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**Subject:** CRRSAA Funding - Greater Minnesota Underserved Communities

Jon, Mary and Heather,

I am happy to inform you that the projects you submitted for funding using the CRRSAA funds have been selected based on Priority Areas for Walking, improvement type and deliverability. The projects selection are as follows:

- District 6 5080-170 – Replace 5 bridges along I90 (over Cedar River and at Mower County Road 45, Hwy 105 and Hwy 218) and Repair I90 bridges over 6th St in Austin \$2,100,000 Federal Funds (100% Federal)
- District 4 4407-13 – Resurface from the Norman/Mahnomen County Line to west of highway 59 in Waubun \$320,000 Federal Funds (100% Federal)
- District 2 Tbd – Five-mile trail connecting Red Lake and Redby \$1,500,000 Federal Funds (100% Federal)

Please work with Trang Chu to include these projects in the FY22-25 STIP if the project will be delivered in FY2022 or early FY2023, If these projects are scheduled for letting later in FY2023, they can be added into the FY23-26 STIP.

I'll be updating the STIP Targets to reflect the additions above.

OFM-Capital will also be providing the additional SRC budget authority.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Brian

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*"Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."*

*- Will Allen Dromgoole*



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## Capital Investments in Underserved Communities

**Date:** 7/20/21

**To:** MnDOT Greater Minnesota Districts

**From:** Brian Gage, OTSM

### RE: Request for FY22/23 Projects

#### Background

Minnesota received \$161,773,894 in highway funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA). \$19,820,941 was designated by CRRSAA for the seven county Twin Cities large urban area (Metropolitan Council). The state had discussions on how to split the funding between the state and local partners. It was agreed that the funding would be split for decision \$20,000,000 to Metropolitan Council, \$20,000,000 Counties and Cities in Greater Minnesota (outside the Metropolitan Council area) and \$121,773,894 to Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

MnDOT has decided to spend \$7,200,000 on capital investments focused on non-motorized investments in communities highly impacted, specifically communities with populations with lower vehicle ownership and high reliance on walking, biking, and transit. Half of the funds (\$3,600,000) will be provided to the Metro District and the remaining half will be distribution through this solicitation for investment in greater Minnesota. The available funding has the following attributes:

- The projects should be let before June 2023;
- The funds use the State Road Construction (SRC) budget, so the funds must be used for SRC-eligible work; and
- The funds are 80/20 Federal/State, so the project needs to use federal funds and this solicitation provide the state match.

#### Solicitation Process

Requests for funding should be sent to Brian Gage (OTSM) by August 10, 2021. OTSM, OFM and Operations will review the projects and prioritize the investments based on the following criteria:

- Impact to an Underserved Population.
- Focus on Non-motorized Investments (including ADA and eligible transit improvements).
- Deliverability in FY22/23.

The funds may be used on a new project, an upscope to an existing project, or to address a funding gap in a programmed project.

### *Project Selection*

OTSM will notify the districts of project selection and the budget will be added to the districts' SRC budgets.