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January 29, 2026

Mr. Barry Becker
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Re: 2025 Transportation Economic Development (TED) Program Funding Award

Dear Mr. Becker,

Congratulations! The County State Aid Highway 46 Improvements project application submitted by Dakota County has been selected to receive funding through the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Transportation Economic Development (TED) program. The project has been approved to receive up to a maximum of \$3,850,000 for trunk highway fund-eligible expenses, subject to MnDOT's cost participation policy, as follows:

- The project must be let by the end of Fiscal Year 2028, unless otherwise approved by the appropriate MnDOT district program manager.
- The TED contribution toward the cost of the project is capped. The applicant accepts responsibility for the balance of funding necessary to deliver the project.
- As stated in the 2025 TED Solicitation Guidance, this award will provide funding up to 70% of the total transportation infrastructure cost or the maximum allowable share as determined by MnDOT's cost participation policy.
- The TED funding is a MnDOT contribution toward the project.
- The offer of funding under this program does not waive any of the required project approvals. Should all necessary approvals not be obtained, MnDOT will withdraw this grant.
- This offer of financial assistance is contingent upon the completion of a cooperative construction agreement for the project.
- The applicant agrees to work with MnDOT's district officials to create and regularly update a schedule of project development activities in MnDOT's project management system, including plan approvals and a cooperative construction agreement.
- This project must be developed under the direction of a licensed engineer in the State of Minnesota.
- To help determine the effectiveness of the TED program, the applicant agrees to provide an annual report on the economic benefits that have been materialized and the increase in tax base and property development for a period of five years post-completion.

All program grantees will need to continue working with MnDOT to ensure a successful project delivery. Please work with Aaron Tag, Transportation Program Director, Project Management, at your local MnDOT district office.

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We look forward to assisting you throughout the project development process. If you have any questions, please contact:

- Aaron Tag, Transportation Program Director, Program Management, at Aaron.Tag@state.mn.us;
- Noah Hansen, Capital Planning Coordinator, at Noah.Hansen@state.mn.us; and/or
- Peter Olson, Lead Alternative Funding and Financing Analyst, at Peter.Olson@state.mn.us

Congratulations, again, to you and your staff for developing an approach to address your community's transportation needs and economic development opportunities.

Sincerely



Nancy Daubenberger, P.E. (MN)
Commissioner

cc: The Honorable Bill Lieske, Minnesota State Senator
The Honorable Drew Roach, Minnesota State Representative
Khani Sahebjam, District Engineer, Metro District, MnDOT
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