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RE: Trunk Highway 65 Planning and Environmental Linkages Study – Notification of Adoption

Greetings,

Following up from our last correspondence in September, the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration's Highway 65 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study has finalized the PEL Report. This letter serves as notification of the TH 65 PEL adoption, including all analysis and recommendations.

The TH 65 PEL study area includes about 7 miles of TH 65 from 81st Avenue NE (just south of County State Aid Highway [CSAH] 10) in Spring Lake Park through Blaine, to Bunker Lake Boulevard in Ham Lake, with a ½ mile buffer on either side. TH 65 is a vital link for traffic traveling between the Twin Cities urban core and northern suburban and exurban communities.

The goal of this study was to examine a range of alternatives that address capacity, access, mobility, and safety issues. Using a robust engagement process, the study developed several alternatives and progressed through three screening phases. The range of alternatives identified in the final report will be carried forward as recommended for post-study formal NEPA process and more detailed design when funding becomes available.

The final signed report including all appendices are located [here](#). Please contact me at [jennifer.wiltgen@state.mn.us](mailto:jennifer.wiltgen@state.mn.us) or (612) 499-7984 or Philip Forst at [phil.forst@dot.gov](mailto:phil.forst@dot.gov) or (651) 291-6110 for questions or additional information.

Sincerely,

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