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April 13, 2023

Chair Senator Dibble
Senate Transportation Committee
1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Dibble,

The City of Medina supports the efforts of the Highway 55 Corridor Coalition, in partnership with coalition membership, with requesting State funding for reconstruction of TH 55 from a two-lane undivided to a four-lane divided roadway and access consolidation in Hennepin County from Arrowhead Drive in the City of Medina to CR 19 north of Loretto. Highway 55 provides for safe and efficient movement of goods, services, and people between Hennepin and Wright counties as well as communities and industries across northwestern Minnesota.

Attached is a resolution from the Medina City Council dated February 7, 2023 supporting funding for this important project. We look forward to working collaboratively with the State and Highway 55 Coalition to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

Mayor of Medina

Member Cavanaugh introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

CITY OF MEDINA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CORRIDORS OF COMMERCE
FUNDING REQUEST TO RESURFACE HIGHWAY 55 FROM CR 118 TO
CR 19, WITH TWO-LANE TO FOUR-LANE EXPANSION**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature has approved \$200 million or more in Trunk Highway bond funds for the 2022-2023 Corridors of Commerce program (COC); and

WHEREAS, resurfacing Trunk Highway (TH) 55 from County Road (CR) 118 TO CR 19, with two-lane to four-lane expansion is eligible for funding in the fiscal year 2022 COC program; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 55 Corridor Coalition, in partnership with coalition membership, is requesting \$43 million in funding for reconstruction of TH 55 from a two-lane undivided to a four-lane divided roadway and access consolidation in Hennepin County from Arrowhead Drive in the City of Medina to CR 19 north of Loretto; and

WHEREAS, TH 55 provides for safe and efficient movement of goods, services, and people between Hennepin and Wright counties as well as communities and industries across northwestern Minnesota.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Medina confirms its support for the Highway 55 Corridor Coalition's request for \$43 million in 2022 Corridors of Commerce program funding to resurface TH 55 from CR 118 to CR 19 with expansion from a two to a four-lane highway; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Medina does hereby support a Highway 55 Corridor Coalition funding request through the Minnesota Department of Transportation's 2022-2023 Corridors of Commerce program for construction, right-of-way, and engineering services necessary to resurface TH 55 from CR 118 to CR 19 with two-lane to four-lane expansion.

Dated: February 7, 2023.

By:



Kathleen Martin, Mayor

Attest:

By:



Caitlyn Walker, City Clerk

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member DesLauriers and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Cavanaugh, DesLauriers, Martin

And the following voted against same: **(Absent: Albers, Reid)**

None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.