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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

This letter is in reference to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity application for the US 169/County Road 4 interchange project in Sherburne County. This project is a locally led project on MnDOT's Trunk Highway System. The project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration west of US 169 and a loop in the southeast quadrant of the interchange. The proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe, multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on the proposed County Road 4 bridge crossing over US 169. The project will consolidate and improve 18 local roadway access points and 26 private access points on US 169, with a hybrid diamond interchange at County Road 4.

Currently, the total project cost estimate is \$44 million. MnDOT does not have this project included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or funding identified in the MnDOT's 10-year Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP) at this time; full project funding is not secured. It is MnDOT's assumption that the local agency will be responsible for delivery costs and funding gaps. This project is planned for construction in 2023.

MnDOT is committed to partnering with Sherburne County as they develop this project and explore other funding opportunities.

Thank you for your interest and support to improve Minnesota's transportation system.

Sincerely,

Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Commissioner

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