

January 2, 2018

The Honorable Paul Torkelson, Chair  
House Transportation Finance Committee  
381 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Newman, Chair  
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee  
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The Honorable Linda Runbeck, Chair  
House Transportation & Regional Governance Policy  
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The Honorable Scott Dibble  
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The Honorable Frank Hornstein, DFL Lead  
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The Honorable Connie Bernardy, DFL Lead  
House Transportation & Regional Governance  
Policy Committee  
253 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Final Report on Minnesota Trunk Highway 55 and Wilkin County State Aid Highway 19 Intersection

Dear Legislators:

In accordance with [Laws of Minnesota 2017, 1st Spec. Sess., Chapter 3, Section 139](#), the Minnesota Department of Transportation is submitting the final report with the preferred option selected to mitigate the issue at the intersection of TH 55 and Wilkin CSAH 19 in Nashua.

A working group consisting of MnDOT staff, a Wilkin county board member, county highway department staff, Nashua city officials, a Champion township board member, Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative representatives and nearby property owners was formed to study and discuss possible solutions to the crossing problem at the intersection.

The working group selected option 6 as the preferred option to solve the problem of crossing blockages at CSAH 19 in Nashua. It is recommending this solution over the others because it addresses the issue of trains blocking the tracks causing traffic back-ups. This option also allows emergency vehicles to cross the tracks if the CSAH 19 crossing is blocked.

Please contact me with any questions you may have, or you may contact Brian Bausman, D4 Project Manager, at [brian.bausman@state.mn.us](mailto:brian.bausman@state.mn.us) or (218) 846-7944.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner