

**CITY OF CHASKA
CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION

DATE February 26, 2018 **RESOLUTION NO.** 2018-16

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ **SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER** _____

**Resolution Requesting Support for Corridors of Commerce Funding for
Highway 41 Improvements in Downtown Chaska**

WHEREAS, the Corridors of Commerce program was created and funded by the Minnesota Legislature in 2013 for the specific purpose of funding the expansion and improvement of trunk highways like Highway 41, which play an important role in the movement of freight and people between regions of our State; and

WHEREAS, Highway 41 Minnesota River to Walnut Street, is a principal arterial roadway carrying 18,800 vehicles per day through downtown Chaska. 2,250 (12%) of these are heavy commercial vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The highway is an important freight corridor for the region, designated as a Tier Three corridor in the Metropolitan Council's Truck Freight Corridor Study, which connects to County Highway 61 which is also a Tier Three corridor; and

WHEREAS, The majority of truck movements on Highway 41 are a result of the river crossing, regional freight demands, gravel and sand mining, landfill traffic, and seasonal grain deliveries from western Minnesota to the Ports of Savage; and

WHEREAS, The Highway 41 corridor provides one of four Minnesota River crossings in the southwestern metro connecting Highway 169, County Highway 61, and Highway 212; and

WHEREAS, over 240 crashes have occurred in the project area from 2006-2015 including one fatal crash and a crash rate 80% higher than the state average for similar facilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project allows passenger vehicles to more safely and reliably share the road with heavy commercial vehicles by providing turn lanes at all public street intersections, expanded medians, parking removal, and intersection expansion at County Highway 61; and

WHEREAS, the project has full support from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Council, and Carver County; and

WHEREAS, the corridor study which led to vision development and preliminary design were completed for these improvements stretching from the Minnesota River Bridge to Walnut Street in 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Chaska supports the pursuit and use of Corridors of Commerce funding to improve Highway 41 through Downtown Chaska.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Chaska, Minnesota, this 26th day of February 2018.

Mark Windschitl – Mayor

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk