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SUBJECT: TRUNK HIGHWAY 212/COUNTY HIGHWAY 44 INTERCHANGE PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET
CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA
S.P. 1017-108

On behalf of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Metro District, SRF Consulting Group is transmitting the enclosed Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Trunk Highway (TH) 212/ County Highway 44 Interchange Project (S.P. 1017-108). The project proposes a new interchange at TH 212 and County Highway 44 in Chaska. The existing County Highway 44 bridge over TH 212 will remain in-place. Roundabouts will be constructed at the interchange ramp intersections. County Highway 44 east of TH 212 will be reconstructed as a two-lane, divided roadway, including a roundabout at the County Highway 44/Savanna Way intersection. A new multi-use trail bridge will be constructed on the north side of the existing County Highway 44 bridge over TH 212. Additional project elements include drainage improvements, stormwater ponds, multi-use trails, and sidewalks.

The EAW provides information on the purpose and need for the project; environmental impacts of the proposed action; and proposed mitigation measures. Carver County is the project proposer. MnDOT is the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU).

You are encouraged to provide substantive comments on the enclosed document. The comment period will begin upon publication of a Notice of Availability of the document in the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) *Monitor* on **Monday, August 20, 2018**. Comments will be received through **Wednesday, September 19, 2018**, and may be directed to:

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Comments received will be used by MnDOT in deciding whether there is potential for this project to result in significant impacts to the environment and whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. Submitted comments will become part of the official project record.

To request the document in an alternative format, please contact the MnDOT Affirmative Action Office at 651-366-4718 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an e-mail to ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us.

Thank you.

Enclosure: TH 212/County Highway 44 Interchange Project EAW

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