

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**  
**MINNESOTA DIVISION**  
**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Minnesota State Project Numbers, 7106-71 & 7106-73

Trunk Highway 169

From Main Street in Elk River

To County State-Aid Highway 4 in Zimmerman

In Sherburne County, Minnesota

The proposed project consists primarily of reconstruction of Trunk Highway (TH) 169 from Elk River to Zimmerman, improvements to Highway 101 from Elk River to Otsego, frontage road construction, and access consolidation.

The Federal Highway Administration has determined the proposed improvements, as described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) will have no significant impacts to the human or natural environment. This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based upon the EA which has been independently evaluated by FHWA and determined to adequately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures.

FHWA's support of the preferred alternative and issuance of this FONSI is based, in part, on the City of Elk River's commitment ensure the Carson Street realignment as shown in the preferred alternative will be a legal route for Great River Energy's freight traffic without repercussion to the validity of Great River Energy's operating permit on the basis of roadway access.

The EA provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the EA for the subject project.

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