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June 25, 2021

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Transportation
395 John Ireland Blvd.
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St. Paul, MN 55155-1899

Subject: TH 7 and Eureka Road, Shorewood

Dear Commissioner Anderson Kelliher,

On June 22, a fatal crash occurred at the intersection of Eureka Road and MN State Highway 7 and 20-year-old Parker Nelson lost his life. This tragic accident has impacted our entire community. The City of Shorewood is appealing to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for assistance in improving this intersection or for assistance in improving the general safety of all the Hwy. 7 intersections in Shorewood.

On many different occasions, spanning several years, the city council and city staff have reached out to our Legislative representatives and to the DOT staff about Shorewood's concerns with the safety of the Hwy. 7 corridor through Shorewood, including specific concerns about the Eureka Road intersection. The City Council strongly reiterates that a traffic control measure, either a roundabout or a signaled intersection, needs to be installed at the intersection of Eureka Road and Hwy 7.

For decades, Shorewood has been a partner with the DOT in safety improvements along the Hwy. 7 corridor. The city has contributed to signal light installations, cooperated with signal light improvements, and closed direct access points to Hwy. 7 when proposed by the DOT. Shorewood needs the DOT to be a partner with us on this much needed and long sought-after project. The Shorewood City Council, on behalf of area residents, requests that a critical safety study be performed as soon as possible at the intersection of Eureka Road and Highway 7.

The City is urging residents to contact you and our elected Legislators with concerns about the needed safety improvements. We look forward to hearing from you or your staff on what the next steps are, and how Shorewood can help move this improvement project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Labadie".

Mayor Jennifer Labadie
City of Shorewood

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