



April 9, 2025

Representative Franson, Chair
House Capital Investment Committee
2nd Floor Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Lee, Chair
House Capital Investment Committee
2nd Floor Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: City of Byron Letter of Support for HF2272, Funding for Proposed Interchanges on TH14 at CSAH 3 and CSAH 5

Dear Chair Franson, Chair Lee, and Members of the House Capital Investment Committee:

The City of Byron is pleased to submit this letter of support for HF2272 for the design and environmental review services for the two proposed interchanges at County State Aid Highways 3 and 5.

This project is essential to the City of Byron to improve safety and to support the growth of our rapidly expanding community. Highway 14 is a key corridor of commerce for Byron, Olmsted County, and all of Southern Minnesota. The Highway's development has and will continue to affect future planning for Byron.

This project will not only remove the last two remaining traffic signals between Rochester and Mankato but also eliminate an at-grade railroad crossing significantly reducing the risk of accidents. In 2024, there were 22 accidents on the highway within the City limits, with 15 causing significant injuries. This project will also help open over 300 acres of land for industrial, commercial, and residential development.

We believe this project will be a great asset and serve our community for many years to come. We appreciate your consideration and support for this vital initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Roder', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Al Roder, City Administrator
City of Byron

cc Representative Duane Quam
Michelle Rossman, Olmsted County Commissioner
Ben Johnson, P.E., Olmsted County Public Works Director
William Angerman, P.E., WHKS & Co.

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