



## REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 3/3/2026  
Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

**Department Origination:** Administration

**Agenda Item:** Approve the Appointments to the Hwy 371 Overpass Visual Quality Advisory Committee

**Approval Required:** Simple Majority Vote

### **BACKGROUND**

With municipal consent obtained for the Hwy 371 Overpass project, MnDOT is proceeding with the design of the project. To assist with the aesthetic elements of the design, MnDOT has requested the City to select/appoint approximately 7-12 people to serve on the project's Visual Quality Advisory Committee (VQAC). This ad-hoc committee will work with and advise MnDOT and their consultant (Kimberly-Horn) in identifying the visual components (i.e. landscaping, lighting fixtures, structure finishes, etc...) of the physical improvements that will be completed with the project. The work of the VQAC will then be presented to the City Council for consent / approval. The Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet monthly from mid-late March through September, when MnDOT needs to have the project at 60% designed.

At the February 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, Administration requested Councilmembers submit names they would like City staff about potentially serving on the VQAC. Below are the names of the individuals that expressed interest and were agreeable to serve if the Council were to appoint them.

- Chris Klein
- Kevin Donnay
- Jim Haakonson
- Dr. Steve Schmid
- Sandy Zutz-Wiczek
- Rob Larson
- Trevor Pumnea
- Theresa McCormick

Councilmember Mark Cross has expressed interest in serving on the Committee. In addition to the selected Committee, Administrator Chapulis and Community Development Director Doty will serve as ex-officios to the VQAC and will attend the meetings.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications with the appointment of the VQAC. There may be city expenditures related to the final aesthetic design selected should the said design exceed MnDOT's allowances for the project.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends Council appoint individuals from the list above onto the VQAC.

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

Council is requested to appoint 7-12 individuals to the VQAC.