

July 3, 2023

Via Email: MKerski@shakopeemn.gov

Michael Kerski and
Shakopee Planning Commission
City of Shakopee
485 Gorman Street
Shakopee, MN 55379

Re: Colburn Drive – Proposed Annexation

Dear Mr. Kerski and Planning Commission Members:

This letter is offered on behalf of Jackson Township in the matter of the “Colburn Drive Annexation.” The Jackson Township Supervisor concerns relate to the northern most segment highlighted in the cross-hatched area in the attached Exhibit A.

Specifically, PID 069100130 consists of 14.4 acres owned by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (the “MNDOT parcel”). The Colburn Drive Annexation proposes to annex the west side of the Colburn Drive north of the intersection with Brick Yard Road. The annexation as proposed results in the incorporation of a strip of Township property from the MNDOT parcel into Shakopee corporate limits of <1/2 acre. Such parcel subset divisions that do not follow property boundaries to right-of-way lines are disfavored as cumbersome and illogical. The entire MNDOT parcel should be incorporated at this time in its entirety. Since the MNDOT parcel is public and will never be developed, it makes no sense to leave the remaining remnant an island of Township land. If not annexed now, when? There is no better time.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Keane

cc: Andrew Budde, PE, Jackson Town Engineer
Rose Menke, Jackson City Clerk
Jackson Town Board Supervisors