



LYON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

504 Fairgrounds Road
Marshall, Minnesota 56258

March 1, 2010

Honorable Collin Peterson
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC

Re: 2011 Transportation Appropriations
Construction of Interchange at TH 23 & CSAH 7 in Lyon County, MN

Dear Chairman Peterson:

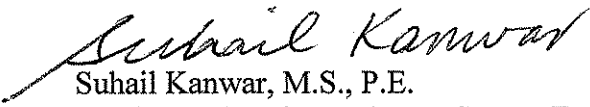
I respectfully submit this request for funding to construct an interchange at Trunk Highway 23 and Lyon County State Aid Highway 7 to improve safety and traffic flow. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$8,650,000. This funding will be used to do Preliminary and Final Engineering Design, Right of Way acquisition and construction of the Interchange.

Lyon County would work with public/government entities to secure any matching funds that would be necessary for this project to become a reality. This investment has potential to bring much needed new jobs and save the existing jobs in the area.

This project would benefit Lyon County, the Southwestern and West Central Minnesota regions. A Project of this nature will improve both Regional economic development opportunities as well as an improvement in safety issues that have arisen at this intersection.

This project will improve overall transportation routes for the shipment of goods and services in the region hence will make this region a destination.

Sincerely


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Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce

Transportation Committee

February 28, 2010

Honorable Collin Peterson
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Re: 2011 Transportation Appropriations
TH 23 – Corridor Study

Dear Chairman Peterson:

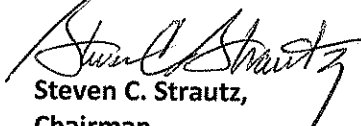
As Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce, I respectfully submit this request for funding of a Corridor Study to be completed for Minnesota TH23, for the possible consideration of expanding this corridor to a 4 lane highway from Interstate 90 – on the south to Willmar, MN on the north.

This project will not only be a benefit to the City of Marshall, it would be a major benefit to the Southwestern and West Central Minnesota regions. A Regional Project of this nature will improve both economic development opportunities as well as dealing with a number of safety issues that have arisen along this main stream corridor.

The regional significance of this corridor study will work hand in hand with the freight study being completed by Minnesota Department of Transportation. This study will demonstrate the importance, to a number of communities in these two rural regions of Minnesota, of having improved access to a four (4) lane transportation route for the shipment of goods and services and the ability to make this region a destination.

The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$1,000,000 and we MACC Transportation group would work with public/government bodies along the corridor route as well as with MNDOT to secure any match funding that would be necessary to accomplish the completion of a corridor study.

Sincerely,


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February 16, 2010

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LETTER OF SUPPORT

Chairman Peterson:

As Mayor of the City of Marshall, I respectfully submit this request for funding for a traffic grade separation, including pedestrian/bike trail facilities, at TH23 and Saratoga Street located in south Marshall.

This project was defined through a safety study conducted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and included in a Transportation Report dated April 2008. This project was listed as the Number 2 Priority of the Marshall area with the following objectives:

1. Safety:
 - a. Saratoga Street connects existing and future residential areas south of TH23 with schools and the downtown business district.
 - b. Heavy through movement of traffic on Saratoga Street with high speed crossing traffic on TH23.
 - c. Skewed intersection approaches increase hazard for entering intersection.
 - d. Improved access from fire station located north of TH23 with residential area south of TH23.
2. Economic Enhancement:
 - a. A major component of the Marshall Comprehensive Plan is to continue to grow south of TH23.
 - b. Improving access across TH 23 is as important as access to TH23.

The project will be beneficial to Marshall and the region as it will improve safety of the TH23 corridor as well as enhance the economy by continuing growth and improving access.

The total 2008 estimated cost of the project is \$4,000,000, and the City of Marshall will be responsible for a local match of the funds.

Sincerely,

CITY OF MARSHALL


Robert J. Byrnes, Mayor

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