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March 4, 2024

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

Re: Trunk Highway 65 East Frontage Road – FY 2025 Community Project Funding

Dear Representative Emmer:

The City of Ham Lake requests your support for our request for \$900,000 in Community Project Funding for the East Frontage Road located along Trunk Highway (TH) 65 North of 171st Avenue. This project will add a connection that will complete one of the two missing frontage road segments between 169th Avenue and Viking Boulevard (CSAH 22). The addition of the frontage road will improve local traffic circulation and bicycle/pedestrian access and safety across and along the corridor, while at the same time providing the ability for new economic development.

The community's vision for the TH 65 corridor is one of improved vehicle mobility, greater safety and access. The current TH 65 corridor configuration creates a significant barrier within our community, dividing our residents living on the east side from the goods, services, and employment on the west 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 Ham Lake 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,

Brian Kirkham
Mayor City of Ham Lake

RESOLUTION NO. 24-09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A FEDERAL FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE TRUNK HIGHWAY 65 EAST FRONTAGE ROAD FROM 171ST AVENUE NE TO 334 FEET SOUTH OF CROSTOWN BOULEVARD NE (CSAH 18)

WHEREAS, Minnesota Trunk Highway 65 is a principal arterial route that provides an important north-south transportation connection in Anoka County, and,

WHEREAS, traffic volumes on Minnesota Trunk Highway 65 have been increasing over the past decade and are expected to continue to increase in the future as the cities in and around the roadway continue to grow, and,

WHEREAS, existing and future traffic volumes are such that safety is a concern at intersections and along some segments of the corridor, and,

WHEREAS, existing and future traffic volumes are such that congestion is and will continue to negatively impact the ability of the corridor to move traffic, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has identified this corridor as needing safety and capacity improvements, and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the City of Ham Lake have worked together in the past to make capacity and safety improvements to other segments of Trunk Highway 65 to serve long-term growth and development along the corridor, and,

WHEREAS, The City of Ham Lake has already received funding for the Trunk Highway 65 East Frontage Road north of 171st Avenue NE from the MnDOT Local Participation Program, the Coon Creek Watershed Cost Share Program, and from the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and,

WHEREAS, The Trunk Highway 65 East Frontage Road north of 171st Avenue NE is also known as the Crosstown Business Park, and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAM LAKE, MINNESOTA:

Such improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible as detailed in the feasibility report.

That the City of Ham Lake supports preparing and submitting an application for East Frontage Road to the FY 2025 Community Project Funding

Adopted by the Ham Lake City Council this 4th day of March, 2024


Denise Webster, City Clerk


Brian Kirkham, Mayor

September 3, 2021

Tom Collins
City Engineer
13635 Johnson Street NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304

Re: Successful Request for FY 2023 Metro Local Partnership Program Funding
TH 65 access improvements with construction of new frontage road in the City of Ham Lake.
Control Section (CS) # 0208

Dear Mr. Collins,

I am writing to inform you of the decision reached by the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Metro Local Partnership Program Selection Committee regarding the above referenced project. Your project was one of those selected from the 11 candidate projects submitted for consideration. The offer is for \$710,000, which includes money for State-funding eligible construction and up to 8% of the eligible construction amount for Construction Engineering.

The award is for TH 65 access improvements with construction of new frontage road. The funds are intended to construct a project as outlined in your proposal and may be used to supplement other applicable state and local funds being applied towards the project.

The referenced funding amount is the total amount of MnDOT Metro Local Partnership Program (LPP) funding available for this project for Fiscal Year 2023. LPP funds can only be used for construction items that can be justified in accordance with the MnDOT Cost Participation Policy. If the cost of eligible items falls below this maximum amount, the funds awarded will be reduced to match the cost of the eligible items. A copy of the MnDOT Cost Participation Policy can be viewed at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/policy/financial/fm011.html>.

If this funding is accepted by your agency, you will be expected to provide project plans and specifications to my office that conform to the MnDOT Trunk Highway design format. The *Municipal Agreement Program Plan Preparation, Design and Construction Guide* will be useful in project development and can be viewed at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/stateaid/greenbook2015.pdf>. The project plans and specifications will be reviewed and commented on by MnDOT functional groups and by Central Office. We will provide the LPP process information upon request. All costs for Right-of-Way acquisition, Utility Relocation (as applicable) and Preliminary Engineering are the responsibility of the local agency. In addition, you will be required to request a *Historical/Archeological Review* through the State Aid website: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid/environmental-forms.html> (under "Required Forms.")

A Cooperative Construction Agreement will be written by MnDOT's Office of Technical Support and must be fully executed prior to award of the project. To receive the funds, this project must be let by June 30, 2023. After that date the money may be unavailable to our office.

Tom Collin
September 3, 2021
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Please reply by letter or email by **September 17, 2021** if the City of Chanhassen would like to accept this funding. The written confirmation should include acceptance of the conditions of Right-of-Way, Utility Relocation and Design along with the funding level proposed and a tentative project schedule. If funding is accepted by the City, a project kickoff meeting will be set up before project plan development starts.

If you have any questions about the selection process or funding situation please let me know.

Sincerely,



Justin Attipou
Local Partnership Project Manager
Metro State Aid

ecopy: Melissa Barnes, MnDOT Area Engineer
Jennifer Wiltgen, MnDOT Area Manager
Ashley Roup, MnDOT Traffic Support Area Manager
Denise Webster, City of Ham Lake