



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 18, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: David Swearingen, Sr. Engineering Technician
Todd Blomstrom, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT: MnDOT Study – Snelling Avenue / Highway 51

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Sources:
NA	NA	NA

For Council Consideration

A representative from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is scheduled to attend the work session on November 18 to discuss a highway access study along the Highway 51 corridor.

Background

City staff has received multiple contacts from residents regarding the closure of the center median access from southbound Highway 51 to Hamline Avenue in Arden Hills. MnDOT temporarily closed this access as part of the I-35W project and has indicated their intent to consider making the closure permanent.

Mark Lindeberg, North Area Engineer with MnDOT, will be available to discuss plans to study access along Highway 51 during the upcoming Work Session on November 18. City staff has requested that Mr. Lindeberg describe the future study process to determine if the temporary access closure at Hamline Avenue should become a permanent closure or be restored following completion of the I-35W project. Staff also requested that Mr. Lindeberg describe the public engagement process that will occur during the MnDOT study to allow for resident participation and input.

Attachment

Attachment A – Meeting Notification