

**CITY OF COLOGNE
RESOLUTION NO. 17-12**

**A RESOLUTION FOR MINNESOTA HIGHWAY FREIGHT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR US
HIGHWAY 212 FROM COLOGNE TO CARVER**

- WHEREAS**, The Minnesota Department of Transportation Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations is soliciting funding applications for the Minnesota Highway Freight Program (MHFP) which provides federal funding for projects that deliver a clear benefit to highway-based freight transportation;
- WHEREAS**, The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is accepting candidate projects for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 Minnesota Highway Freight Program with applications due on August 31, 2017;
- WHEREAS**, The MHFP may provide federal funds for up to 80 percent of the eligible project cost, and applicants are required to identify other public and/or private funding sources that will contribute to the cost of the proposed project;
- WHEREAS**, To be eligible for funding, a proposed project must be on a public road, improve the safety, mobility, or efficiency of freight transportation, or improve road access to freight facilities;
- WHEREAS**, Carver County is seeking Minnesota Highway Freight Program funds to complete improvements on US Highway 212 from the City of Cologne to the City of Carver;
- WHEREAS**, US Highway 212 is one of Minnesota's important east-west transportation corridors linking the Twin Cities with numerous towns and businesses in western Minnesota and to South Dakota;
- WHEREAS**, The County and the Southwest Corridor Transportation Coalition (SWCTC) have been working cooperatively for multiple years with MnDOT, local governments, businesses, state and federal legislators and interested citizens to achieve the Highway 212 vision by actively pursuing needed upgrades and modernization of the two-lane gaps and intersections on Highway 212 between the Cities of Norwood Young America and Carver;
- WHEREAS**, The subject improvements have been developed to 90% level design plans and complete environmental documentation and identified as a priority project for Carver County and the SWCTC, with the express purpose of supporting and improving the safety, mobility, access, and efficiency of highway-based freight transportation.
- WHEREAS**, US Highway 212 is designated a Tier 1 corridor in the Metropolitan Council's Truck Highway Corridor Study;
- WHEREAS**, The County, MnDOT and other local governments as required will share in the local cost share responsibility of the project;
- WHEREAS**, These road improvements will provide needed 4-lane divided expressway facilities to fill the outstanding gap of part one of two segments in this vital interregional corridor and to achieve current design and safety standards, add needed capacity to improve traffic congestion bottlenecks, and provide substantial benefits to highway-based freight transportation;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cologne City Council supports Carver County's application and match commitment for the Minnesota Highway Freight Program funding for the Fiscal

Years (FY) 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 in order to complete improvements on US Highway 212 from the City of Cologne to the City of Carver, and hereby authorizes and directs the Carver County Engineer to submit the application.


Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cologne, Minnesota on August 21st, 2017.

Approved:



Matt Lein
Mayor

Attested:



Jesse Dickson
City Administrator

M/Szaroletta _____

S/Evenski _____

Evenski Aye _____

Lein Aye _____

Szaroletta Aye _____

Meyer Aye _____

Bruss Absent _____