



Minnesota Department of Transportation

Metropolitan District Office
1500 West County Road B-2
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February 18, 2010

Mayor and City Councilmembers,
City of Oak Park Heights
14168 Oak Park Boulevard North
PO Box 2007
Oak Park Heights, MN 55082

RE: DNR Permit #2010-0117, St. Croix Load Test Project

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

This is a follow-up letter to my February 16, 2010 letter asking the city to withdraw its hearing demand and allow the Load Test project to move forward without delay.

As you know, the federal TIGER Grant project announcements came out on February 17th and the St. Croix River Bridge Project was not one of the selected projects. Without the TIGER funds we are now back on the original schedule with river bridge construction scheduled to begin in 2013.

The Load Test Project is still important to perform this spring. Data gathered from the testing remains essential for the bridge design process and will reduce overall project costs by millions of dollars as we discussed at the January 26th Council presentation. The Load Test project is ready to move forward and all construction concerns have been addressed for the protection of the St. Croix River.

Therefore, Mn/DOT reiterates our request that the city withdraw its hearing demand from the DNR and allow Mn/DOT's Load Test project and our contractor Bolander to move forward without delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Josephson".

Adam Josephson
East Area Manager
Mn/DOT Metro District

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