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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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MnDOT
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Patrick Weidemann and Karen Scheffing
395 John Ireland Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155-1800

RE: Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority supports Corridors of Commerce funding for TH 169 and TH 2 intersection improvements in Grand Rapids, MN.

Dear Minnesota Department of Transportation,

The Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority (GREDA) supports a request from the City of Grand Rapids, for \$1 million from the Corridors of Commerce program for the TH 169 and TH 2 intersection improvements project in Grand Rapids,

The TH 169 and TH 2 intersection improvements project will address significant capacity issues and crash concerns. The project involves traffic signal updates, lane and capacity improvements, pedestrian safety enhancements and at-grade rail crossing improvements.

Both trunk highways continue to serve as major routes of choice for commerce, commuters, and economic development in the northern half of the state. When completed, this critical improvement project will not only benefit Grand Rapids residents, but all users of the Trunk Highway system in northern Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sholom Blake
GREDA President