



City of Oak Park Heights

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The following is a PRESS RELEASE from the City Council for the City of Oak Park Heights relating to the St. Croix River Crossing Project.

5/3/11 – 4:00 PM

At a specially scheduled City Council meeting held at 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2011 the City Council discussed and passed a resolution (11-05-14) that affirms City Council's past position on the St. Croix River Crossing and that the City Council does not establish a formal position on H.R. 850 or any other legislation relating to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

H.R. 850 is a bill proposed by Representative Michele Bachmann (MN-6th Dist.) and is the subject of a Federal Legislative Hearing scheduled for May 4th, 2011 -10:00 A.M. (EST) by the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands - U. S. House of Representatives – Committee on Natural Resources.

The City Council's position on the St. Croix River Crossing is that fundamentally the City is in agreement that the current bridge facility should be replaced, however there are several financial burdens anticipated to be placed onto Oak Park Heights for which non-local funding sources must be provided. These burdens include costs for utility relocation, traffic signalizations, storm water ponding and trails and their future maintenance. The City Council's position is expressly enumerated in a communication issued by the City Council on Oct 15th, 2010. This document can be found in totality on the City's website: www.cityofoakparkheights.com.

To date the City has not taken any position as it relates to aspects of the Wild and Scenic River and with the passage of City Resolution 11-05-14, this position remains constant.

If there are questions relating to this action or the position of the City Council for the City of Oak Park Heights, please contact Eric Johnson, City Administrator at 651-439-4439.