (CSAH 116) in Ham Lake and CSAH 10/Mounds View Blvd. in Spring Lake Park.

MnDOT Trunk Highway (TH) 65 in Blaine is a 4-lane divided principal arterial with approximately 40,000-60,000 vehicles per day in an area that is primarily residential/retail. Previous studies in the area have identified safety and operational deficiencies along TH 65 and proposals have been made to convert TH 65 to a controlled-access freeway system. The February 2017 Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study showed four at-grade intersections as high needs along the corridor.

The proposed project addresses the concerns identified above and is consistent with long-term plans for the corridor referenced above. The project will construct improved access points on Minnesota Trunk Highway 65 at CSAH 12 (109th Ave NE), 105th Avenue NE, and east and west side frontage road improvements. It provides new connectivity within the city and region and provides alternatives for pedestrians and bicyclists.

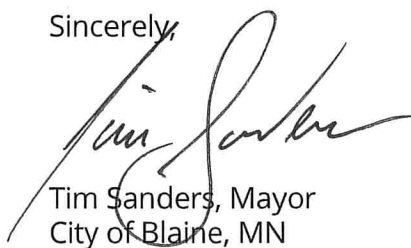
The purpose of the TH 65 corridor improvement project is to improve motorized traffic flow along and across TH 65 by decreasing average travel times and reducing delays, reduce crash frequencies along the corridor, and create an environment where pedestrians and bicyclists are safe and are able to conveniently access destinations across and along the TH 65 corridor safely. The improved mobility will benefit commuters, freight haulers, emergency responders, and local traffic to access both sides of the corridor. Creating these conditions will better connect residents and businesses on opposite sides of the

corridor, resulting in a more cohesive community.

To address the traffic and safety issues in this area, The City of Blaine supports Anoka County seeking funding for this construction project. To date, the city and county have made significant progress in moving this project forward towards construction. Completion will require support from State, Federal, County, and City agencies to deliver this project. The city is eager to continue the momentum by working with partners to secure the necessary funding and deliver the improvements.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please reach out to Jon Haukaas, Director of Public at 763-785-6167 or jhaukaas@blainemn.gov

Sincerely,

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Tim Sanders, Mayor
City of Blaine, MN



Blaine Police Department

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April 11, 2022

Mr. Joe MacPherson
Division Manager/County Engineer
Anoka County Transportation Division
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RE: Trunk Highway 65 Corridor Improvements
Blaine, MN

Dear Mr. MacPherson:

We would like to express our strong support for the proposed Trunk Highway (TH) 65 corridor improvements within the City of Blaine. As a vested member of this community, we depend upon this vital transportation corridor to support our businesses, residents, and visitors. We are the primary emergency service provider for the Highway 65 corridor within Blaine. Every day we respond to incidents on Highway 65, including many personal injury and property damage crashes. The traffic volume delays emergency vehicle response and creates additional substantial congestion.

Highway 65's daily traffic volume surpasses that of 35W and is the only 4 lane North-South principal arterial roadway through Anoka County, going from Minneapolis to Canada. Six of the seven signalized intersections here on Highway 65 were rated as high priority for high-capacity at grade improvements or grade separations, with the 7th being medium priority. It additionally serves several high profile locations within Blaine with millions of visitors, including the National Sports Center, Airport, and the Tournament Players Club Golf Course, home to the 3M PGA Tour Stop.

To date, MnDOT, Anoka County, and the cities of Blaine, Ham Lake, and Spring Lake Park have made significant progress in moving this project forward towards construction. We support the continued momentum by working with partners to secure the necessary funding to deliver these important improvements.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please reach out to me at 763-785-6196 or via email at bpodany@blainemn.gov

Sincerely,

Brian Podany
Safety Services Director / Chief of Police



Office of the Sheriff

ANOKA COUNTY
SHERIFF JAMES STUART

April 8, 2022

Mr. Joe MacPherson
Division Manager/County Engineer
Anoka County Transportation Division
1440 Bunker Lake Blvd NW
Andover, MN 55304

RE: Trunk Highway 65 Corridor Improvements
Blaine, MN

Dear Mr. MacPherson:


The Anoka County Sheriff's Office would like to express our strong support for the proposed Trunk Highway (TH) 65 corridor improvements within the City of Blaine. As one of the emergency responders of this community, we depend upon this vital transportation corridor to support traffic safety for our residents and visitors.

The proposed improvements were thoroughly vetted through a recently completed, comprehensive TH 65 Planning and Environmental Linkages Study (TH 65 PEL). The study was led by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in collaboration with Anoka County, the City of Blaine, the City of Ham Lake, the City of Spring Lake Park, various community groups, and the Federal Highway Administration. The TH 65 PEL examined a range of cost-effective roadway alternatives to address safety, reliability, access, multimodal mobility, and congestion between 81st Avenue in the City of Spring Lake Park and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 116 in the City of Ham Lake.

To date, MnDOT, Anoka County, and the cities of Blaine, Ham Lake, and Spring Lake Park have made significant progress in moving this project forward towards construction. We support the continued momentum to deliver these important improvements that will help keep individuals on our roads safe.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please reach out to me at 763-324-5010 or sheriff@co.anoka.mn.us.

Sincerely,


Sheriff James Stuart
Anoka County Sheriff's Office





March 4, 2021

Senator Jerry Newton
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2403
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Regional Support for Highway 65 99th Avenue Reconstruction Project ([SF1679](#))

Dear Senator Newton,

The North Metro Mayors Association (NMMA) supports SF1679 (Newton) which provides funding for intersection reconstruction on Trunk Highway 65 at 99th Avenue in Blaine.

NMMA member cities recognize the regional significance of Highway 65 for the efficient movement of people and commerce in and out of the region. Approving funding for the reconstruction of the intersection at 99th Avenue is part of a larger vision for improving the efficiency and safety of Highway 65 as a regional corridor.

Congestion and safety issues on Highway 65 are a north metro region concern as well as a statewide concern. In addition to local commuters, goods, and services that travel through the corridor on a daily basis, the most-visited sports facility in the state, the National Sports Center, draws millions of visitors each year to events in Blaine and Highway 65. Providing funding for reconstruction of the 99th Avenue intersection on Highway 65 is crucial for safety and efficiency of the region and state.

Representing cities with a combined population of more than 450,000 Minnesota residents, NMMA is a collaboration of 15 north metro cities plus community partners working together to encourage private and public investments in the northern suburbs. NMMA member cities include Andover, Anoka, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Circle Pines, Coon Rapids, Dayton, Fridley, Maple Grove, Mounds View, New Brighton, New Hope, Ramsey, and Spring Lake Park.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jerry Koch
City of Coon Rapids
NMMA President

Mayor Ryan Karasek
City of Champlin
NMMA Vice-President

Mayor Kathi Hemken
City of New Hope
Former President



April 11, 2022

Mr. Joe MacPherson, Division Manager/County Engineer
Anoka County Transportation Division
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RE: Trunk Highway 65 Corridor Improvements

Dear Mr. MacPherson:

We would like to express our strong support for the proposed Trunk Highway (TH) 65 corridor improvements within the City of Blaine. Hwy 65 is critical to the City of East Bethel's transportation needs and we depend upon this vital highway corridor to support our businesses, residents, and visitors.

We are aware that the proposed improvements were thoroughly vetted through a recently completed, comprehensive TH 65 Planning and Environmental Linkages Study (TH 65 PEL). The study was led by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in collaboration with Anoka County, the City of Blaine, the City of Ham Lake, the City of Spring Lake Park, various community groups, and the Federal Highway Administration. The TH 65 PEL examined a range of cost-effective roadway alternatives to address safety, reliability, access, multimodal mobility, and congestion between 81st Avenue in the City of Spring Lake Park and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 116 in the City of Ham Lake. We recognize that improvements to this section of TH Highway 65 are crucial to address the congestion and traffic capacity issues experienced by all Cities along this major transportation route.

To date, MnDOT, Anoka County, and the cities of Blaine, Ham Lake, and Spring Lake Park have made significant progress in moving this project forward towards construction. We support the continued momentum by working with our North Trunk Highway 65 Corridor Coalition partners to secure the necessary funding to deliver these important improvements.

Sincerely,



Steven Voss, Mayor
City of East Bethel

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1710 County Highway 10 NE
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April 11, 2022

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please reach out to me at 763-355-7849 @ via email at dretka@sbmfire.org

Sincerely,

Daniel D Retka
Fire Chief Spring Lake Park, Blaine, Mounds view Fire Department (SBMFD)

METRONORTH

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 7, 2022

Mr. Joe MacPherson
Division Manager/County Engineer
Anoka County Transportation Division
1440 Bunker Lake Blvd NW
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Jon Haukaas, PE
Director of Public Works
City of Blaine
1801 101ST Ave NE
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RE: Trunk Highway 65 Corridor Improvements
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Dear Mr. MacPherson and Mr. Haukaas:

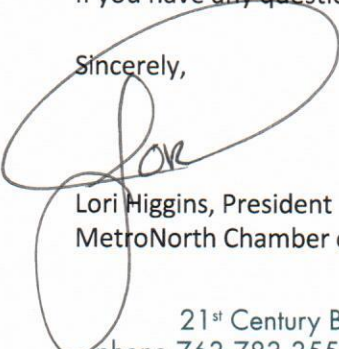
On behalf of the MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce, we wish to express our strong support for the proposed Trunk Highway (TH) 65 corridor improvements within the City of Blaine. As a vested member of this community, representing hundreds of businesses and organizations throughout Anoka County, we depend upon this vital transportation corridor to support our businesses, residents, and visitors.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at lori@metronorthchamber.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Lori Higgins, President
MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce



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Division Manager/County Engineer
Anoka County Transportation Division
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If you have any questions or require additional information, please reach out to me at (763)458-6618 or nladd@nscsports.org

Sincerely,

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Neil Ladd, Deputy Executive Director
National Sports Center



April 7, 2022

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Division Manager/County Engineer
Anoka County Transportation Division
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If you have any questions or require additional information, please reach out to me at 612-385-3825 or jhines@3mopen.com.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Hines
Asst. Tournament Director
3M Open