

# City of East Grand Forks

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February 19, 2010

Representative Collin Peterson  
2211 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Congressman Peterson,

I formally submit for your consideration the a proposal from the City of East Grand Forks to enhance certain public infrastructure improvements in and around the City's Industrial Park and the local American Crystal Sugar processing plant. I have attached a copy of the study and cost estimates for your review. I also have attached a resolution of support affirmed by the City Council.

Currently, local streets experience high traffic volumes from approximately September – May during the plant's processing season. The largest concern is 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. This road is adjacent to much residential and park property. Therefore, the road can be hazardous to children, pedestrians, and the drivers hauling freight to the plant. The proposed route would divert truck traffic through the City's Industrial Park. This route, with the proposed improvements, would be better suited for commercial traffic. It would also provide American Crystal Sugar and its contractors a more direct route to the plant.

Both the City Council and American Crystal Sugar is very excited that you are considering this much needed addition to our public infrastructure system. The City continues to face mounting financial hurdles in light of recessionary trends and continued cuts to federal and state aid programs. The project cannot occur without your assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Huizenga  
City Administrator

**RESOLUTION NO. 10 – 02 - 20**

Council Member Tweten, supported by Council Member Pokrzywinski, introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of East Grand Forks seeks financial alternatives for the expansion of its public infrastructure in and around its Industrial Park;

WHEREAS, American Crystal Sugar has expressed its support for an alternative traffic route for its operations using an improved 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE;

WHEREAS, Representative Collin Peterson has indicated his consideration of supporting a 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE improvement project at the federal level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EAST GRAND FORKS; that the City formally submits its "American Crystal Sugar Freight Road Proposal" to Representative Peterson for his consideration of inclusion in upcoming federal appropriations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City affirms a potential local financial match to the project, not to exceed 20 percent of construction costs.

Voting Aye: Leigh, Pokrzywinski, DeMers, Grassel, Buckalew, Tweten, and Gregoire.

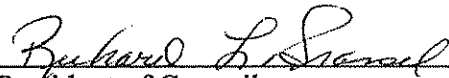
Voting Nay: None.

The President declared the resolution passed.

Passed: February 23, 2010

Attest:

  
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City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

  
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President of Council

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2010.

  
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Mayor



American Crystal  
Sugar Company

February 25, 2010

Representative Collin Peterson  
2211 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2307

Representative Peterson:

I would like to affirm American Crystal Sugar Company's commitment to a proposal by the City of East Grand Forks to expand its infrastructure and to provide a more direct route into our production facility.

American Crystal Sugar Company recognizes the importance of being an outstanding corporate citizen in East Grand Forks and our other locations throughout Minnesota and North Dakota. To that end, our chief concern is always the safety of citizens, our employees and our contractors throughout our production process. The proposed plan submitted by the City of East Grand Forks greatly enhances the safety and efficiency for all concerned. We also believe it can facilitate the economic expansion of the East Grand Forks' Industrial areas, including our facility, for years to come.

Finally, this project can greatly benefit our Company's operational efficiency, which can lead to greater reinvestment in our facility and the community as a whole. That translates into further economic and job growth for our region. *O*

Therefore, we are pleased to partner with the City of East Grand Forks in this most ambitious project. I am happy to discuss this issue at your convenience.

Sincerely,

American Crystal Sugar Company  
Joseph J. Talley  
Chief Operating Officer

Cc: Scott M. Huizenga