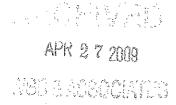
April 24, 2009

The Honorable Collin Peterson 2211 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515



Dear Congressman Peterson,

As County Engineer and a member of the Marshall Transportation Committee, I am writing to seek your support for the inclusion of \$6.92 million for Trunk Highway (TH) 23 infrastructure improvements in the next Surface Transportation Authorization Bill. This High Priority Project request would assist the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) preliminary and final design engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction along this vital transportation corridor. The preliminary engineering process will provide opportunity for public comment on this project. In addition, the Marshall Transportation Committee has aggressively sought public input relating to projects on this corridor.

If funded, this High Priority Project will improve safety, decrease travel delays, encourage economic development, and encourage the movement of goods and people along the corridor. Funding would be used to construct an interchange at the intersection of TH 23 and Lyon County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 7; provide funding for preliminary and final design engineering; and provide funding for right-of-way acquisition.

We are seeking your support for the provision of federal funding to complete 80 percent of preliminary and final design engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction at this critical intersection on TH 23.

As the Lyon County Engineer I fully support this project and ask for your strong support for this vital transportation corridor.

Sincerely,

Suhail Kanwar

Director of Public Works/County Engineer

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Lyon County

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## LYON COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 15-09

## SEEKING THE SUPPORT OF THE HONORABLE COLLIN PETERSON FOR THE INCLUSION OF \$6.92 MILLION FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY 23 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Lyon County Board has supported the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee in their efforts to secure Federal Funding for needed transportation projects in Marshall area: and

WHEREAS, the Lyon County Board of Commissioners seeks the support of the Honorable Congressman Collin Peterson for the inclusion of \$6.92 million for The Preliminary Design, Final Design, Construction, Construction Administration, and Right of Way in the next Surface Transportation Bill.

WHEREAS, the unmet transportation infrastructure improvement for the Marshall Area are approximately \$15.5 million; if funded this substantial sum of \$6.92 million will improve safety, decrease travel delays, and encourage economic development along the corridor.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress solicits candidate projects for inclusion in the Surface Transportation Authorization Bill; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lyon County Board of Commissioners hereby requests the support of the Honorable Congressman Collin Peterson for the inclusion of this project for federal funding consideration.

Dated this 1st day of May 2009.

Rodney Stenspad

Chair Lyon County Board of Commissioners

Certification:

I certify that the above Resolution is an accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Lyon County at an authorized meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2009 as shown by the minutes of the meeting in my possession.

Loren Stomberg, Lyon County Administrator