

December 13, 2024

Chris LaBounty, Public Works and Engineering Director City of Maple Grove 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway N Maple Grove, MN 55369

Re: Letter of Support for the Hwy 169/CSAH 130 Interchange Replacement Project

Dear Mr. LaBounty:

I am writing to express my full support for the proposed replacement of the damaged Hwy 169/CSAH 130 bridge. This interchange provides a vital link for our business to be able to supply construction materials used in roads, buildings, and other infrastructure critical to this region. The bridge is currently lane and load limited which creates further complications for vehicles in the area and increased delays to construction vehicles in that area result in higher construction prices for projects in the region.

We support the City's proposed improvements to this interchange and that is only strengthened with the recent damage to the bridge. During construction season, or generally from April through November, we have over 14,000 loaded trucks traveling through our facility per month on average . To account for the round-trip, traffic would be double this number and we estimate that approximately 50% of our traffic uses the Hwy 169/CSAH Interchange. With this in-mind, we believe the replacement of that interchange should be expediated and not delayed. On behalf of Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. which operates out of the Maple Grove Gravel Mining Area, I wholeheartedly support this important infrastructure project and encourage the relevant authorities to give this proposal due consideration and financial support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to the successful completion of this initiative.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Sauer

Regional Vice President General Manager