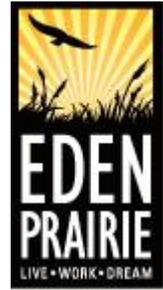


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STATEMENT REGARDING INTERSTATE 494/ HIGHWAY 169 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Eden Prairie, Minn. — The long-awaited fix of the Interstate 494/Highway 169 interchange is now a reality. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2011 and could take two to three years to complete.

“Last week the Met Council’s Transportation Advisory Board voted in favor of loaning the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) the last \$34-million it needs to begin this important project,” said Eden Prairie Mayor Phil Young.

“This is great news for the City of Eden Prairie and our neighbors in the southwest metro, and south of the Minnesota River,” he said. “We’ve been working to get this project off the ground for several years and our collective efforts have finally paid off.”

“Reconstruction of this interchange is absolutely necessary to the economic vitality of the area,” said Young. “I would like to thank my colleagues in Edina, Bloomington and Scott County and senior staff at MnDOT for their unwavering determination and pushing this important transportation project to the top of the list.”

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