



Anoka County

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

Highway

April 13, 2023

Senator Michael Kreun
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2321
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Trunk Highway 65 Improvement Project – Blaine, MN
2023 Legislative Funding Request

Dear Senator Kreun:

The Trunk Highway (TH) 65 Improvement project is Anoka County's top legislative priority. The proposed project is a result of a comprehensive Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study, which included a robust public engagement process and early evaluation of social, economic, and environmental impacts, as well as a transparent alternative analysis matrix. The project is being led by the City of Blaine, with coordinated support from Anoka County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Metropolitan Council Regional Planning Agency, and North Trunk Highway 65 Corridor Coalition. The Coalition is comprised of two additional north metro counties and more than a dozen cities and townships, all of whom depend upon TH 65 for economic development, daily life activities, and connection to the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area.

The TH 65 Improvement Project will improve motorized traffic flow, decrease average travel times, reduce delays, and reduce crash frequencies. The proposed project will enhance mobility, safety, and connectivity, enabling pedestrians, bicyclists, commuters, freight haulers, emergency responders, and local traffic to access destinations conveniently and safely, along both sides of the corridor. In addition, frontage road improvements along the west side of the corridor will lead to the elimination of dangerous direct private accesses onto TH 65.

We truly appreciate your continued support of the TH 65 corridor improvements. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at (763) 324-3199, or via email at joe.macpherson@co.anoka.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. MacPherson, P.E.
Chief Officer of Transportation/County Engineer

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