

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Date: March 16, 2021

Resolution No: 36-21

Motion by Commissioner: Degler

Seconded by Commissioner: Workman

Resolution of Support and Approval for Submittal of the US Highway 212 Rural Freight Mobility and Safety Project to USDOT's INFRA Program

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is soliciting applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America "INFRA" Program, which provides dedicated, discretionary funding for transportation projects of national or regional significance; and

WHEREAS, \$889 million in FY 2021 INFRA funds are available for awards, with 10 percent reserved for 'Small' projects under \$100 million, and 25 percent dedicated for projects in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, to maximize the value of FY 2021 INFRA funds for all Americans, the USDOT is focusing the competition on transportation infrastructure projects that support six key objectives: Supporting Economic Vitality; Climate Change and Environmental Justice Impacts; Racial Equity and Barriers to Opportunity; Leveraging of Federal Funding; Innovation; and Performance and Accountability; and

WHEREAS, Carver County, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is seeking funds to reconstruct US Highway 212, part of the National Highway System and identified by MnDOT as a Critical Rural Freight Corridor, from a two-lane rural highway to a four-lane divided expressway between County Highway 51 and County Highway 36; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements will remove barriers to efficient freight movement and job opportunities, support economic vitality by providing development opportunities at key locations, preserve existing infrastructure, address climate change and environmental considerations in the project area, and improve mobility and safety for all corridor users; and

WHEREAS, the Carver County Board of Commissioners adopted a ½ percent local option sales tax in May 2017 dedicated for transportation projects. This project is identified in the implementation plan for use of these funds and is a new local revenue source to match federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Carver County will provide funding towards the local match and partner with MnDOT to contribute to the overall local match and project funding as identified in the INFRA Program application, which includes the use of funding programmed for maintenance, secured funding through other grant programs, and additional program funding as applicable; and

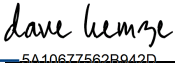
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carver County Board of Commissioners supports and approves submittal of the US Highway 212 Rural Freight Mobility and Safety Project for consideration to the USDOT's FY 2021 INFRA Program to reconstruct US Highway 212 from a two-lane undivided highway to a four-lane divided expressway between County Highway 51 and County Highway 36 and authorizes and directs the Carver County Engineer to submit the application.

Yes	No	Absent
Degler		
Fahey		
Lynch		
Udermann		
Workman		

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CARVER

I, Dave Hemze, duly appointed and qualified County Administrator of the County of Carver, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session held on the 16 day of March, 2021, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Dated this 16th day of March 2021.

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 Dave Hemze, County Administrator