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The Honorable Mike Beard, Chair
House Transportation Policy and Finance Committee
417 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Frank Hornstein, Ranking Minority Member
House Transportation Policy and Finance Committee
213 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Joe Gimse, Chair
Senate Transportation Committee
303 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Dibble, Ranking Minority Member
Senate Transportation Committee
115 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Legislators:

I am pleased to present the third annual report on the local design-build contracting pilot program, as required under Laws 2009, Chapter 26, Article 3, Section 29, Subdivision 2. This report summarizes the progress made during 2011 on implementing the design-build contracting method for local transportation projects.

Based on MnDOT's experience with our design-build program and our experience with two state-aid projects underway, the design-build project delivery method for county and municipal governments is proving to be a vital process in delivering quality projects on or ahead of schedule; on or under budget; and in a manner that is safe for the owner (county or city), the design-builder (contractor) and the public.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about this report, or you can contact Rick Kjonaas in MnDOT's Office of State Aid for Local Transportation at 651-366-3802 or at rick.kjonaas@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "TKS", written over a light blue background.

Thomas K. Sorel
Commissioner

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