

Highway 55 Newsletter

Visits With Our Washington Delegation Bears Fruit

Recently members of the Highway 55 Corridor Coalition joined others from across the state for the “Washington Fly-In.” While the fly-in included many people with highway interests reflecting their own geographic needs, our Washington delegation was very cordial toward our members and were actively engaged as we discussed the future of Highway 55. As the Coalition members returned home after visiting with Senator Klobuchar and Representative Bachmann and Representative Paulsen’s staff (among others of the Washington delegation), there was a feeling that the visits were vital and worthwhile.

The feeling of satisfaction among the Coalition members turned to one of accomplishment as we learned Senator Klobuchar has requested \$3 million be appropriated for Highway 55 in the upcoming federal fiscal year 2010 budget. In addition, both Representative Bachmann and Representative Paulsen seek \$6 million for Highway 55 in the upcoming federal transportation reauthorization bill. The Coalition couldn’t be happier with the outcome of the Fly-In. Our Washington delegation listened to us and acted on our behalf!