

October 24th, 2023

MnDOT State Aid for Local Transportation Office
Attn: Marc Briese, P.E.
395 John Ireland Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155

Subject: Highway 27 Safety and Reconstruction Project in Carver County LRIP
Application Support – City of Watertown

Mr. Briese,

The City of Watertown supports Carver County's application for the Highway 27 Safety and Reconstruction project in the City of Watertown and Watertown Township through the Local Road Improvement Program administered by MnDOT. Safety improvements to this corridor are a priority for the City of Watertown and the County's application for the proposed improvements address our concerns on this corridor.

The Highway 27 Safety and Reconstruction project from Highway 10 to the Carver/Wright County line will include important improvements such as urbanization, storm sewer improvements, access control, and flood prevention. The Highway 27 LRIP application is for the Regionally Significant category and substantially addresses the considerations and eligibility for this category including identification as a Minor Arterial Highway which meets 10-ton design and serving as a part of the regional highway system.

Highway 27 is an important connection for the City of Watertown as it serves as one of the primary north / south routes to both Wright and Hennepin County. This project will update an aging Highway while providing safer access control and improving the pavement condition.

The City of Watertown supports Carver County's Highway 27 Safety and Reconstruction project, as it will improve mobility and safety within our city and Carver County. The \$70,000 expected cost share for the City of Watertown has been committed for this project.

Sincerely,

Michael Walters,
Mayor

Watertown City Council

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Agenda Item: Letter of Support for Carver County Road Project**Request for Action:** Approve Letter of Support for Carver County's 2024 Grant Application for MnDOT's Local Road Improvement Program**Employee/Dept.:** Jake Foster, City Administrator**Background:**

The City has received a request of a letter of support for Carver County's application for MnDOT's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant for their 2024 improvements of CSAH 27. The County intends to make safety improvements to the corridor while urbanizing the roadway, making storm sewer and access improvements, and raise the elevation of the roadway to mitigate the annual flooding impacts. The changed elevation will keep the access to public works open during typical flood events.

Furthermore, the City intends to apply for this same grant for the 2025 mill and overlay project of Lewis Ave. The County will be approving a letter of support for the City's project, as well.

Attachments:

Highway 27 Safety and Reconstruction Project in Carver County LRIP Application Support