

Council member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-__

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 1 SUBMITTAL OF A FY29-30 MINNESOTA
HIGHWAY FREIGHT PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION FOR PHASES A AND
B OF THE HIGHWAY 2 AND HIGHWAY 169 GRAND RAPIDS/LA PRAIRIE
CORRIDOR AND SAFETY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) announced its latest statewide competitive funding opportunity through the FY29-30 Minnesota Highway Freight Program (MNHFP) allocating \$25.6 million per year to fund freight projects that address the investment goals identified in the State Freight Plan; and

WHEREAS, Highway 2 and Highway 169 are MnDOT trunk highways that provide important transportation connections in and through the City of Grand Rapids, City of LaPrairie, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad, and Itasca County; and

WHEREAS, traffic volumes on Highway 2 and Highway 169 have been increasing and are expected to continue to increase in the future as the City of Grand Rapids and surrounding area continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, with traffic volumes, serious and fatal crashes are expected to rise if improvements are not made at Highway 2 and Highway 169 intersections and along the adjacent supporting local transportation system; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT, the city of Grand Rapids, and City of LaPrairie are working together to plan for mobility and safety improvements along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT will submit an application to the MNHFP requesting \$10 million in funds to increase safety for all traffic, maintain mobility for freight vehicles, and increase pedestrian and bicycle usage to and from destinations on both sides of Highway 2 and Highway 169.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Grand Rapids supports MnDOT's FY29-30 MNHFP application to improve safety along Highway 2 and Highway 169 in the City of Grand Rapids.

Adopted by the Council this 11th day of August, 2025.

Tasha Connelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Johnson-Gibeau, City Clerk

Council member seconded the foregoing resolution and the following voted in favor thereof ;
and the following voted against same: ; whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and
adopted.