

Attachment D:

Community & Agency Letters or Resolutions in
Support of Study Recommendations

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

April 6, 2010

Resolution No. 10-175

Motion by Commissioner Krause

Second by Commissioner Schouweiler

Adoption Of County Project 97-84 Rosemount/Empire/UMore Area Transportation System Study

WHEREAS, to promote safe and efficient transportation throughout the County and region, Dakota County collaborated with the City of Rosemount, Empire Township, the University of Minnesota (U of M), the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) to conduct a transportation system study in the area of UMore Park, Vermillion Highlands, and the former "Butler Trust" property; and

WHEREAS, the University of Minnesota is currently considering conceptual land use plans for UMore Park, a 5,000 acre area that would include residential, industrial and commercial uses that will support approximately 30,000 people in the future; and

WHEREAS, south of UMore Park, the Minnesota Legislature and the Governor has established approximately 2,800 acres, known as "Vermillion Highlands", for research, recreation and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that this area balance the needs for U of M research, education and public engagement, public access to diverse and high-quality recreation, and wildlife management/hunting; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County's 2025 Transportation Plan identifies the need to connect County Road (CR) 79 in Empire Township to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 71 in the City of Rosemount; and

WHEREAS, such a connection affects UMore Park, Vermillion Highlands, the City of Rosemount, Empire Township, and potentially affects area property owners; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Dakota County, the University of Minnesota, City of Rosemount, Empire Township, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have participated in a study of potential solutions addressing future transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, the study process involved the public through public open houses and individual property owner meetings; and

WHEREAS, the study was developed within a larger planning context, which includes land use development, development of a local roadway network, and future corridors planned through the East-West Corridor Study process; and

WHEREAS, the study recommends preserving future right of way for arterial alignments necessary to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system to serve the area in the long term; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Engineer recommends adoption of the Rosemount/Empire/UMore Area Transportation System Study.

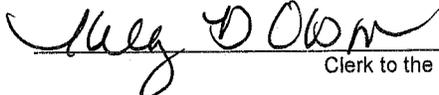
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Rosemount/Empire/UMore Area Transportation System Study, as presented to the Physical Development Committee of the Whole on March 23, 2010.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
County of Dakota

	YES		NO
Harris	<u> X </u>	Harris	<u> </u>
Gaylord	<u> X </u>	Gaylord	<u> </u>
Egan	<u> X </u>	Egan	<u> </u>
Schouweiler	<u> X </u>	Schouweiler	<u> </u>
Workman	<u> X </u>	Workman	<u> </u>
Krause	<u> X </u>	Krause	<u> </u>
Branning	<u> X </u>	Branning	<u> </u>

I, Kelly Olson, Clerk to the Board of the County of Dakota, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Dakota County, Minnesota, at their session held on the 6th day of April 2010, now on file in the County Administration Department, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal of Dakota County this 7th day of April 2010.


 Clerk to the Board

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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April 19, 2010

Brian Sorenson, Project Engineer
Dakota County Transportation
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I attended the meeting of Dakota County's Physical Development Committee on Tuesday March 23rd. At that meeting you presented the recommendations from the "Rosemount/Empire/UMore Area Transportation System Study" study group. Along with two other representatives from DNR, I served on that group. We were very satisfied that the process allowed all parties to express their interests and have them addressed in a spirit of compromise.

The Department of Natural Resources recognizes and accepts the recommendations of the study group report. We appreciate Dakota County's leadership in this process.

The Department of Natural Resources wishes to thank the University of Minnesota, the City of Rosemount, Empire Township and Dakota County for their cooperation and patience throughout this process.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Kurcinka
Central Region Director

CITY OF ROSEMOUNT
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION 2010 – 41

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DAKOTA COUNTY
ROSEMOUNT/EMPIRE/UMORE AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM STUDY

WHEREAS, the City of Rosemount has participated closely with Dakota County, Empire Township, the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in the development of the “Rosemount/Empire/UMore Area Transportation System Study”; and

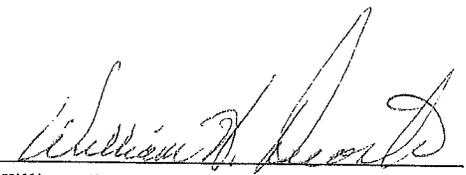
WHEREAS, the purpose of the study is to identify and preserve long-range corridors for east-west and north-south traffic movement in and around UMore Park and Vermillion Highlands; and

WHEREAS, there is flexibility for specific road alignments in the future, provided the general corridors are preserved for connections to and continuation of the alignments illustrated in the “Rosemount/Empire/UMore Area Transportation System Study”; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County “Rosemount/Empire/UMore Area Transportation System Study” is an effective tool for long-range transportation planning.

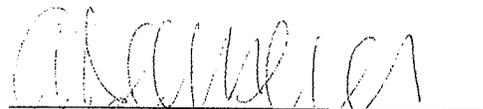
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Rosemount accepts the Dakota County “Rosemount/Empire/UMore Area Transportation System Study” and directs that the primary plan components and transportation corridors be included in future updates of City of Rosemount Comprehensive Guide Plan and future updates of the City of Rosemount Transportation Plan.

Adopted this 1st day of June, 2010.



William H. Droste, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy Domeier, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 2010-01

EMPIRE TOWNSHIP

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DAKOTA COUNTY
ROSEMOUNT/EMPIRE/UMORE AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM STUDY**

WHEREAS, Empire Township has participated closely with Dakota County, the City of Rosemount, the University of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in the development of the "Rosemount/Empire/UMore Area Transportation System Study"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the study is to identify and preserve long-range corridors for east-west and north-south traffic movement in and around UMore Park and Vermillion Highlands; and

WHEREAS, there is flexibility for specific road alignments in the future, provided the general corridors are preserved for connections to and continuation of the alignments illustrated in the "Rosemount/Empire/UMore Area Transportation System Study"; and

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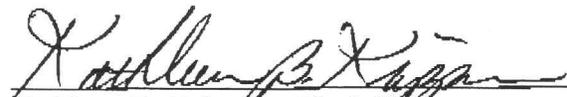
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Empire Township accepts the Dakota County "Rosemount/Empire/UMore Area Transportation System Study" and directs that the primary plan components and transportation corridors be included in future updates of the Empire Township Comprehensive Plan and future updates of the Empire Township Transportation Plan.

Adopted this 13th day of April, 2010



Terry L. Holmes, Chair

ATTEST:



Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk-Treasurer

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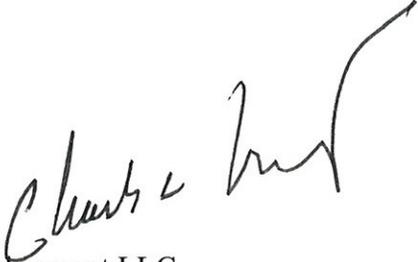
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August 23, 2010

To: Brian Sorenson
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Traffic Engineer
Dakota County

From: Charles Muscoplat 
President, UMore Development LLC

RE: Rosemount/Empire/UMore Transportation Study

The Rosemount/Empire/UMore Area System Study Report as presented to Dakota County's Physical Development Committee is recognized by the University of Minnesota and UMore Park Development LLC. University employees and consultants fully participated in the work of the Committee. As we move forward with the process of planning for new uses of UMore Park, but subject to changing circumstances and new information, it is our intention to use the System Study Report as a planning tool as it relates to roads through and around UMore Park.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important study

cc: Larry Laukka
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Mark Koegler
Kenneth Larson
Carla Carlson