



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday August 21, 2019

Agenda Item

Item 6. B. - Request from Scott County

Prepared By

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Summary

Scott County and MNDOT are planning improvements to Trunk Highway 13 (TH13). The first priority for improvement is the stretch of TH 13 from Dakota to Quentin Avenues. A meeting was held on August 6, 2019 with owners of property that would be impacted by the improvements. At the meeting MNDOT and the County explained that they are requesting a TED (Transportation Economic Development) grant from the State. They have requested that the LMRWD write a letter of support to MNDOT.

The letter of support is attached.

Attachments

Letter of support for Scott County's Trunk Highway 13 and Dakota Interchange Transportation Economic Development Application

Recommended Action

Motion to authorize execution and submittal of letter of support



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Ken Buckeye
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RE: Support for Scott County's Trunk Highway 13 and Dakota Interchange Transportation Economic Development Application

Dear Mr. Buckeye,

The Lower Minnesota River Watershed District is writing to express support for the 2019 Transportation Economic Development (TED) grant program for the Truck Highway 13 and Dakota Avenue Interchange project in Savage, MN.

Trunk Highway 13 is a key freight connection between agricultural rich lands in southwestern Minnesota and the Ports of Savage. The Ports of Savage, consisting of five separate private ports located on the Minnesota River and two rail corridors served by three railroad companies, which serve as an intermodal hub for the shipment of grain and other commodities beyond Minnesota. Approximately two million tons of material is shipped through the Ports of Savage annually from major operators. Ensuring efficiency in the flow of commercial truck traffic will increase business productivity, and freight mobility along the Truck Highway 13 corridor. It will also support dredging efforts to maintain the ports as a vital freight route for the state to the rest of the nation.

We are pleased to offer our support to Scott County and the City of Savage for their application for the 2019 TED Grant Program to improve the Trunk Highway 13 and Dakota Avenue interchange in Savage, MN.

Sincerely,

Jesse Hartmann
President
Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

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