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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155-1899

May 18, 2011

The Honorable Mark Dayton  
Governor of Minnesota  
130 State Capitol  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Minnesota Vikings Stadium Proposal; Arden Hills TCAAP Site**

Dear Governor Dayton:

On May 17, 2011, MnDOT met with Ramsey County transportation officials regarding the road and highway plan to support the development of a stadium at the Arden Hills TCAAP site. The purpose of the meeting was to refine further the costs of improvements to get the most accurate picture and cost figures available at this time. In that meeting, technical experts from MnDOT and Ramsey County developed a revised transportation system needs estimate of \$131 million. This represents the new transportation funding required to support the TCAAP stadium proposal.

The May 17 cost estimates and the information I provided in my May 9 memo are summarized in the chart below.

|  | May 9                | May 17               |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Estimated PB cost proposal for local system and local interchange improvements | \$100 million        |                      |
| Local system and local interchanges improvements                               |                      | \$45 million         |
| Trunk highway improvements   | \$75 million         | \$86 million         |
| <b>Total proposal cost (new funding)</b>                                       | <b>\$175 million</b> | <b>\$131 million</b> |

- *There are currently \$20 million in bridge improvements already scheduled for I-35W adjacent to the TCAAP site in addition to this total proposal cost.*

I have attached a list of that provides additional detail for work included in this proposal.

Sincerely,

Thomas K. Sorel  
Commissioner

May 17, 2011

### Minnesota Vikings Stadium at TCAAP – Highway and road improvement proposal

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. I-694 Improvements (includes ramps at I35W interchange)                                  | \$41 million         |
| a. EB to NB flyover ramp  |                      |
| b. SB to WB 2-lane ramp   |                      |
| c. Auxiliary lanes, dynamic shoulder lane I35W – Long Lake Road                             |                      |
| d. Old Hwy 8 & railroad bridge replacements   |                      |
| 2. I-35W Improvements   | \$55 million         |
| a. Auxiliary lanes, dynamic shoulder lane,<br>managed lane County Road E-2 to Hwy 10 N jct. |                      |
| b. S Jct Hwy 10 & RR Bridge replacements  |                      |
| 3. I-35W/County Road 96 Interchange reconstruction  | \$12 million         |
| 4. Hwy 10/Site Entrance Interchange construction  | \$18 million         |
| 5. I35W/County Road H Interchange modification  | \$13 million         |
| a. Bridge replacement   |                      |
| b. Road widening  |                      |
| c. New NB exit ramp   |                      |
| 6. I35W/County Road I Interchange modification  | \$5 million          |
| a. Road widening  |                      |
| 7. Internal site road   | \$5 million          |
| 8. Lexington Ave. event mgmt improvements   | <u>\$2 million</u>   |
| Subtotal  | \$151 million        |
| Less I-35W bridge improvements already programmed   | <u>\$20 million</u>  |
| <b>Total new funding required</b>   | <b>\$131 million</b> |

#### Adjacent funded construction projects in addition to stadium-related projects

1. I 694/Hwy 10/Hwy 51 – est. \$45M, start construction August 2011, finish construction Fall 2013
2. Hwy 10/County Road 96 – est. \$10M, start construction Spring 2012, finish construction Fall 2012