



January 21, 2021

The Honorable Frank Hornstein, Chair
House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
545 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Newman, Chair
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
3105 Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable John Petersburg, GOP Lead
House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
217 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Dibble
Ranking Minority Member
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
2213 Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Trunk Highway 10 grade separation in Moorhead, State Project No. 1401-177

Dear Legislators:

[Minn. Stat. 161.3208, Subd. 4](#) requires the commissioner of transportation to notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the Senate and House of Representatives committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance each time the commissioner decides to use the construction manager / general contractor method for procurement and explain why the method was chosen.

MnDOT has selected the CM/GC procurement method to complete the Trunk Highway 10 grade separation project in Moorhead. This project constructs two underpasses on TH 10/11th Street under the BNSF rail. The project's scope of work is anticipated to include the construction of two bridges to support the BNSF rail over TH 10/11th Street, temporary bypasses to detour BNSF rail traffic during project construction, retaining walls and associated grading/civil work, including private utility relocations.

CM/GC was selected for this project because it allows MnDOT to work collaboratively with the contractor, designer and stakeholders, including BNSF Rail and the City of Moorhead, during the project's design phase to best manage the construction and maintenance of traffic challenges this project presents. This collaboration to coordinate and plan the work is essential to reducing the construction duration, minimizing risk and reducing impacts to the community and traveling public during construction.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kevin Hagness, MnDOT CM/GC program manager, at 651-398-1573 or kevin.hagness@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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