



Anoka County

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SCOTT SCHULTE
Chair, District #7

March 17, 2021

The Honorable Tom Emmer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY'22 Appropriations Request

Dear Representative Emmer:

On behalf of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, we are submitting this request for FY'22 funds to help us complete the Strategic Congestion Mitigation project. As you know, this project is critical to Anoka County and the traveling public. Attached you will find additional information about this priority project.

The completion of this project will alleviate traffic congestion resulting in a safer daily commute for our residents. This project will also facilitate increased commerce as businesses move products to market.

Project Name: Strategic Congestion Mitigation

Map of Project: Attached

Letters of Support: Attached

FY'22 Appropriations Requested Amount: \$25 million

MN State Transportation Improvement Program: This project is not currently on the STIP, but will be included in the 2022-2025 STIP and TIP now that it has received state funding.

Sources of Funding:

Funding Source	Funding Type	Amount
City of Coon Rapids – Design Funds	Local	\$322,000
Anoka County – Design Funds	Local	\$322,000
2020 State Trunk Highway Bond Funds - Design	State	\$1,450,000
Total Secured to-date		\$2,094,000

Project Description Process: Anoka County provides several opportunities to provide comments, feedback, and concerns to the project development team. We utilize public open houses, one-on-one business and resident meetings, websites, and virtual open house platforms. Additionally, the public and community can provide comments, concerns, and feedback on the project via email, phone, and letter formats.

Project Phase (e.g., Planning, Final Design, Construction): The project is currently in the environmental analysis and preliminary design stage of the project. The project includes the construction of one additional travel lane in both directions along US Hwy 10 to help address congestion along the corridor and is not a full reconstruction project.

NEPA Category of Action (e.g., Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement): We are currently working with FHWA and MnDOT to determine if the project can follow the Categorical Exclusion process or the Environmental

Assessment (EA) path. Based upon the nature of the work and forecasted project impacts, we do not expect this project to need a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Status of Environmental Review: We have started portions of the environmental review but have not completed it due to no committed sources of construction funding.

Whether the project has received Federal funding previously, and if so the source and amount: No, this project has not received federal funding to-date.

On behalf of our entire Board, thank you for considering this request. The funding for this project will save lives and allow for expanded capacity for critical commerce to the region.

Respectfully,

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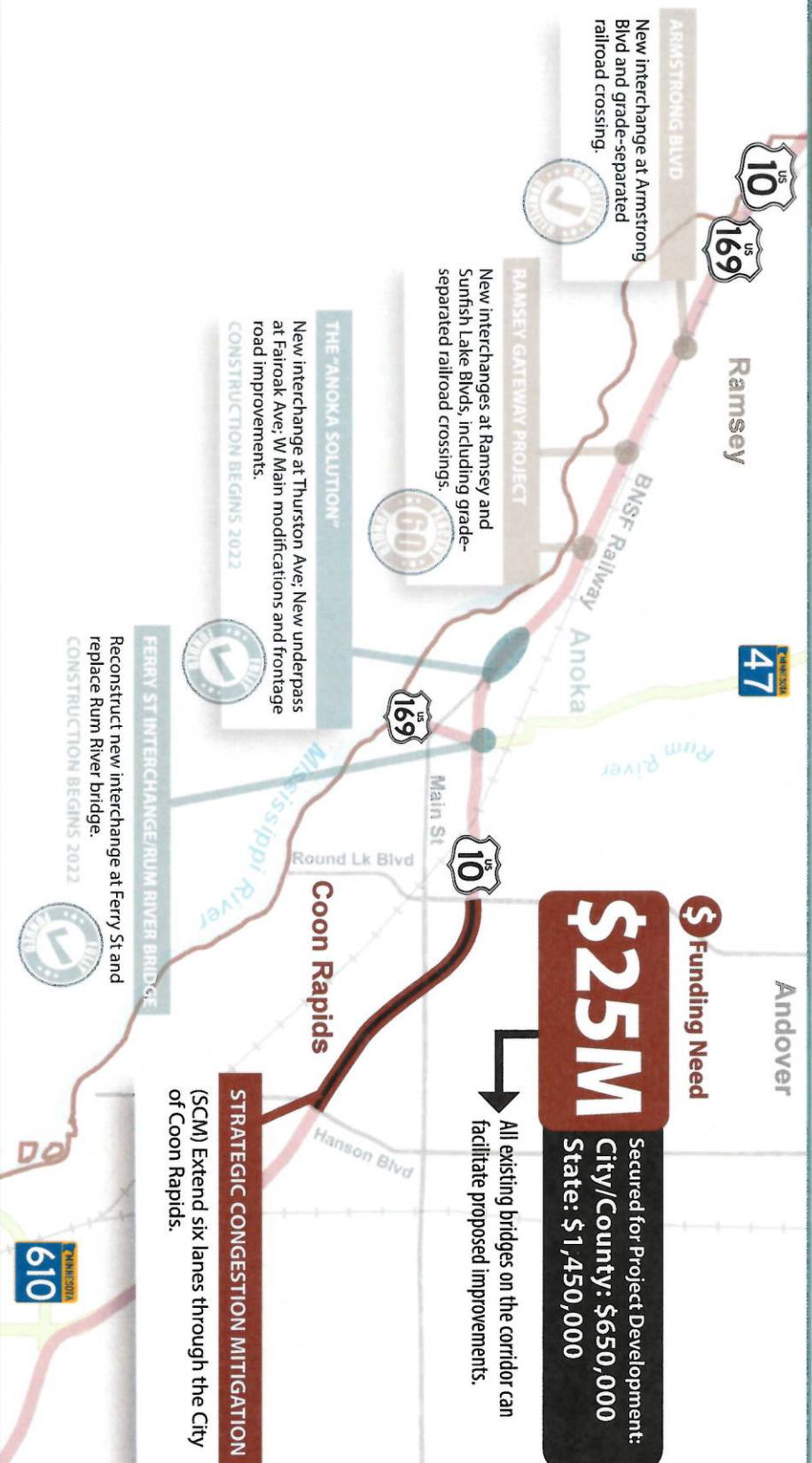
Scott Schulte, Chair
Anoka County Board of Commissioners

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Enclosures



U.S. HIGHWAY 10

Strategic Congestion Mitigation (SCM)



! Problem

- Highway operates at E/F levels of service (LOS) during peak rush hours.
- LOS F is the worst rating a highway can receive.
- Two major construction projects on this corridor begin in 2022; roadway users will experience significant backups and long commute times.

💡 Solution



📊 Results



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December 30, 2019

The Honorable Governor of Minnesota
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support of Anoka County's Trunk Highway Bond Request for U.S. Highway 10 Strategic Congestion Mitigation to Extend Six Lanes through the City of Coon Rapids

Dear Governor Walz,

I am writing to express my strong support for Anoka County's Trunk Highway Bond Request for the proposed U.S. Highway 10 Strategic Congestion Mitigation Project.

US Highway 10 is part of a major travel corridor for commerce and commuters between the Twin Cities and St. Cloud, as well as to Greater Minnesota. A recent traffic study indicates this highway segment operates at poor levels of service, with severe congestion, during peak morning and evening rush hours.

As part of the Greater Minnesota Gateway coalition of local governments, the City of Coon Rapids is aware that Anoka County is actively pursuing funding to improve safety and congestion on the 3.2 mile section of U.S. Highway 10 between Hanson Boulevard (CSAH 78) and Round Lake Boulevard (CSAH 9). Traffic concerns are a result of the roadway narrowing from six lanes to four at the Hanson Boulevard interchange.

In addition, major, multi-year construction will be occurring along the Highway 10 corridor in the City of Anoka beginning in 2022. The expansion of U.S. Highway 10 from Hanson Boulevard to Round Lake Boulevard would allow northbound vehicles to exit at Round Lake Boulevard, alleviating significant backups and longer travel times during future corridor reconstruction. The existing interchange bridges (Hanson Boulevard, Main Street, Northdale Boulevard, and Round Lake Boulevard) and roadways within Coon Rapids were designed to facilitate the expansion.

As the proposed project falls within our City and as a community in Anoka County, the City of Coon Rapids supports the County's efforts to pursue funding through various federal and state transportation programs.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the proposed improvements, please contact Joe MacPherson, Anoka County Engineer at 763-324-3199, or Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte at 763-300-6211. I am also available to discuss the project any time.



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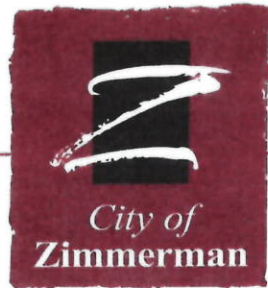
Thank you for your consideration of Anoka County's Trunk Highway bond request for U.S. Highway 10 Strategic Congestion Mitigation through the City of Coon Rapids.

Sincerely,

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Jerry Koch
Mayor of Coon Rapids

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December 30, 2019

Office of Governor Tim Walz
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Dear Governor Walz:

The City of Zimmerman supports a funding request by Anoka County and the Highway 10 Coalition for \$25M in Trunk Highway Bonds to expand the TH 10 corridor. US Highway 10 is part of a major travel corridor for businesses and commuters between the Twin Cities and St. Cloud as well as to Greater Minnesota.

While the City of Zimmerman does not lie on the US Highway 10 corridor, a significant number of our residents utilize the corridor for their daily commute. Improvements to this corridor will also have a positive effect on the US Highway 169 corridor which has direct impact upon Zimmerman, it's 5,900 residents and the traveling public.

Please accept this letter of support in consideration of the \$25M funding request.

Sincerely,

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Randy Piasecki
City Administrator

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Public Services – Engineering

February 24, 2020

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

RE: Support for US Highway 10/169 Improvements in the City of Ramsey

Dear Mr. MacPherson:

The City of Anoka is mindful that Anoka County is actively pursuing funding for improvements on US Highway 10/169 at Ramsey Boulevard and Sunfish Lake Boulevard in the City of Ramsey. The proposed US Highway 10/169 improvements were identified in the Highway 10 Access Planning Study that was developed in partnership with the City of Ramsey, Anoka County, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The US Highway 10/169 corridor is an important connection between Minneapolis-St. Paul, the northwest suburbs and many popular destinations beyond the metro area. US Highway 10/169 is also a Tier One freight corridor, and the proposed improvements will greatly improve freight efficiency along the corridor and surrounding regions.

The City of Anoka wishes to express its support of the County's efforts to pursue funding through various federal and state transportation programs. The City of Anoka appreciates Anoka County's efforts and those of all US Highway 10 partners to address the challenges along the corridor and look forward to the successful implementation of the improvements projects.

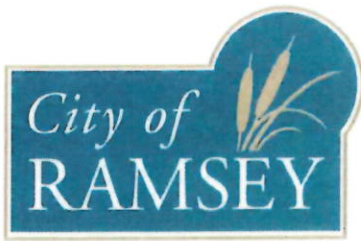
If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Ben Nelson at (763) 576-2785 or via email at bnelson@ci.anoka.mn.us.

Sincerely,



Greg Lee
City Manager, City of Anoka





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December 30, 2019

Governor Tim Walz
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RE: United States Highway 10 Strategic Congestion Mitigation Project in Coon Rapids
Letter of Support from City of Ramsey

Governor Walz:

The City of Ramsey is pleased to support the Highway 10 Strategic Congestion Mitigation Project in the City of Coon Rapids as part of the area coalition known as the Greater Minnesota Gateway. The communities of Andover, Anoka, Coon Rapids, Ramsey and Anoka County have worked diligently with MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council over the past decade to formulate a vision for this corridor that aligns with regional and statewide transportation plans.

U.S. Highway 10 is part of a major travel corridor for businesses and commuters between the Minneapolis/Saint Paul Region and Saint Cloud as well as to Greater Minnesota. A recent traffic study indicates during peak morning and evening rush hours, the highway operates at Levels of Service E and F for portions of the two-lane section of U.S. Highway 10 in Coon Rapids.

Additionally, there will be major construction taking place in 2022 along the U.S. Highway 10/169 Corridor within the City of Anoka. The expansion of U.S. Highway 10 from Hanson Boulevard to Round Lake Boulevard would allow traffic to better access alternative corridors and alleviate additional pressure during construction.

Sincerely,

CITY OF RAMSEY


John LeTourneau
Mayor



North Metro Mayors

March 4, 2021

Senator John Hoffman
2235 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for Highway 10 Area Improvements in Ramsey – SF860 (Hoffman)

Dear Senator Hoffman:

The North Metro Mayor's Association (NMMA) is aware that the movement of people, goods, and services in the north metro region are drastically impacted by intersections at Ramsey and Sunfish Lake Boulevards on Highway 10/169 in the City of Ramsey. NMMA supports SF860 as a critically regionally significant need in the north metro.

The congestion negatively impacts businesses and residents in the cities of Anoka, Andover, Ramsey, Coon Rapids, the surrounding area, and ultimately the overall region and state economies.

The cities of Anoka, Andover, Ramsey and Coon Rapids are at the forefront of developing Highway 10/169 improvements, including elements from the Anoka Solution at Thurston Avenue, Fair Oak Avenue, and Main Street. NMMA supports all efforts by these cities and project partners, including the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Council, and Anoka County, to secure project funding, such as bonding funds from the Minnesota Legislature.

Safety and reliability of our highway system will improve with these proposals. This will allow more efficient movement of people, goods, and services.

These results also will be enjoyed by workers and businesses traveling through the area to other parts of the metropolitan area and beyond. Furthermore, Greater Minnesota tourism and "cabin life" will be easier and safer to access.

Representing 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.

On behalf of NMMA, we appreciate your consideration of this important project that impacts the North Metro region and beyond.

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

Zack Stephenson
State Representative
District 36A



Minnesota House of Representatives

December 27, 2019

The Honorable Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz:

I write to you today to ask for your support for a significant public safety and traffic congestion improvement project on U.S. Highway 10 from Hanson Boulevard to Round Lake Boulevard in Coon Rapids.

U.S. Highway 10 is part of a major travel corridor for businesses and commuters between the Twin Cities and St. Cloud, as well as to northern Minnesota. A recent traffic study conducted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation shows a total of 1,621 crashes on U.S. Highway 10 over the past 10 years. You can find more of MNDOT's findings at <https://tinyurl.com/tyb2tth>.

In addition, congestion on this corridor is impeding the development of the northern suburbs, hampering our local economy, and wasting the time of our residents. In 2019, the House Transportation Committee held hearings on the Highway 10 improvement project and several businesses testified that they had missed out on opportunities to expand or recruit new businesses due to poor state of Highway 10.

Anoka County has partnered with MNDOT to find the safest and most cost-efficient way to identify right-sized, fundable-scale projects, utilize existing infrastructure and consider less-traditional strategies that were not available ten years ago. Both the county and MNDOT have committed to engaging appropriate stakeholders and the public in this endeavor. House Transportation Committee Chair Frank Hornstein is also aware of these efforts.

I respectfully ask for your support of and advocacy for trunk highway bonds to help fund this crucial highway artery that thousands of Minnesotans across the state rely on.

Sincerely,

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Zack Stephenson
State Representative

