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Honorable Mayor Gene Winstead  
City of Bloomington  
1800 West Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, MN 55431

Re: Statement of Support  
Mn/DOT TIGER II Joint Grant Application  
Including Lindau Lane Corridor Improvements

Dear Mayor Winstead:

Hennepin County would like to express support for the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery II (TIGER II) funding program application. It is our understanding that the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is currently assembling a TIGER II application for seven projects within Minnesota, one component of which includes the Lindau Lane corridor near the Mall of American in Bloomington.

The Lindau Lane project would improve traffic safety and operations, and it would incorporate many of the transportation modal elements that support the county's complete streets policy. The corridor crosses County State Aid Highway 1 (CSAH-1 / 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue) which currently carries over 23,000 vehicles per day. CSAH-1 is identified as a component of the county Bicycle Transportation System Plan. We believe the project would significantly improve bicycle and pedestrian access to the Mall of America.

Hennepin County and the City of Bloomington have a long history of working collaboratively to improve the local and regional transportation systems. We wish Mn/DOT and the City of Bloomington success with this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'James N. Grube'.

James N. Grube, P.E.  
Director of Transportation and County Engineer

cc: Brian Gage, Mn/DOT