



Minnesota Department of Transportation

Metropolitan District

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June 30, 2008

Eric Johnson
City Administrator
Oak Park Heights
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Re: St. Croix River Crossing Project Municipal Consent and Letting Status

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of November 6, 2007. As you note, the District Court determined that the Commissioner of Transportation sought municipal consent from Oak Park Heights in 1995 and that Minn. Stat. sections 161.17, 161.171-177 (2000) governed and still govern the municipal consent process with Oak Park Heights.

The City of Oak Park Heights granted municipal consent on August 14, 1995 in resolution 95-08-39. During the City's 2006 complaint in District Court, Oak Park Heights informed the Court that there are no significant differences between the layout approved in 1995 and the current layout dated July 18, 2005 and that the project is unchanged as to the trunk highway elements within Oak Park Heights. Therefore, the next step for Mn/DOT in the municipal consent process with the City, in accordance with Minnesota Statute 161.177(2000), is "the submission of a copy of as complete a set of construction plans as is possible, which will be issued to prospective bidders and in accordance with the project layout plan."

With the new State Transportation Funding and requirements enacted by the 2008 legislature, Mn/DOT has established a construction start date of fall 2013, for this project. The materials defined in 161.177(2000) will be submitted to the City when they are completed and not less than 120 days before project bids are received.

Mn/DOT will continue to work with the city to provide updated project information as it is known and work with the City on local funding and other issues of concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Thompson', written over a white background.

Nick Thompson
East Area Manager

cc: Mayor and City Council Members
Mark Vierling, City Attorney
Susan Mulvihill, Mn/DOT Acting District Engineer
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