



# LYON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

504 Fairgrounds Road  
Marshall, Minnesota 56258

April 2, 2009

Honorable Collin Peterson  
U.S. House of Representatives

Re: 2010 Transportation Appropriations

Dear Representative Peterson:

Previous studies have been cooperatively completed by MNDOT, Lyon County and the City of Marshall. Identified as a high priority in these studies is the construction of an interchange at TH23 and CSAH7 in the City of Marshall. As the lead responsible agency for this project, Lyon County requests \$650,000.00 to be included in the 2010 Transportation Appropriations Bill for the necessary acquisition of Right of Way to be utilized for the TH23/CSAH7 interchange.

This interchange is important to the safety and economic health of Marshall and Southwestern Minnesota. CSAH7 provides access to the Marshall Regional Airport and various industrial parks and commercial areas in and around Marshall. As such, there is heavy traffic, especially truck traffic, turning at this intersection. This has created safety issues which have created crash rates of 1.2 crashes per million entering vehicles (MEV) with a crash severity rate of 2.8 MEV. Unfortunately, there have been two fatalities at this intersection in the last ten years. Both the crash rate and crash severity rate are higher than the statewide rates for roadways of similar design.

TH23 in the Marshall Area is a part of the MNDOT Interregional Corridor System. This system is intended to retain and enhance the economic viability of all of Minnesota by providing safe and efficient transportation connections. Marshall is a regional center which provides employment and services to the region of Southwest Minnesota. This interchange will allow this economic health to continue.

Your continuing support for this project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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