

**RESOLUTION #11-09-XXX**

**2012 BONDING REQUEST FOR \$10 MILLION FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERCHANGE AT U.S. HIGHWAY 10 AND COUNTY STATE-AID HIGHWAY 83 (ARMSTRONG BOULEVARD)**

**WHEREAS**, the Armstrong Interchange improvements have been identified by state, county and local agencies and permanent improvements of this intersection would be highly beneficial; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is estimated to cost approximately \$30 million dollars based upon preliminary design estimates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Armstrong Interchange improvements are proposed to be constructed using a combination of federal, state, regional, and local funding; and

**WHEREAS**, The improvements would achieve and support the following:

Public safety

- Guaranteed access for fire and police personnel to Highway 10 and neighborhoods/businesses south of Highway 10

Transportation safety improvements at Highway 10 and the BNSF Rail Crossing.

- At-grade Rail crossing is currently within 50 feet of Highway 10
- Operational status of Highway 10 at Armstrong
  - Average speed on Highway 10 is 29 MPH during peak
  - Top 100 most dangerous intersections in state
  - West of Armstrong, Highway 10 continues for 3 miles without a signalized intersection

Improved access to Ramsey Town Center and the economic development opportunities within.

- Ramsey Town Center is a Transit Oriented Development that has received investment from Met Council Livable Communities and Federal grant funds the Armstrong Interchange improvements

Existing public investment in the corridor.

- Property acquired with federal, state and county funds for Ramsey/Dayton River Crossing
- Twelve (12) properties have been acquired for right-of-way purposes utilizing Met council RALF funds in the Highway 10 Corridor, \$8 Million + has been invested thus far in preserving the corridor at today's market values
- City of Ramsey recently purchased 148 acres of the land in the Ramsey downtown area for the purpose of economic development

; and

**WHEREAS**, the interchange improvements will provide for the expansion of the business/industrial park south of Highway 10, west of Armstrong to create additional jobs and tax base in North Metro  
; and

**WHEREAS**, the interchange improvements will create a valuable trails and open space connection, by providing a trail link connecting two regional parks: Rum River Central Park to the North and the Mississippi West Park within the Mississippi National River Recreation Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Armstrong Interchange improvements are important to commercial development in The COR and is expected to generate \$3.5 million annually in local tax revenue, and add 3,900 jobs at full build-out. Also, over the next six years more than 600 new residential units will be constructed with rail service being a significant attraction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Armstrong Interchange improvements station will stimulate Ramsey’s local economy and impact the entire region by creating construction jobs and access to land for additional economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, if such State funding is secured, the City of Ramsey will secure or provide other funding to ensure completion of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 the City of Ramsey was successful in their efforts to create a tax increment finance district to support transportation related improvements in and around The COR development. These funds could be used to finance the local share of the rail station construction.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:**

That the City of Ramsey hereby supports a 2012 State bonding request for the Armstrong Interchange improvements in the amount of \$10,000,000.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Mayor Ramsey  
Councilmember Backous  
Councilmember Elvig  
Councilmember McGlone  
Councilmember Tossey  
Councilmember Wise

and the following voted against the same:

None

and the following abstained

None

and the following were absent:

None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011.

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Mayor Bob Ramsey

**ATTEST:**

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Deputy City Clerk, Amy Dietl

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution presented to and adopted by the City of Ramsey at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 22nd day of February 2011, as shown by the minutes of said meeting in my possession.

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Amy Dietl, Deputy City Clerk