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Via Email Only

August 1, 2016

The Honorable Tim Kelly, Chair
House Transportation Policy & Finance Committee
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The Honorable Frank Hornstein, DFL Co-Lead
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The Honorable Ron Erhardt, DFL Co-Lead
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The Honorable Scott Dibble, Chair
Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee
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Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable John C. Pederson
Ranking Minority Member
Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee
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RE: Trunk Highway 149 Smith Avenue High Bridge project, S.P. 6223-20

Dear Legislators:

[Minnesota Statutes 161.3208, subdivision 4](#) requires the commissioner of transportation to notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the Senate and House of Representatives committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance each time the commissioner decides to use the construction manager / general contractor (CMGC) method for procurement and explain why the method was chosen.

MnDOT has decided to use the CMGC procurement method to replace the bridge deck and post tensioned tendons on Trunk Highway 149, also known as the Smith Avenue High Bridge in St. Paul. CMGC was selected for this project because it allows MnDOT to work collaboratively with the CMGC Contractor during the design phase to better manage the considerable risks and constructability challenges presented by this project.

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If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kevin Hagness, MnDOT CMGC program manager, at 651-366-4223 or kevin.hagness@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles A. Zelle".

Charles A. Zelle
Commissioner

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