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Minnesota House of Representatives

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Congresswoman Kelly Morrison
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Washington, DC 20515

Congressman Tom Emmer
326 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Congresswoman Morrison and Congressman Emmer,

Thank you for your continued service to Minnesota and for your work on the federal issues that directly affect our communities at home.

I am writing to ask for your support in securing additional federal infrastructure funding for Highway 7 in the west metro. Highway 7 is a critical corridor for the communities I represent and for the broader region. It carries thousands of Minnesotans each day, supports local business activity, connects families to work and school, and serves as an essential route for emergency response and regional travel.

The need for continued investment in this corridor remains clear. Highway 7 presents ongoing safety and mobility challenges, particularly as the surrounding area continues to grow and traffic volumes remain high. This corridor has seen persistent crash concerns, including at several intersections with especially elevated safety risks. In addition to preserving road integrity and addressing long-term maintenance needs, improvements along Highway 7 are important to reducing delays, improving traffic operations, strengthening safety outcomes, and supporting more complete transportation connections for surrounding communities.

Since our earlier advocacy on this issue, MnDOT has developed a more complete picture of the project and the corridor's long-term needs through its study and planning work. MnDOT's base fiscal year 2029 project now includes pavement repair, replacement of the Mill Street bridge over Highway 7, a roundabout at CSAH 92, intersection improvements at Eureka Road, signal



replacements, and other related safety improvements. MnDOT has also increased the funded base of the 2029 project to approximately \$48.5 million.

Even with that important commitment, there remains a meaningful funding gap for additional high-priority improvements identified through the study process. At its February meeting, the Highway 7 Transportation Management Organization recommended advocating for additional funding to support improvements at Christmas Lake Road, Eureka Road, County Highway 13, Highway 41, and Wildwood Road. These are practical and important improvements that would help strengthen safety and traffic flow in the corridor while advancing the broader vision that local partners and stakeholders have worked to shape.

For that reason, I respectfully ask for your assistance in securing additional federal funding to support these Highway 7 improvements. This investment would help close the remaining gap on the most immediate needs, improve safety and operations at key locations, and ensure this project delivers the greatest possible benefit for west metro residents and the many Minnesotans who rely on this corridor every day.

This request is supported not only by the clear transportation need, but also by strong local interest in seeing the corridor improved in a thoughtful and effective way. Local leaders, corridor stakeholders, and residents all share an interest in making Highway 7 safer, more reliable, and better prepared for the region's continued growth.

Thank you again for your consideration and for your continued leadership on federal infrastructure priorities that matter to Minnesota communities. I appreciate your time and your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Myers', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Andrew Myers
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