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

RE: 07 May 2024 County Board Meeting – REGULAR AGENDA
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding for CSAH 11 project in FY 2028

Date: 2 May 2024

Summary

Public Works has been notified that Goodhue County will be receiving federal funding dollars for a planned grading project on CSAH 11 that will be happening in 2028.

Background

Early in 2024 Public Works staff worked on a funding application that was available for federal monies allocated to Mn/DOT's District 6.

In mid-April the Southeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) that covers 11 counties in Southeast Minnesota met to review applications and to decide on which projects would be awarded funding. Goodhue County was selected as a part of this process for a funding package that would cover up to \$4,650,000 worth of eligible expenses related to the grading of CSAH 11 from CSAH 27 to the Pine Island City limits which is in Board Chair Greseth's District. This project will include grading activities to improve sight distance, make improvements to horizontal & vertical curves, replace centerline drainage structures, improve safety features, and meet or exceed current design standards.

This section of CSAH 11 was last graded in 1957 making it 67 years old. Goodhue County's third highway engineer, Ed M. Paulson, oversaw the design and construction. This came at a time when gasoline was \$0.28 per gallon, a postage stamp was \$0.03, the first satellite "Sputnik" was launched, Dwight D. Eisenhower was the President of the United States, and Gunsmoke was the most popular show on television.

Congratulations to the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners on receiving this needed funding to help rebuild CSAH 11.

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