

July 16, 2018

EQB Monitor Distribution List and Interested Parties

**RE: Negative Declaration Order** for Proposed Construction Project on I-694/ I-494 and I-94 in Washington County, in the Cities of Oakdale and Woodbury, Minnesota (SP 8286-81)

To Whom It May Concern:

Under Minnesota rules, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for this project. The proposed action was described and analyzed in an Environmental Assessment Worksheet circulated to the EAW Distribution List and others. A **Notice of Availability** of the EAW appeared in the **EQB Monitor** on April 30, 2018. A public open house was held for the proposed project on May 24, 2018. The EAW comment period closed May 30, 2018.

As the RGU for work on the Minnesota trunk highway system, MnDOT has undertaken a thorough analysis of the project and its impacts. Through this analysis, coordination with affected agencies, public and community involvement, and comment letters received, MnDOT has determined the project does not have the potential for significant environmental impacts. MnDOT has concluded that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required, and has issued a Negative Declaration Order for the project. This decision and determination is supported by the full administrative record of the project, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions. The Negative Declaration concludes the Minnesota state environmental review process.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation does not intend to circulate paper copies of the Findings of Fact & Conclusions and the Negative Declaration Order. These items and others are available on the project website at:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94-494-694/documents.html>

Should any readers not have access to this electronic document, a paper copy or alternative format document may be requested by contacting the Project Manager, Ryan Coddington at 651-234-7714.

For the Minnesota Department of Transportation,



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