

C. S. McCrossan

7865 Jefferson Highway, Maple Grove, MN 55369

Dear Mr. LaBounty,

We understand that planning has begun for the Hwy 169 and Elm Creek Boulevard interchange reconstruction. We know that this process typically takes time due to many factors including funding and design among others. With the bridge being compromised and subsequently restricted to three lanes as well as restricting overweight vehicles, C. S. McCrossan's operations have been and will continue to be significantly impacted.

In previous discussions with City leaders regarding this bridge being impacted, we suggested that the bridge reconstruction should be accelerated rather than doing a temporary fix and then removing it, potentially as soon as one year later. We believe this would be the best use of the taxpayers' dollars.

This bridge is extremely critical to our operations as trucks are coming and going from our asphalt plant, pit, and yard, all day, typically six days per week. Our lowboy trucks are most impacted by the restrictions as they cannot haul any equipment over that bridge with the new weight restriction. Another factor would be closure times if there were two separate projects.

We appreciate and support the City's efforts to accelerate the full reconstruction project as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Ken Beck