

**CITY OF SUNFISH LAKE  
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION 10- //**

**A RESOLUTION DISCUSSING THE REGIONAL ROADWAY SYSTEM  
VISIONING STUDY**

**WHEREAS**, Dakota County partnered with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Council, the Federal Highway Administration, 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 has participated in this study process with staff representatives, elected officials and interested residents at all stages of the study; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sunfish Lake has continually stated its objection to an interchange at Delaware Avenue and I-494; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sunfish Lake has participated in all three public open houses and the two neighborhood meetings held on this study; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mendota Heights formed an adhoc committee to track the progress of this study and ensure that the city's position was made clear that included membership from the city council, city staff, city residents, Sunfish Lake and contract professionals; 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 draft recommendations on the Regional Roadway System Visioning Study:

1. Supports the recommendation of a future interchange being placed at Alternative E, if and only if there is an extensive environmental review which demonstrates no adverse effects to Hornbeam Lake and its adjacent land area.
2. Any future improvements to Delaware Avenue must be driven by the cities of Mendota Heights and Sunfish Lake. The character of Delaware Avenue is unique and best understood by the two cities and their residents.

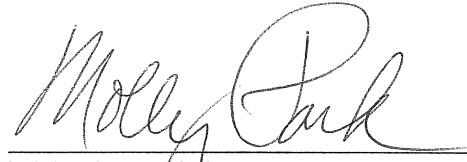
3. The city supports using and expanding the existing infrastructure that exists in Eagan and Inver Grove Heights to the fullest extent possible to deal with their growth. The city's concern is in the approach taken by the study using one rate of growth. The study should be flexible enough to accommodate up or down the level of infrastructure and financial investment actually needed as the growth actually occurs. The actual development and investment should be based on actual growth to avoid both overinvestment and underinvestment.
4. Priority should be given to transportation projects that take place within Eagan and Inver Grove Heights to internalize traffic flows within the new growth areas.
5. Inver Grove Heights and Eagan should promote mixed land uses with integrated pedestrian/bicycle facilities in addition to supporting 21st century transit planning which would help reduce individual traffic trips within the system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that while the City of Sunfish Lake understands that this is a traffic study, the importance of the information that has not been studied, including the environmental factors and financial implications, needs to be studied before final decisions can be made on all of the recommendations.

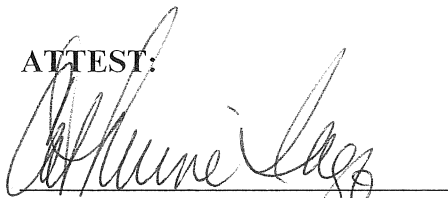
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Sunfish Lake intends to stay fully engaged on this issue in the future to ensure that the plans do not change that would negatively impact the city and its residents.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Sunfish Lake this 6th day of July 2010.

**CITY OF SUNFISH LAKE**

  
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**Molly Park, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Catherine Iago, City Clerk**