



Anoka County

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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Douglas W. Fischer, PE
County Engineer

Dear Business Leader,

I'm writing you today to let you know that the anticipated open date for the U.S. Highway 10-Armstrong Boulevard interchange will be delayed until November 20. Our contractor informed us last week that they will not be able to meet their originally scheduled opening date of October 30.

As you might expect, this was very disappointing news and, as the construction contract states, we will be enforcing strict financial penalties for each day the project is overdue to entice the contractor to put all of the necessary resources into action in order to expedite the completion of this project.

We know this project has tried your patience and put your business at a disadvantage for some time. We also know your customers have been asking "when is the interchange going to be done." We are grateful for your patience as we bring necessary safety and efficiency enhancements to this interchange and look forward to celebrating with you when it is complete.

In the meantime, along with our partners in the city of Ramsey and MnDOT, we will continue to be vigilant to make sure that corners are not cut by the contractor in order to meet the promised timeline. We will not make concessions when it comes to safety on this vital project.

This project is the jumpstart of our effort to make continued improvements to U.S. Highway 10 in Ramsey, Anoka and Coon Rapids. Your support and partnership, along with the cities, is vital to the effort to convince state and federal leaders of the importance of funding public safety projects along the U.S. Highway 10 corridor.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-862-4213 or doug.fischer@co.anoka.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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