



Anoka County

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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County Engineer

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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 further delayed than what was last communicated to you. While the completion date for the entire interchange has slipped, we will begin to open certain portions of the interchange as soon they are ready.

After several meetings with the contractor late this week, we are now anticipating work to be completed to allow portions of the interchange to be opened as follows:

1. Eastbound exit/entrance ramp/loop and Armstrong Boulevard south of Highway 10 open to traffic: October 30th
2. Westbound exit/entrance ramps, bridge over the BNSF Railroad, and Armstrong Boulevard north of Highway 10 open to traffic: December 5th
3. Full interchange, including the Highway 10 bridge, open to all traffic: December 30th

There will be temporary measures put in place to get us through the winter season and the final completion and cleanup of the project will be completed in the spring of 2016, but again we are expecting the interchange to be fully open to traffic by December 30th.

This was very disappointing news and, as the construction contract states and I stated in an earlier letter, 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 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.

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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