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Via Email Only

November 8, 2018

The Honorable Paul Torkelson, Chair House Transportation Finance Committee 381 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155	The Honorable Scott Newman, Chair Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee 3105 Minnesota Senate Building Saint Paul, MN 55155
	The Honorable Scott Dibble
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RE: I-94 Monticello to Clearwater Design-Build Project

Dear Legislators:

<u>Minnesota Statutes 161.3412</u>, <u>subdivision 3(b)</u> requires the Commissioner of Transportation to notify the chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and transportation finance each time the commissioner decides to use the Design-Build method for procurement and explain why the method was chosen.

MnDOT has decided to use the Design-Build delivery method to design and construct the approximately \$80,000,000 I-94 Monticello to Clearwater project. This project involves the replacement of bumpy, faulted concrete pavement and the addition of a third general-purpose through lane to I-94 in both directions from Monticello to Clearwater. The project is planned for letting in May and construction in the summer of 2019. Design-Build was identified as the appropriate delivery system for the project due to its large size, traffic impacts and the need to accelerate the project schedule to make certain that the traffic impacts can be balanced against other current projects along the corridor, such as the similar I-94 St. Michael to Albertville project, to minimize overall delay.

Please feel free to call the following programmatic and/or project contacts if you have questions:

Design-Build Program Manager: I-94 Albertville Project Manager: Peter Davich, 651-366-4233 Claudia Dumont, 320-223-6530

Sincerely,

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