

Date: February 16, 2018

City of Duluth  
City Hall, Room 330  
411 West First Street  
Duluth, MN 55802

Attention Local Government:

Recently the Minnesota Department of Transportation received recommendations from stakeholders and the public for projects to be considered for its 2018 Corridors of Commerce program. From among those recommended projects, MnDOT will award \$400 million to selected projects across the State. You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a local government that would be impacted by one or more of the recommended projects.

As a part of the scoring criteria for the Corridors of Commerce program, **all** cities and counties which would be touched by the suggested project need to have a resolution of support for the project in order for that project to receive 45points in the "Community Consensus" category. Projects which do not receive a resolution of support from all governments are not disqualified from the program, but they will not receive 45points out of total of 700 from this criteria, which will put them at a distinct disadvantage in the scoring.

Enclosed with this letter is a list of regionally submitted projects for the program. Projects highlighted in yellow have been identified as impacting your government specifically. MnDOT will need to receive a resolution of support for those highlighted projects from you by April 16, 2018 in order for the project to be eligible to receive the 45-points in the Community Consensus category. A resolution of support for the project/s will not replace any needed future municipal consent requirements, should the project be selected for the program. MnDOT is not requesting any specific language in the resolution and you are free to reference multiple projects in a single resolution. MnDOT's goal is to minimize the amount of administrative effort on your part. However, the resolution of support needs to reference the specific project/s attached and cannot be generic support for transportation improvements.

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OPTIONAL RETURN ADDRESS: Address 1, address 2, City, State, Zipcode

Once you have completed a resolution of support for the projects, you can either send it or e-mail it to me at one of the addresses below;

Patrick Weidemann

MnDOT Office of Transportation System Management

395 John Ireland Blvd.

St. Paul, MN 55155

Or

E-mail: [pat.weidemann@state.mn.us](mailto:pat.weidemann@state.mn.us)

You are welcome to submit the resolution of support at any time, but it must be in our office by the 4:30 p.m. on April 16 for it to count towards receiving the 45-points. If you have already submitted a resolution of support for the project/s, you can disregard this letter. If you choose to not support a project/s on the list, you do not need to take any action on that project/s. If we do not have a resolution in support of a listed project/s by the deadline date, the project will not be receiving the 45-points.

MnDOT appreciates your assistance with this process. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

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