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Tribal Engineer  
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**SUBJECT: SP 91-104-02: PLHD 2504(160)  
EA Update & FONSI Approval**

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the FHWA Finding Of No Significant Impact dated April 26, 2006, and a copy of the approved Environmental Assessment Update for this project.

Please note that a Notice of Availability of the FONSI and the Environmental Assessment Update must be sent to Federal, State and Local agencies as appropriate; this should include the Minnesota Planning Agency and your Regional Development Commission. Copies of the EA Update and the FONSI must be made available upon request by the public.

Your next step will be to submit a Study Report. This should include discussion of any revisions to the project and associated environmental impacts. Required permits should be attached, if received.

Consultation with Mn/DOT's District Right-of-Way Engineer and review of State Aid Manual Section 5-892.300 regarding right-of-way acquisition procedures is recommended.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 651-282-6479 or by e-mail at [lynette.roshell@dot.state.mn.us](mailto:lynette.roshell@dot.state.mn.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynnette Roshell".

Lynnette Roshell, PE  
Project Development Engineer

Enclosures

cc: Jay Owens—Red Wing  
Scott Reed—HDR Engineering  
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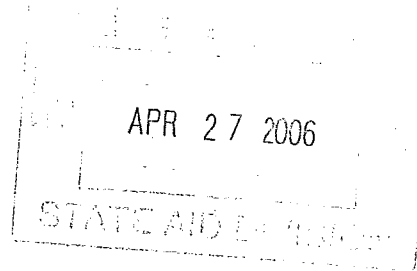
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April 26, 2006

The Honorable Carol Molnau  
Lt. Governor  
Department of Transportation  
MS 100, Transportation Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155



Re: FONSI  
Federal Project No. PLHD 2504(160)  
MN State-Aid Project No. 91-104-02 (MSAS 104)  
Sturgeon Lake Road: From Approximately 2,200 feet East of  
Prairie Island Boulevard (CSAH 18) East to the Intersection of  
Buffalo Slough Trail and an At-grade Crossing of the Canadian Pacific Railway.  
City of Red Wing  
Goodhue County, Minnesota

Dear Ms. Molnau:

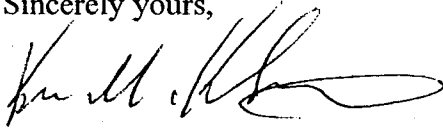
Enclosed is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) approval for the referenced projects as requested by Ms. Lynnette Roshell's March 13, 2006, letter. This Finding concludes that the project will not significantly impact the human environment.

A Notice of Availability of the FONSI must be sent to the Federal, State, and, local government agencies that are likely to have an interest in the undertaking and to the State intergovernmental review contacts. It is encouraged that agencies, which commented on the Environmental Assessment (or requested to be informed), are advised of the project decision, the disposition of their comments, and provided with a copy of the FONSI.



If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 291-6123 or by e-mail at [Kevin.Kliethermes@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:Kevin.Kliethermes@fhwa.dot.gov)

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin N. Kliethermes', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Kevin N. Kliethermes  
Construction and Contract Administration Engineer

Enclosure

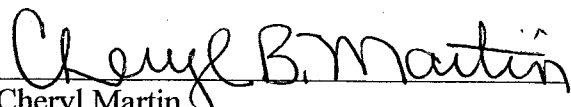
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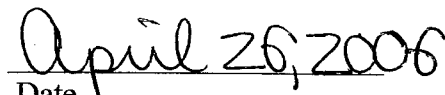
**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
FOR**

Federal Project No. PLHD 2504(160)  
MN State-Aid Project No. 91-104-02 (MSAS 104)  
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The proposed project includes construction of an overpass spanning the railway and will realign approximately 3,100 feet of Sturgeon Lake Road from approximately 300 feet west of the Intersection of Xcel Road and Sturgeon Lake Road to the intersection of Buffalo Slough Trail and Sturgeon Lake Road. The project will widen the driving lanes, widen or add turn lanes, and add landscaped medians and boulevards. The entire project is within the City of Red Wing and Goodhue County, Minnesota.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that the proposed improvements, as described in the Environmental Assessment (EA), will have no significant impact on the human environment. This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based on the attached Findings of Fact and Conclusions, in substitution for an update to the circulated Environmental Assessment, which has been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures. It provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the attached EA.

  
Cheryl Martin  
Environmental Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration

  
Date