

January 20, 2026

The Honorable Angie Craig  
2052 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Craig:

On behalf of Dakota County, I want to thank you for your leadership in supporting federal funding for critical projects to benefit the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District.

As Congress prepares to convene the second session of the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress, we are grateful for your support of \$2,000,000 for the I-35 CH 50 interchange project, included in the House Transportation-HUD Appropriations Bill for FY 2026.

As you know, the requested funding would be used to replace the I-35 bridges over County Road 50 and reconstruct the interchange in the city of Lakeville, including the expansion of County Road 50. The existing I-35 and County Road 50 interchange does not have sufficient capacity, sight distance or turn lanes. This results in delays and safety issues in this growing area of Lakeville, Dakota County's largest city and one of the fastest-growing cities in the state.

Dakota County and the City of Lakeville have been planning to replace this deficient interchange since 2004 and have made significant local investments in right-of-way acquisition, local road reconfiguration and drainage improvements. This project will improve transportation safety by addressing a long-standing need that was identified more than 20 years ago when County Road 50 was expanded from two to four travel lanes except for the area under I-35.

Thank you again for your support of this critically important project for Dakota County.

Sincerely,

Laurie Halverson, Chair

**County Board of Commissioners**