

**PHILLIPS PARTNERSHIP**

**RESOLUTION THANKING CONGRESSMAN MARTIN OLAV SABO FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$9 MILLION FOR THE I-35W ACCESS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Congress recently passed the Transportation Appropriations bill for Federal Fiscal Year 2003;

WHEREAS, Congressman Martin Olav Sabo continues to provide support for improving I-35W access in the Lake Street area of South Minneapolis;

WHEREAS, the Project proposes to provide new entrance/exit ramps, accommodations for a future transitway and new/additional transit facilities in the I-35W corridor between 46<sup>th</sup> Street and downtown Minneapolis;

WHEREAS, Congressman Sabo has led the effort to urge Congress to designate an additional \$9 million toward the I-35W Access Project as a part of the 2003 Transportation Appropriations bill, and Congress authorized that appropriation;

WHEREAS, Congressional support for this Project continues on the basis of local processes, led by citizens appointed from each of the affected neighborhoods to a Project Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the Project continues to receive support from a solid majority of residents and businesses recorded in testimony and written survey responses provided during recent Project area public meetings;

WHEREAS, the Project Advisory Committee responded by approving preliminary design plans on November 26, 2002 by a 17 to 3 vote and has recommended approval to the Federal Highway Administration, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Hennepin County, Metropolitan Council and the City of Minneapolis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Congressman Sabo's leadership and assistance in affecting Congressional support for this Project is essential for final design, public participation and construction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Phillips Partnership is grateful to Congressman Sabo for his leadership in revitalizing the Phillips neighborhood of South Minneapolis.

DATED: March 24, 2003

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_