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Saint Paul, MN 55155**

April 14, 2021

The Honorable Tom Emmer
United States House of Representatives
9201 Quaday Avenue Northeast, Suite 206
Otsego, MN 55330

Re: Letter for Congressional Interest for Community or Member Directed Projects

Dear Representative Emmer:

This letter is in reference to the Interstate 94 Gap project from Albertville to Monticello in Wright County. This is a locally led project on MnDOT's Trunk Highway System. This project includes reconstructing I-94 westbound travel lanes to include the addition of a third 12-foot-wide westbound travel lane. A typical section would include three 12-foot travel lanes, a 10-foot paved outside shoulder and a paved inside shoulder varying from 4 to 10 feet. The project generally widens I-94 toward the center median, with exceptions at the east and west end transitions. High-tension cable median barrier will be installed as a temporary safety measure until the eastbound lanes are expanded and a concrete median barrier is installed.

Currently, the estimated construction cost is \$57 Million for westbound lanes only. MnDOT currently does not have this project included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). MnDOT's 10-year Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP) includes a preservation project at this time; full expansion project funding is not secured.

MnDOT is committed to partnering with the I-94 Corridor Coalition as we develop this project and explore other funding opportunities. MnDOT looks forward to continued cooperation with the I-94 Corridor Coalition as this effort moves forward to improve this transportation need.

Thank you for your interest and support to improve Minnesota's transportation system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Margaret Anderson Kelliher'.

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Transportation

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