



February 5, 2020

Ms. Amy Marohn
Bloomington Civil Engineer
1800 West Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55341

2020 Minnesota Highway Freight Program Award

Dear Ms. Marohn,

Congratulations, the I-494/I-35W Interchange Improvements Project has been selected to receive funding through the Minnesota Highway Freight Program (MHFP). The project has been approved to receive a maximum of \$11,100,000 in fiscal year 2025 towards roadway reconstruction. The project must be let by February 2025 unless otherwise approved by the Metro District State Aid Engineer.

The MHFP is funded through the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) (CFDA 20.205). This is a federal contribution towards the project in the form of reimbursement and will provide funding up to 80% of the total transportation infrastructure cost or the maximum allowed by State Road Construction eligibility and MnDOT's cost participation policy, whichever is less, not to exceed the eligible bid amount. Should the federal funding be eliminated or reduced, there is no guarantee the project will continue. As a reminder preliminary engineering and right of way costs are not eligible expenses for this round of the program.

The MHFP contribution towards the cost of the project is capped and MnDOT will not consider requests for additional freight funding for this project. The awardee accepts responsibility for the balance of funding necessary to deliver the project. This balance of remaining funds must be secured one year prior to the let date. If full funding is not obtained by that date, MnDOT at its discretion may reassign the funding to another MHFP project.


As a federal program, all federal requirements must be followed. The project must also be developed under the direction of a licensed engineer in the State of Minnesota. All program awardees will need to work with MnDOT to ensure a successful project delivery. This offer of assistance is contingent upon the completion of a cooperative agreement for the project. The applicant agrees to work with MnDOT District staff to create and regularly update a schedule of project development activities in MnDOT's Project Management System including plan approvals and cooperative construction agreements.

This project will be handled through the Mn DOT State Aid Delegated Contract Process. If you have any questions regarding this MHFP award, please contact Andrew Andrusko at 651-366-3644 or andrew.andrusko@state.mn.us. Any other questions throughout the project development process should be

directed to Dan Erickson at 651-234-7763 or dan.erickson@state.mn.us. Freight specific coordination concerns in the Metro District area may also be directed to John Tompkins at john.tompkins@state.mn.us.

Finally, let me extend my congratulations to you and your staff for developing an important project that will improve freight movements in the area.

Sincerely,



Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Commissioner of Transportation

CC:

Mike Barnes, Metro District Engineer

Dan Erickson, Metro District State Aid Engineer

Molly McCartney, Metro District Program Director

Cynthia Krumsieg, Metro District STIP Coordinator

John Tompkins, Metro District Multimodal Planning Director

Chris Kufner, Director, Office of State Aid

William Gardner, Director, Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations

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