



**CITY OF COLOGNE
RESOLUTION NO. 15-08**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL #80, A BILL TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MARKED TRUNK HIGHWAY 212 AND COUNTY ROAD 140 INTERCHANGE

WHEREAS, US Highway 212 in Carver County is the only 2-lane High Priority Interregional Corridor; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 212 is a vital Corridor for Commerce in the State; and

WHEREAS, US Highway 212 needs to be further extended to the west to County Road 43 in Carver County in order to maintain its importance as a freight and commerce route connecting to the freeway system, to stimulate economic growth, to ease current and future traffic congestion, and to reduce its high fatal and serious injury crash rate; and

WHEREAS, Preliminary Design and environmental work has been completed on the first phase of the westward expansion; and

WHEREAS, the next steps are acquiring right-of-way, final design, and construction; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed County Road 140 interchange has received Planning Approval and Warrant Analysis Approval from both MnDOT and the Met Council; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Design of the County Road 140 interchange has also been completed and is a low investment, high return project that utilizes the existing bridge overpass; and

WHEREAS, the next steps are acquiring right-of-way, final design, and construction; and

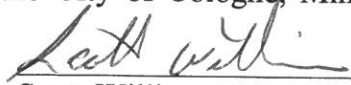
WHEREAS, construction of the interchange at County Road 140 will mitigate current and future congestion in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Chaska Master Plan, which was approved in 2013 by the City of Chaska and Met Council, relies upon the interchange to boost economic development in the area by providing accessible land for industrial development that would ultimately attract over 4,000 additional jobs to the region; and

WHEREAS, the westward expansion of US Highway 212 and construction of an Interchange at County Road 140 has been a partnership of greater Minnesota and local jurisdictions in the Southwest Metro Area; and

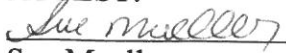
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Cologne hereby supports the submittal of House Bill #80 including holding a hearing to consider thereof, which appropriates \$20,000,000 to expand US Highway 212 to the west and \$8,000,000 to build the interchange at County Road 140.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cologne, Minnesota, this 2nd day of March, 2015.



Scott Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sue Mueller
Deputy Clerk

M/ <u>meyer</u>	Williams	<u>Aye</u>	Meyer	<u>Aye</u>
	Szaroletta	<u>Aye</u>	McInnis	<u>Aye</u>
S/ <u>McInnis</u>	Evenski	<u>Aye</u>		