



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 4-28-20

Title of Item: US Hwy 169-CR 54-CR 56 Intersection

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: John Welle		Department: Highway Department
Presenter (Name and Title): John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer		Estimated Time Needed: 10 minutes
Summary of Issue: See attached summary.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: See attached summary.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ 35,000 to 50,000 Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> See attached summary.		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.

Attachment For US Hwy 169 - CR 54 – CR 56 Intersection

Summary:

The MnDOT project manager for the US Hwy 169 project has been in contact with my office regarding citizen comments received during the project open house on January 23, 2020. During that event, at least two residents identified safety concerns with the intersection of US Hwy 169 – CR 54 – CR 56 located approximately six miles north of Aitkin. As shown in the drawing below, this is a skewed intersection, which can make it difficult for motorists to see approaching traffic on the highway. To correct the skewed angle of the intersection, approximately 1,000 feet of the approaches on CR 54 to the west and CR 56 to the east would need to be realigned as also shown on the drawing.

Because of the very low traffic volumes (less than 100) on these county roads and the lack of crash history, MnDOT has informed us that these improvements would only be made under a cooperative construction agreement whereby Aitkin County would pay 50% of the cost of the improvements on CR 54 and CR 56. That cost has been estimated at \$70,000 to \$100,000. This work would happen as part of the US Hwy 169 construction project in 2022, with MnDOT providing all necessary engineering work including permitting and right of way acquisition.

Consensus is being requested to have MnDOT include these improvements in their project, with costs to be shared through a future cooperative construction agreement. The costs of this project would be added to our 2022 capital road improvement program and paid as part of the annual \$600,000 levy for county road construction. This \$35,000 to \$50,000 cost will reduce the amount of funding available for other projects and may contribute to 2023 and 2024 projects being delayed due to lack of funding.

