

Resolution: City of Mankato

R-19-0708-119

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF MANKATO'S PARTICIPATION TO UNDERTAKE A JOINT CORRIDOR STUDY FOR HIGHWAY 169

WHEREAS, in 1996, a Highway 169 Corridor Plan was developed under the Mankato Area Transportation Study (MATAPS) process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mankato facilitated certain local road improvements, connections, and aspects of the MATAPS plan; and

WHEREAS, subsequent updates to the MATAPS plan were made in 2003, and again in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the public engagement process identified concerns on the part of Mankato property owners along the corridor that any closure and subsequent relocation of the Lind Street access be done in a manner that assures long-term economic vitality of the businesses and properties serviced by the Lind Street access; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 14 /Highway 169 interchange is inadequate, and in particular, the turning movements from North Mankato TH 14 to the TH 169 ramp are in need of critical safety and operational improvements; and

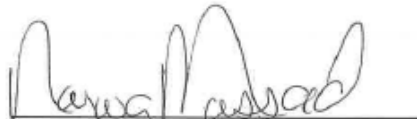
WHEREAS, it is imperative that the corridor plan be prepared and included in the revised 10 year Long Range Transportation Plan for MnDOT District 7, so as to assure effective reinvestment of future state transportation funding and securing federal funding opportunities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Mankato that participation is authorized in the Highway 169 Joint Corridor Study provided that any alternatives which include the closure and relocation of Lind Street remain economically viable to the affected businesses and property owners within the City of Mankato.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Mankato retains its rights of municipal consent over local street closures and access relocations identified through the Highway 169 Corridor Study process.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and without further publication.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2019.



Najwa Massad
Mayor



Renae Kopischke
Executive Assistant

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NORTH MANKATO'S LOCAL CONSENT FOR THE MANKATO/NORTH MANKATO AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO UNDERTAKE A CORRIDOR STUDY OF HIGHWAY 169 FROM LAKE STREET NORTHWEST TO STATE HIGHWAY 60 AND ALSO PROVIDING CONDITIONS OF THAT LOCAL CONSENT

WHEREAS, in 1996, area governments decided that an area transportation plan was needed. This resulted in a coordinated effort to produce the Mankato Area Transportation & Planning Study (MATAPS); and

WHEREAS, an update of MATAPS was completed in 2003 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, a reoccurring component of MATAPS was Highway 169 corridor improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization Policy Board (MAPO) budgeted funds for the Highway 169 Corridor Study from Lake Street Northwest to State Highway 60 to be completed in 2019; and

WHEREAS, proceeding with corridor studies requires a resolution of consent from local governments included in the study; and

WHEREAS, a critical intersection along the Highway 169 Corridor is at Webster Avenue where many North Mankato businesses rely on unrestricted access and turning movements on and off Highway 169; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City of North Mankato held business engagement meetings with area businesses to discuss the importance of the Highway 169 and Webster Avenue intersection; and

WHEREAS, it was evident that all participating area businesses believe that both north and southbound access from Webster Avenue to Highway 169 is critical to the success of their businesses, and do not support any planning efforts which would restrict turning movements on or off of Highway 169 at Webster Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the official position of the City of North Mankato is Webster Avenue shall remain open as a full access intersection with no restriction on turning movements and this has been North Mankato's position for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Webster Avenue is a critical full access intersection for both transportation and emergency response in Lower North Mankato; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MANKATO, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The North Mankato City Council supports the inclusion of a Highway 169 Corridor Study in the 2019 MAPO work plan subject to the following condition:

a. The study will include maintaining a full access intersection at Webster Avenue that is supported by the City of North Mankato.

2. If the study includes an option for relocating the Webster Avenue intersection, North Mankato's support for the recommendations is conditioned on the following:

a. All existing businesses in the corridor are provided with an economically viable and safe access.

b. Any new proposed location of the Webster Avenue intersection must remain within the boundaries (present or expanded) of the City of North Mankato.

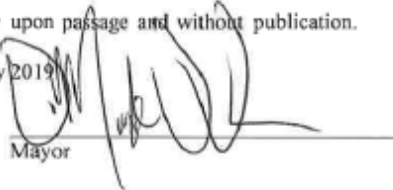
c. Any new proposed location for the Webster Avenue intersection must include an area that is economically viable and feasible for redevelopment and reinvestment.

d. Any new proposed location of the Webster Avenue intersection will include a safe outlet for residents in Lower North Mankato, and that access point must be within the municipal boundaries (present or expanded) of North Mankato.

3. An oversight committee be established for the project, including one staff member from the City of North Mankato, one staff member from the City of Mankato, and one staff member from the Minnesota Department of Transportation. This committee will be responsible for issuing, receiving proposals, interviewing prospective firms, recommending firms for selection to the MPO board, managing the corridor study, and approving its recommendations to the Policy Board and respective jurisdictions.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and without publication.

Adopted by the City Council this 1st day of July 2019



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk