



U.S. Highway 169 Corridor Coalition

Working together to enhance safety, reduce congestion and maximize economic development along the US Highway 169 inter-regional corridor.

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The Honorable Frank Hornstein
545 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for the TH 169/ TH 282/ CR 9 Interchange Project in Jordan, MN

Dear Representative Hornstein,

On behalf of the U.S. Highway 169 Corridor Coalition – a nonpartisan, public/private joint powers organization made up of county, city, township, non-profit, and business leaders surrounding the U.S. 169 inter-regional corridor from Mankato, MN to the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area - I am writing to express our support for the funding request of the US 169/ TH 282/ CH 9 Interchange Project ([HF1501](#)) in Jordan. This project is a critical project to this corridor. Our Coalition, as well the project sponsors of Scott County and the City of Jordan key coalition partners, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), ask that this project be included in your final Transportation Conference Committee Omnibus bill.

The requested \$2.5 Million will help with the final design, right of acquisition and environmental documentation. This funding request was included in the Senate Transportation Omnibus bill.

The US 169/ TH 282/ CH 9 Interchange Project has been identified as the top priority for the US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition. From the Coalition's inception over 10 years ago, improving mobility and safety along the US 169 inter-regional corridor has been the Coalition's core goal. The US 169/ TH 282/ CH 9 Interchange Project will remove the last signalized intersection on the US 169 freight corridor for over 75 miles from southern Minnesota to the Twin Cities creating a safer and more efficient route for all corridor users. US 169 is a vital corridor facilitating grain and agricultural commodity movements between the Ports of Savage (the upper Midwest's largest inland waterway grain facility) and other parts of the state and region utilizing US 169. Mobility enhancements with the Interchange Project would improve the regional transportation network by reducing congestion, increasing commercial productivity, and enhancing mobility. Scott County, the City of Jordan, and other project partners have invested substantial resources to develop a project concept to eliminate this signalized intersection and construct an interchange to improve mobility and safety.

On behalf of the U.S. 169 Corridor Coalition, I am pleased to offer the support of the U.S. 169 Corridor Coalition to Scott County, the City of Jordan, and MnDOT for the US 169/ TH 282/ CH9 Interchange Project in Jordan.

Respectfully,

Kevin Burkart
Chair, US 169 Corridor Coalition/Prior Lake City Council Member

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