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Mr. Dan Schluender
City of Blaine
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Dan:

The purpose of this letter is to offer our support and help to improve the road systems in the area. In discussions regarding the proposed reconstruction of Davenport Street, we understand the City of Blaine is considering use of its State Aid allocated funds for this project and that the balance of funding is proposed to be assessed to adjacent property owners. The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission, (MASC) a state agency, owns property adjacent to Davenport, the "National Sports Center".

In consultation with the State of Minnesota Attorney General's office, governmental units have limitations when considering assessing state property.

"No instrumentality, department or agency shall be bound by determination of the governing body (local governmental unit)...and may pay from available funds or recommend payment in such lesser amount as it determines is the measure of the benefit received by the land from the improvement."

The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission is bound by acts of the Minnesota Legislature and the MASC has not requested legislative funding nor are funds currently available. Additionally, we believe that it is not appropriate to assess public recreation areas for road improvements, such as city parks. The MASC has determined it is not feasible for a property tax assessment and therefore it is not possible.

We support the City of Blaine's goal to provide a good road system and can offer our support to seek appropriate funding through a request to the Minnesota Legislature.

We are prepared to;

- 1) Provide both the permanent and temporary easements needed for this road/project improvements.
- 2) Provide access to the borrow pit with no import fees.
- 3) Provide an area for staging and or storing of equipment and materials.
- 4) We are prepared to go to the Minnesota Legislature for future, major road projects like 105th Ave.

Please feel free to contact me at (763) 785-5632 if you have questions. Thank you and we look forward to working with the City of Blaine on this project.

Sincerely,

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