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Mr. Cody Brand
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District 8
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Dear Mr. Brand,

On behalf of the City of Marshall, I am writing to express full support for the proposed reduced conflict intersection (RCI) improvement project at Minnesota Trunk Highway 23 and Tiger Drive under the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). As Mayor of the City of Marshall, I recognize the importance of improving traffic safety in Marshall, and I am confident that this project will have a significant and positive impact on the safety of all road users in our community.

The intersection of Trunk Highway 23 and Tiger Drive has long been a safety concern due to its complex traffic flow, the frequency of crashes at the location, and the high number of young and inexperienced drivers. By implementing an RCI design at this intersection, we can reduce the number of conflict points and mitigate the risk of dangerous, high-speed right-angle crashes. This improvement is a proven safety solution that will greatly enhance safety.

MnDOT has successfully installed RCIs at several key intersections along Trunk Highway 23 in Marshall, including County Road 7, S. Saratoga Street, and E. Lyon Street. These projects have proven to be highly successful in improving safety and reducing crashes, and we believe that implementing a similar design at Tiger Drive will yield similar positive results. We are confident that the proposed RCI will improve both safety and traffic flow in this critical area.

The City of Marshall is hopeful that this project will qualify for an HSIP grant, and we look forward to partnering with you and MnDOT to ensure the successful implementation of these much-needed intersection safety improvements. This project will significantly enhance safety for our residents, commuters, and visitors alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your ongoing efforts to improve transportation safety in our region, and we strongly support this funding request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Byrnes
Mayor, City of Marshall