



February 17, 2023

Joe Triplett
Chisago County Engineer

RE: I-35 Interchange in Stacy, MN

Dear Joe:

This letter is in response to your correspondence outlining the county and city concerns with the CSAH 19/I-35 interchange. I apologize for the delayed response. We agree with the deficiencies you identified at the interchange, unfortunately many of the interchanges around the state have similar issues and funding is not adequate to address all these deficiencies.

MnDOT in general looks at interchange improvements in conjunction with other infrastructure improvements in the interchange area; like major bridge repairs or bridge replacement due to condition. The CSAH 19 bridge at Stacy was built in 1967 and the last major repair occurred in 1994 that improved the deck condition. No improvements are currently programmed for the bridge within the next 10-year cycle. The pavement in the interchange area also has no scheduled upgrades within the same 10-year time frame.

I understand the city and county are pursuing funding to improve the interchange, a locally lead effort is probably the only option to see significant improvements to the interchange in the foreseeable future. Should full funding be locally secured for an improvement at this interchange, MnDOT would be involved in supporting a locally lead interchange project.

If you have further questions let me know.

Sincerely,

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