

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-056

APPROVING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FINAL LAYOUT FOR CENTRAL AVENUE (TRUNK HIGHWAY 65) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Commissioner of Transportation has prepared a final layout for State Project 0207-130 on Trunk Highway 65, from 37th Avenue NE to 53rd Avenue NE [JE1.1] within the City of Columbia Heights for roadway reconstruction; and seeks approval thereof, as described in Minnesota Statutes 161.162 to 161.167: and

Said final layout is on file in the Metro District Minnesota Department of Transportation office, Roseville, Minnesota, dated April 14th, 2026, S.P. 0207-130, from 37th Avenue NE to the I-694 Eastbound Off-ramp; and

Pursuant to M.S. § 161.164, the City Council conducted a properly noticed public hearing on June 16, 2026, at the Columbia Heights City Hall, where all interested parties, residents, and affected property owners were given an opportunity to be heard; and

The City Council has reviewed the final layout and determined that the project serves the best interests of the City of Columbia Heights and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Columbia Heights:

1. The City hereby officially grants Municipal Consent to the MnDOT Final Layout for the Trunk Highway 65 improvement project within the corporate limits of the City of Columbia Heights, as presented.
2. City approval is contingent on executing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in a timely manner that does not affect MnDOT's planned construction start date in 2028.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the MnDOT District Engineer within seven days of its adoption.
4. City Staff is directed to continue working closely with MnDOT and Metro Transit personnel during the final engineering and design phases to minimize local construction disruptions.

Passed this 14th day of September 2026

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call:

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor

Attest:

Aaron Chirpich, City Manager