

*Via Email Only*

May 14, 2019

The Honorable Frank Hornstein, Chair  
House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee  
545 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Newman, Chair  
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee  
3105 Minnesota Senate Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Paul Torkelson, GOP Lead  
House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee  
251 State Office Building  
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The Honorable Scott Dibble  
Ranking Minority Member  
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee  
2213 Minnesota Senate Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Trunk Highway 169 between TH 101/TH 10 and 197<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Elk River, State Project No. 7106-73

Dear Legislators:

[Minnesota Statutes 161.3208, subd. 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 method for procurement and explain why the method was chosen.

MnDOT has selected the CM/GC procurement method to complete the Trunk Highway 169 Redefine project in Elk River. This project replaces four at-grade intersections with grade-separated interchanges at Main Street, School Street, 193<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 197<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It is anticipated that the project's scope of work will include intersection improvements at the TH 169/TH 101/TH 10 interchange ramp-heads and bridge replacement at northbound TH 101 over TH 10.

CM/GC was selected for this project because it allows MnDOT to work collaboratively with the contractor, designer and stakeholders during the design phase to effectively manage the construction staging and maintenance of traffic challenges this project presents. This ensures impacts to the community and traveling public are minimized during construction. Furthermore, CM/GC provides for earlier cost certainty and the ability to better manage cost to a budget given the contractor's participation in the design development. This is particularly important for this project given the fixed budget.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kevin Hagness, MnDOT CM/GC program manager, at 651-366-4223 or [kevin.hagness@state.mn.us](mailto:kevin.hagness@state.mn.us).

Sincerely,



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