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Memorandum

Date: Aug 10, 2023

To: MoPac East-Lied Connector Subcommittee members

From: Mike Sousek, General Manager Designate

RE: MoPac East-Lied Connector Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The MoPac East-Lied Connector Subcommittee met at 5:00pm on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Ray Stevens - Chair, Melissa Baker, Christine Lamberty, Luke Peterson, John Yoakum, Tom Green and arriving late Anthony Schultz. Subcommittee member Ron Nolte was absent. No members of the public were present. David Landis was present along with NRD staff members Dave Potter, Will Inselman, Ari Kennedy and myself.

There was only one item on that agenda to discuss and consider. An interlocal agreement between Cass Co. and the LPSNRD for the purpose of working together to complete a connecting trail between the MoPac East trail and the Lied Platte River Bridge in Cass Co. The agreement identified the rolls both parties would undertake and complete. The first action item would be to hire a consultant to evaluate trail routes to help with the selection of a final trail route. Directors discussion began with the acknowledgment that public participation and involvement is paramount in this endeavor and that the scope of work for the evaluation needs to have a public stakeholder component planned into it. Other discussion focused on the task each party will be responsible for to complete and operate the connector trail. Lastly, financial considerations were discussed in terms of budgets and how the financial transactions will be completed using the \$8.3 million that the legislature set aside for this endeavor. **A motion was made by Yoakum and seconded by Lamberty to recommend to the LPSNRD Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Cass Co. for the purpose of completing the connector trail between MoPac East and Lied Platte River Bridge. See attached agreement. Motion passed unanimously with Schultz abstaining from the vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 PM.