



March 16, 2026

City of Sauk Rapids
250 Summit Avenue North
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

RE: Letter of Support-City of Sauk Rapids Improvements to CSAH 1 & Storm St. NE (Mayhew Creek Park/North High School entrance)

Dear City Administrator Ross Olson,

Sauk Rapids-Rice Public Schools is pleased to support the City of Sauk Rapids in their effort to pursue funds to reconstruct the intersection of CSAH 1 and Storm St. NE with a roundabout, reconstruct Storm St. NE road extending to Mayhew Creek Regional Park, and our north entrance to the High School and future Early Childhood and Community Center, along with the construction of pedestrian, lighting and utility improvements. With the collaboration between the City and School District in shared usage of the regional park for recreational purposes and with our future Early Childhood and Community Center (2026-2027 construction), improvements to the intersection and Storm St. NE roadway are needed.

Sauk Rapids-Rice Public Schools sees this project as a need for the Sauk Rapids community and greater St. Cloud area. Thank you for your support for the Sauk Rapids community.

Sincerely,



Bradley D. Bergstrom
School Superintendent
Sauk Rapids-Rice Public Schools



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Ross Olson, Sauk Rapids City Administrator
250 Summit Avenue North
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

RE: Letter of Support for CSAH 1 and Storm St. NE Improvements

Dear Mr. Olson,

We understand that the City of Sauk Rapids is pursuing federal funding for improvements to CSAH 1 and Storm St. NE, including converting the intersection into a roundabout, reconstructing Storm St. NE, and completing pedestrian, lighting, and utility improvements. Benton County is pleased to submit this letter of support in the city's effort to pursue funds to complete the improvements.

Benton County, the City of Sauk Rapids, the Sauk Rapids-Rice School District, and the St. Cloud Area Planning Organization completed the Mayhew Lake Road (CSAH 1) Corridor Access and Safety Study in January 2023. The study evaluated CSAH 1 and identified safety improvements, including a roundabout at CSAH 1/Storm St. NE as the crash rate at that intersection is above the average crash rate for comparable intersections.

If the City is successful in its effort to secure funding, collaboration between Benton County and the City of Sauk Rapids will occur with detailed engineering and inter-agency coordination as part of the federal project development process.

Sincerely,



Montgomery Headley
County Administrator



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The vision of the Initiative Foundation is to foster economic growth, support community organizations, and create opportunities for all and this project fulfills that vision. The Initiative Foundation sees this project as a need for the Sauk Rapids community and greater St. Cloud area. We love to see this kind of collaboration that strengthens communities. Thank you for your support for the Sauk Rapids community.

Sincerely,

Amy Trombley
Vice President for Community
Initiative Foundation

Bernie Perryman

State Representative

District 14A

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I recognize this transportation project is a critical need for the Sauk Rapids community and greater St. Cloud area and recommend approval for funding as I understand that the crash rate at that intersection is above the average crash rate for comparable intersections. Thank you for your support for the Sauk Rapids community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernie Perryman".

Representative Bernie Perryman
State Representative
District 14A



Tim O'Driscoll
State Representative
District 13b



Minnesota House of Representatives

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Office of Congressman Tom Emmer (MN-06)
326 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

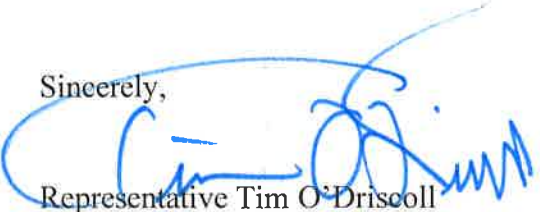
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Representative Tim O'Driscoll
State Representative
District 13B



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Office of Congressman Tom Emmer (MN-06)
326 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: City of Sauk Rapids Letter of Support for FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request for CSAH 1 and Storm St. NE Improvements

Dear Congressman Emmer,

The City of Sauk Rapids offers this letter of support for the city's Community Project Funding request for improvements to CSAH 1 and Storm St. NE, including converting the intersection into a roundabout, reconstructing Storm St. NE, and completing pedestrian, lighting, and utility improvements.

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CSAH 1 continues to experience growth and development, including expansion of the school site and Mayhew Creek Regional Park. This growth is bringing additional traffic to CSAH 1 and Storm St. NE, further increasing crash risks at the intersection. With the collaboration between the city and school district in shared usage of the regional park for recreational purposes and with a future Early Childhood and Community Center (2026-2027 construction), improvements to the intersection and Storm St. NE roadway are needed.

The proposed project addresses long-standing city, county, and school district concerns at the CSAH 1 and Storm St. NE and provides an opportunity to slow traffic on this high-speed corridor, making it safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

Funding is needed to move forward with the safety improvements. The City of Sauk Rapids appreciates your support in our funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ross Olson".

Ross Olson
City Administrator
City of Sauk Rapids

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Ellering".

Jason Ellering
Mayor
City of Sauk Rapids