



April 18, 2017

Dear Members of the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development,

The City of Carlton would like to confirm our support for the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams (RST) and project funding especially within rural areas.

The Carlton community recognizes the importance of investing dollars with local authorities to allow for the highest priorities to receive funding within the State by region. The City of Carlton found a true benefit in the role our Regional Solutions Team has played in bringing partners to the table to discuss and find solutions to issues impacting our rural communities.

The Governor's RST within Carlton has created opportunities such as our ability to address water infrastructure concerns by assisting with the replacement of distribution mains in the downtown business district, improving fire flow, life safety and business development. Besides improving general life safety throughout town our project also removed a serious impediment to business development and job creation. Ag-tourism is vital to Carlton and prior to the improvement new development was constrained by the lack of fire flow. Now, our community has definitely experienced an uptick in new projects.

The City of Carlton asks for your continued support of the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams and the positive, beneficial community projects they continue to address.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Carlton