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Re: Finding of No Significant Impact
Trunk Highway 22 Flood Mitigation Project
State Project Number 4012-36
In the City of Saint Peter
Nicollet County, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Zelle:

Enclosed is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) as requested by Deb Moynihan's February 19, 2015, e-mail. The proposed project consists of reconstructing 0.59 miles of Trunk Highway 22 by raising the roadway above the 100-year flood elevation to reduce the frequency and duration of road closures. This Finding concludes that the project will not significantly impact the human environment.

A Notice of Availability of the FONSI must be sent to Federal, State, and local government agencies that are likely to have an interest in the undertaking and to the State intergovernmental review contacts. It is encouraged that agencies, which commented on the Environmental Assessment (or requested to be informed) are advised on the project decision, the disposition of their comments and provided a copy of the FONSI.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 291-6110 or phil.forst@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Minnesota State Project Number 4012-36

Trunk Highway 22 Flood Mitigation Project

In the City of Saint Peter

Nicollet County, Minnesota

The proposed project consists primarily of reconstructing 0.59 miles of TH 22 to reduce the frequency and duration of road closures during high water events. Improvements to TH 22 include raising the grade approximately 3.5 feet and replacing existing bridge panels.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined the proposed improvements, as described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Findings of Fact and Conclusion (FOFC) will have no significant impacts to the human or natural environment. This Finding of No Significant Impact is based upon the EA which has been independently evaluated by FHWA and determined to adequately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures.

The EA provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the EA for the subject project.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William R. Lohr".

William Lohr, P.E.

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