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City of Anoka US Highway 10/169 Improvements - Project Fully Funded

ANOKA, Minn. – The City of Anoka is proud to announce all of the funding for the Highway 10/169 Improvements Project has been secured. Over the past three years, this massive \$80M City lead project has gone from unfunded to a fully funded project. The City has been working closely with Anoka County and MnDOT developing a plan for the Highway 10/169 corridor that works for both the community and the region. Together, the partners are pleased to announce that the construction for this critical corridor is slated to begin in late 2021 running through 2023.

The final funding was awarded to the project from the Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation Program. This is the second consecutive time the City of Anoka has had the top-ranked application and been awarded \$7M for the US Highway 10/169 project. The Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation award is in addition to a \$20M award from MnDOT's Highway Freight Program, \$5M from MnDOT's Transportation and Economic Development Program, and a \$7M from Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation in 2017. The project has also received contributions from the City of Anoka, Anoka County, MnDOT, and MN State Bonding.

The project will transform this signalized corridor into a freeway providing an interchange at Thurston Avenue, underpass at Fairoak Avenue, and a reconstructed interchange at Main Street. The project includes a frontage road network on both the north and south sides of the highway. Today, over 60,000 vehicles travel through the corridor daily, which causes significant congestion during peak periods. After the project is constructed, corridor delays are expected to be reduced by 75% and crashes to be reduced by 57%. This critical corridor will continue to serve the growing demands of the region, with traffic volumes expected to surpass 90,000 vehicles daily in 20 years.

Later this summer a public open house will be held where more information will be available. For more information about the US Highway 10/169 project, visit www.ci.anoka.mn.us or contact Ben Nelson, Engineering Technician, at 763-576-2785 or BNelson@ci.anoka.mn.us.

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