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RE: Use of Design-Build on the Trunk Highway 13/County Road 101 Flyover Project


Minnesota Statutes 161.3412 requires the Commissioner of Transportation to notify the chairs of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and transportation finance each time the commissioner decides to use the design-build method for procurement and explain why the method was chosen.

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was signed into law by President Obama. In order to deliver projects within the timeframes of this legislation, Mn/DOT is planning to use design-build for the Trunk Highway 13/County Road 101 project in Savage and Shapokee. This project will construct a new eastbound flyover bridge from eastbound County Road 101 to eastbound TH 13 in order to improve safety and mobility.

Design-build is being used to accelerate the delivery of this project by combining the design and construction aspects of this project. Design-build will require less time to prepare engineering plans, which will result in starting construction faster compared to our traditional methods.

Please feel free to contact Michael Beer, Mn/DOT 13/101 Design-Build Project Manager, at 952-826-6705 if you have questions about this project.

Sincerely,


Thomas K. Sorel
Commissioner