



March 7, 2023

Congressman Tom Emmer
Minnesota's 6th Congressional District
9201 Quaday Ave. NE
Suite 206
Otsego, MN 55330

Dear Congressman Emmer,

On behalf of Lyon County, I am pleased to support the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study for consideration of funding in the 2023 Community Project Funding solicitation. We understand that this feasibility study is a high priority need to address a critical two-lane gap on a trunk highway route connecting the City of Marshall, a regional manufacturing and agricultural center, and US Highway 212. Also, those funds will be used to further develop priority projects identified by the study.

This study area has seen six fatal and three serious injury crashes in the last ten years and today carries up to 9,100 vehicles per day including 720 heavy commercial freight vehicles. Our region's economy is heavily supported by industries that rely on the transportation of physical goods to support their operations. These freight-related industries employ nearly forty percent of our region's workforce. Agriculture and manufacturing industries place high demand on this segment of Highway 23 as well as access for our residents to reach jobs and services.

Due to the safety and mobility concerns related to this critical two-lane gap on Highway 23, Lyon County has recognized the need for improvements along its major commuter and commercial corridors. The County Road Safety Plan documents safety deficiencies and nearly all county road intersections with Highway 23 are identified as improvement candidates. Lyon County is also a member of the Highway 23 Coalition which also recognizes this project as an important investment to provide safety and mobility improvements along Highway 23, the second longest state transportation system traveling from Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin.

For the reasons above, Lyon County endorses the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study and urges decisions makers to prioritize it for funding.

Sincerely,

Signature

Aaron VanMoer, PE
Lyon County Highway Engineer



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March 2, 2023

Congressman Tom Emmer
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Dear Congressman Emmer,

On behalf of the City of Marshall, I am pleased to support the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study for consideration of funding in the 2023 Community Project Funding solicitation. We understand that this feasibility study is a high priority need to address a critical two-lane gap on a trunk highway route connecting the City of Marshall, a regional manufacturing and agricultural center, and US Highway 212. Also, those funds will be used to further develop priority projects identified by the study.

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Due to the safety and mobility concerns related to this critical two-lane gap on Highway 23, the City of Marshall has recognized the need for improvements. The City of Marshall is also a member of the Highway 23 Coalition which also recognizes this project as an important investment to provide safety and mobility improvements along Highway 23, the second longest state transportation system traveling from Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin.

For the reasons above, the City of Marshall endorses the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study and urges decisions makers to prioritize it for funding.

Sincerely,

Robert Byrnes
Mayor, City of Marshall

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MARSHALL AREA TRANSPORTATION GROUP

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March 8, 2023

Congressman Tom Emmer
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Dear Congressman Emmer:

The Marshall Area Transportation Group strongly supports the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study for funding consideration in the 2023 Community Project Funding program. This feasibility study addresses our region's high priority need to close a critical two-lane gap on the trunk highway route connecting the City of Marshall, a regional manufacturing, logistical and agricultural center, and US Highway 212. Also, those funds will be used to further develop priority projects identified by the study.

This study area has seen six fatal and three serious injury crashes in the last ten years, and today carries up to 9,100 vehicles per day including 720 heavy commercial freight vehicles. This region's economy is heavily supported by industries that rely on the transportation of physical goods. These freight-related industries employ nearly forty percent of our region's workforce. Agriculture and manufacturing industries place high demand on this segment of Highway 23 as well as area residents to reach jobs and services.

The Marshall Area Transportation Group is a partnership of city, county, non-profit and private sector institutions. We know from these relationships that there is a widespread recognition in our region that a four-lane project is crucial for the safety and mobility for all who use this roadway. Also, the MATG is a member of the Highway 23 Coalition, which recognizes this project as an important investment to provide safety and mobility improvements. And the stakes are high, since Trunk Highway 23 is the second longest state transportation system connecting three states, from Sioux Falls to Saint Cloud, Duluth and Superior.

For all of these reasons, the Marshall Area Transportation Group strongly endorses the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study and urges decisions makers to prioritize it for funding.

Sincerely,



David E. Sturrock
Chairman



March 6, 2023,

Congressman Tom Emmer
Minnesota's 6th Congressional District
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Dear Congressman Emmer,

On behalf of the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to support the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study for consideration of funding in the 2023 Community Project Funding solicitation. We understand that this feasibility study is a high priority need to address a critical two-lane gap on a trunk highway route connecting the City of Marshall, a regional manufacturing and agricultural center, and US Highway 212. Also, those funds will be used to further develop priority projects identified by the study.

The Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce is a place where business, education, and the government come together for the betterment of the community. The Marshall Area Chamber is the largest professional business membership organization in Lyon County. We support the interests of our members and advocate for a strong community. Our 580+ members employ nearly 10,000 people in the area. We recognize that a safe and reliable Highway 23 corridor is key to the success of our business community. Also, inadequacies in the transportation system can result in supply chain bottlenecks resulting in uncertainties for many.

For the reasons above, the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce endorses the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study and urges decisions makers to prioritize it for funding.

Sincerely,

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Brad Gruhot
President
Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce

3/8/2023

Congressman Tom Emmer
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Dear Congressman Emmer,

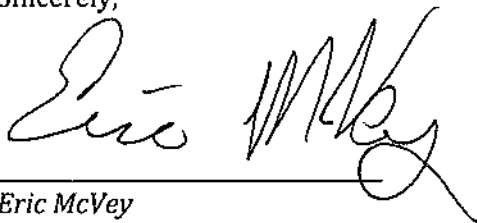
On behalf of the ADM, I am pleased to support the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study for consideration of funding in the 2023 Community Project Funding solicitation. We understand that this feasibility study is a high priority need to address a critical two-lane gap on a trunk highway route connecting the City of Marshall, a regional manufacturing and agricultural center, and US Highway 212. Also, those funds will be used to further develop priority projects identified by the study.

This study area has seen six fatal and three serious injury crashes in the last ten years which causes concern for the safety of our business employees, patrons, and delivery drivers. The study area carries up to 9,100 vehicles per day including 720 heavy commercial freight vehicles. As a business that operates near the project area, we recognize the growing demand for commuter and freight traffic.

Transportation system inadequacies create bottlenecks in the highway freight supply chain which lead to truck travel time delay and unreliability that stress our business operations. Many of our supplies, raw materials, and products travel this corridor. Any incidents or delays negatively impact the operation of our business. We rely on this corridor as one of our options to operate efficiently and competitively.

For the reasons above, ADM endorses the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study and urges decisions makers to prioritize it for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric McVey", written over a horizontal line.

Eric McVey
Plant Manager



March 7, 2023

Congressman Tom Emmer
Minnesota's 6th Congressional District
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Dear Congressman Emmer,

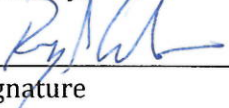
On behalf of Running Supply, Inc I am pleased to support the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study for consideration of funding in the 2023 Community Project Funding solicitation. We understand that this feasibility study is a high priority need to address a critical two-lane gap on a trunk highway route connecting the City of Marshall, a regional manufacturing and agricultural center, and US Highway 212. Also, those funds will be used to further develop priority projects identified by the study.

This study area has seen six fatal and three serious injury crashes in the last ten years which causes concern for the safety of our business employees, patrons, and delivery drivers. The study area carries up to 9,100 vehicles per day including 720 heavy commercial freight vehicles. As a business that operates near the project area, we recognize the growing demand for commuter and freight traffic.

Transportation system inadequacies create bottlenecks in the highway freight supply chain which lead to truck travel time delay and unreliability that stress our business operations. Our vendor partners that carry our inbound/outbound freight utilize Highway 23 daily. It is an important route for our customers, employees, and truck drivers.

For the reasons above, Runnings endorses the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study and urges decisions makers to prioritize it for funding.

Sincerely,



Signature

Ryan Arends
Director of Logistics



March 8, 2023

The Honorable Tom Emmer
U.S. House of Representatives
9201 Quaday Avenue NE, Suite 206
Otsego, MN 55330

Dear Congressman Emmer:

On behalf of Schwan's Company, a Minnesota-based food company with major corporate and manufacturing operations in Marshall, I am writing to express our strong support for funding in the 2023 Community Project Funding solicitation for the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study.

We understand that this feasibility study is a high priority need to address a critical two-lane gap on a trunk highway route connecting the City of Marshall, a growing regional manufacturing and agricultural center, and U.S. Highway 212. In addition, those funds will be used to further develop priority projects identified by the study.

This study area has seen six fatal and three serious injury crashes in the last ten years. Further, Highway 23 in the study area carries up to 9,100 vehicles per day, including 720 heavy commercial freight vehicles. As a business that operates near the project area, we see first-hand the growing demand for commuter and freight traffic.

Schwan's employs over 700 dedicated and hard-working Minnesotans in Marshall. Transportation system inadequacies create safety concerns for them and the semi-truck drivers within our transportation network. Many of our employees commute to Marshall daily from surrounding small towns by using Highway 23 as a major route. Ensuring our employees get to work and back home safely is a fundamental, paramount concern for our company.

Beyond the increased risk to person and property, transportation system inadequacies create freight supply chain challenges that can cause costly travel time delays, unreliability, and inefficiencies outside of our control that can stress our business operations. Each day, our manufacturing operations require in-bound semi-truck loads of ingredient supplies



and out-bound semi-truck loads of finished Schwan's products ready for market. Indeed, having access to the best-possible transportation infrastructure is critical to our business.

For the reasons above, Schwan's fully endorses the Marshall to Granite Falls Highway 23 Feasibility Study, and we urge decisions makers to prioritize this funding. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Poff, Vice President
Government & Community Affairs