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SUBJECT: I-35W NORTH CORRIDOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
ANOKA AND RAMSEY COUNTIES, MINNESOTA
SP 6284-172

On behalf of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Metro District and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), SRF Consulting Group, Inc. is transmitting the enclosed Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Interstate 35W (I-35W) North Corridor Preliminary Design Project. The project proposes pavement rehabilitation on I-35W from County Road C in Roseville to Sunset Avenue (County Road 52) in Lino Lakes; construction of MnPASS lanes from County Road C to Lexington Avenue in Blaine; construction of auxiliary lanes on I-35W through the Interstate 694 (I-694) interchange area; construction of auxiliary lanes in the I-35W/Trunk Highway (TH) 10 commons area; and construction of a westbound auxiliary lane on TH 10 from I-35W to 93rd Lane. The project also proposes construction of stormwater basins and eight noise walls.

The EA provides information on the project need; alternatives considered; environmental impacts of the proposed action and mitigation measures; agency coordination; and public involvement activities completed to date. The EA includes the Minnesota Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) form. MnDOT is the project proposer and the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU).

You are encouraged to provide substantive comments on the enclosed document. The 30-day comment period will begin upon publication of a Notice of Availability of the document in the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) Monitor on **Monday, August 29, 2016**. Comments will be received through **Wednesday, September 28, 2016**, and may be directed to:

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To afford an opportunity for all interested persons to comment on the EA, two public hearings are scheduled: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 5:30-6:30 PM at Eagle Brook Church (3603 95th Avenue, Blaine) and Wednesday, September 14, 2016 from 5:30-6:30 PM at New Brighton City Hall (803 Old Highway 8, New Brighton). The public hearings will be held in an open house format.

Comments received will be used by MnDOT and FHWA in deciding whether there is potential for this project to result in significant impacts to the environment and whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. Submitted comments will become part of the official project record.

To request the document in an alternative format, please contact the MnDOT Affirmative Action Office at 651-366-4718 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an e-mail to ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us.

Thank you.

Enclosure: I-35W North Corridor Preliminary Design Project EA

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