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**Road Improvements Surrounding TCAAP
To Receive State Capital Investment Bonds**

ARDEN HILLS, Minn. – Governor Mark Dayton signed legislation today to fund capital projects in Minnesota. A transportation improvement project surrounding the former Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant site is listed as one of three projects eligible to share in the \$54.6 million allocated for local roads. Specifically, the improvement project includes a new bridge with pedestrian trails at I-35W and CSAH 96 and interior access roads and an interchange at Highway 96, and a new interchange at I-35W/County Road H.

In response to the final vote on the financing Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Chair Jim McDonough and Arden Hills Mayor David Grant released the following joint statement:

“The vote today is another important milestone for the redevelopment of the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant. This is an important project that will create hundreds of jobs and significant new tax base for the City of Arden Hills and Ramsey County. These interchanges are critical access points to the former TCAAP site that need to be redesigned to support redevelopment efforts. We applaud Governor Dayton, Senator Stumpf, Representative Hausman, Senator Scalze, Representative Yarusso, and the entire Legislature’s leadership to help fund this project.

TCAAP used to be one of the largest economic engines in the region, employing 26,000 people at its height and adding millions of dollars to the local economy. After the Vietnam War, the site became largely inactive. This investment signals the rebirth of this site as a job creator and will help return it to the tax rolls after 70 years.”

In April 2013, Ramsey County purchased the 427-acre site, which was the largest superfund site in the state. Over the past year, the County has led efforts to demolish buildings and clean

contaminated soil on the site. In addition to cleaning and clearing the site, Ramsey County and Arden Hills are in the process of developing a master plan for the redevelopment of the site. The redevelopment will include a mix of residential, commercial, and open spaces. When completed, the project will create thousands of jobs and generate millions of dollars annually in county and state property taxes.

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