

May 30, 2025

The Honorable Erin Koegel, Co-Chair
House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
5th Floor, Centennial Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Dibble, Chair
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
3107 Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Jon Koznick, Co-Chair
House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
2nd Floor, Centennial Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable John Jasinski
Ranking Minority Member
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
2227 Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Trunk Highway 61 Reconstruction in Hastings, State Project No. 1913-107

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 (CM/GC) method for procurement and explain why the method was chosen.

MnDOT has selected the construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) procurement method to complete the Trunk Highway 61 reconstruction project in Hastings. The project's scope of work is anticipated to include the reconstruction of TH 61 between 4th Street and 36th Street, roundabouts at both TH 316 and 36th Street, retaining wall(s), a pedestrian bridge, trails/sidewalks, ADA improvements, signals, and utility relocations.

CM/GC was selected for this project because it allows MnDOT to work collaboratively with the contractor, designer and stakeholders during the project's design phase to best manage the challenges and risk associated with this urban reconstruction, including efficiently completing the project's scope of work while minimizing impacts to the community and traveling public during construction. This collaboration to coordinate and plan the work is critical to meeting the project goals and objectives and to making informed decisions that best balance the project's cost, schedule, quality, and public impacts.

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,



Nancy Daubenberger, P.E. (MN)
Commissioner