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April 1, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, 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 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. Sherburne County has identified \$19 million for this project. MnDOT currently does not have this project included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or funding identified in MnDOT's 10-year Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP). It is MnDOT's assumption at this time that the local agency will be responsible for delivery costs and funding gaps. This project is planned for construction in 2023.

MnDOT looks forward to continued cooperation with Sherburne County as this effort moves forward to improve this transportation need.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Nancy Daubenberger'.

Nancy Daubenberger, P.E.
Interim Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation

CC Andrew Witter, Public Works Director/County Engineer, Sherburne County
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