



**Board of Commissioners**  
**Resolution**  
B2026-030

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Saint Paul, MN 55102  
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**Sponsor:** Public Works

**Meeting Date:** 2/17/2026

**Title:** State Aid Variance Request for Little Canada Road Improvements

**File Number:** 2026-056

**Background and Rationale:**

Ramsey County is partnering with the city of Little Canada and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to make improvements along Little Canada Road (CSAH 21) from Lakeshore Avenue to the east I-35E ramp terminal (SP 6280-407, SP 062-621-012). The city of Little Canada is the lead agency for the project. The proposed improvements include a raised pedestrian crosswalk for the eastbound Little Canada Road (CSAH 21) approach to the west ramp terminal roundabout. Minnesota Rules for State Aid Operation 8820.9936 require a minimum design speed of 30 miles per hour for urban reconstructed roadways. The proposed raised crosswalk requires a reduced design speed in lieu of the required 30 mile per hour minimum to accommodate the raised crosswalk. Therefore, a variance from Minnesota Rules for State Aid Operation 8820.9936 is needed.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Request a variance from the Minnesota Department of Transportation Aid Operations Rules Chapter 8820.9936 (Minimum Design Standards, Urban; New or Reconstruction Projects) to allow a reduced design speed in lieu of the required 30 miles per hour minimum.
2. Indemnify, save, and hold harmless the State of Minnesota and its agents and employees of and from claims, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or by reason of the reduced design speed for the Little Canada Road Improvements Project in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.9936 and further agrees to defend at their sole cost and expense any action or proceeding commenced for the purpose of asserting any claim arising as a result of the granting of this variance.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Jebens-Singh, seconded by Commissioner Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By:   
Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board