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TO: Honorable County Commissioners
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FROM: Jess L. Greenwood, P.E., Public Works Director

RE: 15 Jul 2025 County Board Meeting
County Road 50 Construction Project Scheduling – FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Date: 09 Jul 2025

Summary

This report is a follow-up to the Board discussion on June 3, 2025, concerning the turnback of CR 50 to Minneola Township and the subsequent construction project.

Background

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on June 3, 2025, at a Committee of the Whole to hear from Public Works staff about a proposed turnback of County Road 50 to Minneola Township. The Board also heard testimony from the Minneola Township Board Chairman. During the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting, it was decided to move forward with the turnback. This action included a project to reclaim the bituminous surface of CR 50, the placement of aggregate surfacing, and replacing a deteriorated driveway culvert.

Staff mentioned during the meeting that Minnesota Statute requires two actions to take place for the turnback to be valid and that presently the five-year road and bridge plan included a project on CR 50 in 2027. It was also mentioned that it might be possible to advance that construction by making some changes to the five-year program. After reviewing the 2025 project list and staff availability it was determined that it would not be possible to advance construction to this year without expending additional dollars to hire consultants to deliver the project. This option is not being pursued.

Instead, staff is planning to include the project in the 2026 construction calendar which will be presented to the County Board sometime in early 2026 as a part of the five-year road and bridge program.

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