



## CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

<b>Presenter:</b>	Jason Anderson
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, November 26, 2024
<b>Category:</b>	NEW BUSINESS
<b>Type:</b>	ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Consider Authorization to Submit Letter of Support for Intersection Safety Improvements at TH 23 & Tiger Drive
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>The intersection of Tiger Drive and Minnesota Trunk Highway 23 (TH 23) has been a local safety concern for many years. On January 3, 2024, the Marshall Area Transportation Group (MATG) hosted a meeting in our City Council Chambers with numerous stakeholders to discuss safety concerns at this intersection. The meeting was well-attended, and there was good discussion between some local stakeholders and MnDOT District 8 staff. At this meeting, District Engineer at the time, Jon Huseby and D8 Traffic Engineer Cody Brand discussed the opportunities and challenges associated with developing an intersection improvement project at this location. During the presentation, MnDOT largely focused on the possibility of implementing a Reduced Conflict Intersection (J-Turn) type of safety improvement at this location due to the low cost and high benefit of this type of improvement. The stakeholders in the room were in support of a safety improvement here and a J-Turn was viewed as an acceptable safety enhancement for this intersection.</p> <p>Back in early 2024, the City of Marshall submitted for a Rural High-Risk Roads grant for design and scoping of a J-Turn improvement at this intersection. Though the City was unsuccessful with this grant application, we did have letters of support from Marshall Public Schools, SW MN State University, MnDOT District 8, and the Marshall Area Transportation Group.</p> <p>At this time, MnDOT District 8 is planning to submit for a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant to design and construct a J-Turn improvement for this intersection. If successful, MnDOT could construct the project in 2028. MnDOT Traffic Engineer, Cody Brand, has asked for letters of support from MPS, SMSU, and the MATG.</p> <p>City staff has attached a draft letter of support for City Council review and consideration.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	No local costs for the design and construction of a J-Turn at TH 23 and Tiger Drive. If awarded, MnDOT’s HSIP grant would cover the entire cost of the intersection safety improvement.
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	No alternative actions recommended.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	that the City Council authorize City staff to submit the attached letter of support to MnDOT to be included with their HSIP grant application.