

April 3, 2026

Capital Investment Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the City of Burnsville, I am writing to express our support for the City of Savage's bonding bill request to complete the Highway 13 River, Rail, and Road Initiative. The City of Burnsville has partnered with MNDOT, Scott County, and the City of Savage on this 25-year effort to transform the corridor into a grade-separated highway with interchanges, frontage road connections to inter-modal rail and barge facilities, and integrated transit and pedestrian infrastructure.

Highway 13 is part of the National Highway System and National Multimodal Freight Network, serving as the primary east-west link between US 169 and I-35W in the southern Twin Cities and the sole connector to the Ports of Savage, the largest private intermodal inland waterway grain facility in the upper Midwest. This project will eliminate at-grade crossings, improve pedestrian connections, and ensure consistent traffic flow, addressing critical capacity, access, and safety needs.

We respectfully request your support for this bonding request to close the funding gap and bring this much-needed project to completion.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth B. Kautz
Mayor