

CITY OF SUNFISH LAKE
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION 22 – ____

RESOLUTION DISCUSSING THE REGIONAL ROADWAY SYSTEM
VISIONING STUDY UPDATE

WHEREAS, Dakota County partnered with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the City of Eagan, the City of Inver Grove Heights, the City of Mendota Heights, and the City of Sunfish Lake to conduct a transportation study in northern Dakota County with the goal of developing a long-term roadway system vision that is supported by all jurisdictions and balances land use and transportation improvements for the study area based on projected growth in Eagan and Inver Grove Heights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunfish Lake participated in the original study in 2010 and the update to the study in 2021-2022 with staff representatives, elected officials and interested residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunfish Lake has continually stated its objection to an interchange at Delaware Avenue and I-494 and expressed concerns about related issues; and

WHEREAS, significant development has occurred in Eagan and Inver Grove Heights since the 2010 Regional Roadway System Visioning Study was completed, in many cases with less density and lower traffic generation; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Plans for the cities of Eagan and Inver Grove Heights included fewer households and jobs in the study area compared to the cities' 2030 Comprehensive Plans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunfish Lake fully supports the need to undertake planning in order to prepare for and respond to future growth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Sunfish Lake offers the following comments to Dakota County's recommendations on the Regional Roadway System Visioning Study:

1. Supports the recommendation of a future interchange being placed approximately one mile east of the current Delaware Avenue overpass. Any potential future interchange at Delaware Avenue will not be supported by the City of Sunfish Lake.
2. Any future improvements to Delaware Avenue must be driven by the cities of Sunfish Lake and Mendota Heights.
3. Supports the addition of needed improvements to the Trunk Highway 62 intersection with County Road 63 (Delaware Avenue) in addition to spot improvements on County Road 63 (Delaware Avenue) between I-494 and Trunk Highway 62.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Sunfish Lake intends to stay fully engaged with this issue in the future to ensure that any plans do not negatively impact the city and its residents.

Adopted by the City Council of Sunfish Lake this 4th day of October, 2022.

Dan O'Leary, Mayor

Attest:

Catherine Iago, City Clerk