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Mr. Joe MacPherson  
County Engineer  
Anoka County, Minnesota  
2100 3rd Avenue  
Anoka, MN 55303

**RE: Support for the Ramsey Gateway – Ramsey Boulevard & Highway 10 / BNSF Railway Interchange Project**

Dear Mr. MacPherson,

The City of Ramsey extends its full support and partnership for advancing the Ramsey Gateway – Ramsey Boulevard & Highway 10 Interchange Project, which includes grade separation improvements to Ramsey Boulevard at both US Highway 10 and the BNSF railway crossing within our city limits. The well-documented safety and mobility deficiencies of this important corridor must be resolved. With further technical analyses, stakeholder outreach, and agency coordination, the Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 Improvements project refined improvement options identified in the 2014 Highway 10 Access Planning Study. Both efforts were completed in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Council, Anoka County, and the cities of Ramsey, Anoka, and Elk River.

Together, Anoka County and the City of Ramsey have been pursuing multiple competitive funding sources for the Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 Improvements project to; replace at-grade intersections on Highway 10 and at BNSF Railway Crossings with grade-separated interchanges at Ramsey Boulevard (County State Aid Highway 56) and Sunfish Lake Boulevard (County State Aid Highway 57), restrict other public access points, eliminate private driveways, improve the supporting local roadway system, and provide accessible and equitable non-motorized connections to jobs and transit. All project partners, including the City of Ramsey, recognize that the benefits associated with this project are locally and regionally significant.

With these benefits in mind, the City of Ramsey is a committed funding partner and believes the proposed improvements will greatly improve the safety and mobility of the Highway 10 corridor for our community and the region, in addition to improving the vitality of local and regional business and industries.

Sincerely,

Kurt Ulrich  
City Administrator

