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Application

1. To be considered for Community Project Funding, the project or associated organization cannot in any way benefit Congressman Emmer or his immediate family financially. Sign here to confirm you have fully read and understood.

City of St. Cloud

2. Organization Name:

City of St. Cloud

3. Requesting Organization Contact Information (Name, Affiliation, Email, Contact Number):

*Matthew Staehling, City Administrator
City of St. Cloud
Matthew.staehling@ci.stcloud.mn.us
320-650-3101*

4. Requesting Organization Mailing Address:

*City of St. Cloud – City Hall
1201 7th Street South
St. Cloud, MN 56301*

5. Requesting Organization Website:

www.ci.stcloud.mn.us

6. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the total cost of the project or program, including all prior funding sources (both public and private), as well as any amounts that remain unfunded. Not including federal dollars, how will you fund the remaining project costs?

Total Project Cost = \$35M

- *Road Extension = \$9M*
- *Sewer Improvements = \$26M*
- *Community Project Funding Program Request = \$17 M.*
- *Local Funding: \$18 M (e.g., regional local sales tax, public improvement funding, utility funds).*

7. Are there any known or anticipated community concerns associated with this project or program (e.g. conflict with land use, neighborhood concerns, etc.) that could prevent it from moving forward?:

The City's 2015 Comprehensive Plan identifies the Heatherwood Road connection to Opportunity Drive as a vital corridor for regional commerce. A 2016 corridor study was completed to engage local stakeholders and affected property owners in evaluation of corridor improvement alternatives. The City of St. Cloud completed a State of Minnesota Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) in 2017 concluding that sufficient information exists regarding potential impacts and their mitigation through project permitting and design. Local stakeholders have been engaged throughout these community planning and preliminary implementation actions and remain supportive of the Heatherwood Road extension as indicated by the attached letters of support and recent communication with city officials.

8. Please list any stakeholders who support this request:

*St. Cloud Opportunities
Greater St. Cloud Development
Corporation
Associated Wholesale Grocers*

*Coborns Inc.
City of Sartell
City of St Augusta
City of Foley*

9. Please indicate the impact of this request on Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District, as well as any other comments/miscellaneous information:

This project will complete a vital arterial corridor that encourages employment related development and reduces reliance of local traffic on Interstate 94. The City of St. Cloud has committed significant local resources to facilitate commercial and industrial development parallel and adjacent to Interstate 94. Existing businesses adjacent to the corridor employ over 3,000 workers with plans for continued expansion. More than 200 acres remain available for further job creation and urban infill development, yet have lagged behind regional market demand given the limited access for suppliers, public safety, and general commerce trips due to the lack of a road connection between the I 94 Business Park and urban core. The Opportunity Drive interchange has untapped capacity to aid in reducing the traffic volumes at the struggling interchange of I 94 and Stearns County Road 75. The extension of Heatherwood Road will facilitate safe and efficient movement of more than 8,000 business generated vehicle and freight trips per day and complete the Beaver Island Trail along the 3.3 mile corridor.

The project will also result in replacement of the critical three-mile regional force main sewer system that services the communities of St. Cloud, Sartell, Waite Park, Sauk Rapids, St. Joseph, St. Augusta, and will serve the City of Foley in 2022. A significant segment of the three-mile long dual pipe sewer force main system is installed directly below the Heatherwood Road extension. This critical sewer system constructed in 1974 is experiencing significant increases in failures and is in need of replacement. The sewer system conveys wastewater from the urbanized area of the seven communities to the state-of-the-art operation at St. Cloud's Wastewater Treatment Facility.

10. Community Letters of Support and Other Supporting Materials: Please condense all documents into one PDF, starting with a table of contents. Please email the PDF

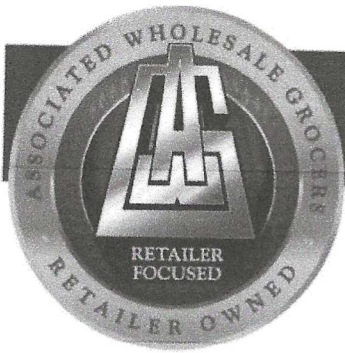
Community letters of support and supporting materials have been emailed.



St. Cloud Regional Forcemain Replacement & Heatherwood Road Project

Total Project Cost - \$35 Million

- **Regional Forcemain Replacement**
 - Critical Sewer System that Includes Wastewater from Seven Cities
 - Aging infrastructure
 - Portion of System is Installed Directly Below the Heatherwood Road Extension
- **Heatherwood Road Extension is an Arterial Corridor Connecting Economic Opportunities**
 - 194 Safety & Congestion Relief
 - Job creation



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April 12, 2022

Mayor Dave Kleis
City of St. Cloud, Minnesota
400 2nd Street South
St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301

RE: Heatherwood Road and St. Cloud Area Metro Sewer System Replacement Project Funding Request

Mayor Kleis,

This letter is sent in support of the City of St. Cloud's request for federal funds to connect Heatherwood Road with I94 and replace the adjacent St. Cloud Area Metro Sewer System.

The Heatherwood Road and St. Cloud Area Metro Sewer System Replacement Project consists of a Heatherwood Road extension between County Road 75 and I94/Opportunity Drive to ease traffic congestion, improve safety and access. The project will also replace a critical failing sewer system component that serves the cities of St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, St. Joseph and Foley.

We are supportive of this application given the significant impact to our communities and adjacent businesses and land owners. The project will provide economic growth for the region, it would increase efficiency of delivery of supplies, increase the reliability of sewer services and reduce the impact of the rate increases for sewer services provided for our residents and customers.

Please submit this support letter along with the City's funding request for the Heatherwood Road improvements.

Sincerely,

Joel Riggs,
Associate Wholesale Grocers, Inc.
Executive Director, Corporate Retail

April 13, 2022

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St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301

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Dear Mr. Mayor,

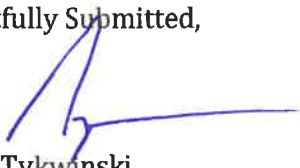
We would like to express our support for the City of St. Cloud's request for federal funds to connect Heatherwood Road with I94 and replace the adjacent St. Cloud Area Metro Sewer System.

This project consists of an important extension of Heatherwood Road between County Road 75 and I94/Opportunity Drive. This extension will ease traffic congestion and make improvements to safety and access in the area.

This extension is also essential for business growth and opportunity in the area. In 2015, we finished construction on our Corporate Support Center, located just off of Heatherwood Road in St. Cloud. We have 225 employees working from this office and we look forward to growing our employee family in this location. We are currently anticipating the completion of the 330,000 square foot Associated Wholesale Grocers warehouse on Opportunity Drive. This warehouse is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2022 and the extension of Heatherwood Road to Opportunity Drive/I94 will safely and efficiently connect our team here at the office with our grocery supplier.

When our company made the decision to invest in a corporate office in this location, the Heatherwood Road extension and connection to Opportunity Drive/I94 was a major factor. We look forward to the completion of this project and sincerely hope that it is made possible with federal funds.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nathan Tykwinski
Vice President of Retail Services



April 12, 2022

Mayor Dave Kleis
City of St. Cloud, Minnesota
1201 – 7th Street South
St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301

RE: Heatherwood Road and St. Cloud Area Metro Sewer System Replacement Project Funding Request

Dear Mayor Kleis,

This letter is offered in support of and advocacy for the City of St. Cloud's request for federal funds for a portion of the cost required to connect Heatherwood Road with I94 and replace the adjacent metro-area sewer forcemain system.

The Heatherwood Road extension and forcemain improvements are vital to enhancing economic development opportunities, easing traffic congestion, improving safety and expanding access. Importantly, the forcemain improvements will replace a critical failing sewer system component that serves the cities of St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, St. Joseph and Foley.

We are highly supportive of this application given the significant impact to our communities and adjacent businesses and landowners. The project will provide economic growth for the region, increase efficiency of delivery of supplies, increase the reliability of sewer services and serve to reduce the scope and resulting impact from rate increases that would otherwise be necessitated for services provided to metro area sewer service customers.

We respectfully request that you submit this letter of support along with the City's federal funding request for the Heatherwood Road extension and metro area sewer forcemain improvements.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Bryan Myres, consisting of a stylized 'B' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Bryan Myres
GSDC Board Chair

A blue ink signature of Patti Gartland, written in a cursive style.

Patti Gartland
GSDC President



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400 2nd Street South
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Sincerely,

Christopher J. Rice
President/CEO



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April 12, 2022

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400 2nd Street South
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Please submit this support letter along with the City's funding request for the Heatherwood Road improvements.

Sincerely,

Steve Feneis
President
St. Cloud Opportunities



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April 13, 2022

RE: Heatherwood Road and St. Cloud Area Metro Sewer System Replacement
Project Funding Request

The Heatherwood Road and St. Cloud Area Metro Sewer System Replacement Project consists of the extension of Heatherwood Road to ease traffic congestion, improve safety, provide for enhanced mobility and efficiency of supplies, and would replace a critical failing sewer system component that serves a large regional area, including the cities of St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, St. Joseph and Foley.

The City of Sartell is supportive of this the application being submitted for this project as the impact to our community would be significant. It will provide economic growth for the region, it would increase efficiency of delivery of supplies, increase the reliability of sewer services and reduce the impact of the rate increases for sewer services provided for our residents and customers.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Gruber".

City Administrator

City of Sartell

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April 12, 2022

RE: Heatherwood Road and St. Cloud Area Metro Sewer System Replacement Project Funding Request

To Whom it May Concern:

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The City of St. Augusta is supportive of this the application being submitted for this project as the impact to our community would be significant. It will provide economic growth for the region, it would increase efficiency of delivery of supplies, increase the reliability of sewer services and reduce the impact of the rate increases for sewer services provided for our residents and customers.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Zenzen
Mayor
City of St. Augusta

MAYOR
Mike Zenzen

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
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The City of Foley is supportive of this the application being submitted for this project as the impact to our community would be significant. It will provide economic growth for the region, it would increase efficiency of delivery of supplies, increase the reliability of sewer services and reduce the impact of the rate increases for sewer services provided for our residents and customers.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Mayor Gerard L. Bettendorf
City of Foley