

## Project Information

The City of Blaine, Anoka County, and MnDOT are improving Trunk Highway (TH) 65 from 97<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE to 119<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE in Blaine. TH 65 is a vital link to the Twin Cities urban core for commuters, businesses, freight traffic, and visitors.

The project is currently in the preliminary design phase. The team has selected a preferred alternative concept based on community input and is refining design details and evaluating environmental impacts. This design came from the final PEL Study for this corridor (see Section 2).

TH 65 will be converted to a freeway type highway with grade-separated interchanges (at 99<sup>th</sup> Ave., 105<sup>th</sup> Ave., 109<sup>th</sup> Ave., and 117<sup>th</sup> Ave./Cloud Dr. intersections). Existing local street/driveway connections to TH 65 will be rerouted using frontage and backage roads. This project will improve safety and travel time, and reduce crashes along TH 65.

## Corridor-Wide Issues

- Vehicle Safety:** Fatal and severe injury crash rates on segments of Highway 65 are **8 times higher** than the state average.
- Vehicle Congestion:** Congestion may **nearly double** during peak hour travel times from **24 minutes to 40 minutes** from south of County Road 10 to Bunker Lake Blvd by 2045.
- Walking/Biking:** Highway 65 is difficult to travel on or cross for people walking and biking.

## Project Benefits

<b>REDUCE CRASHES</b>	<b>REDUCE HWY 65 TRAVEL TIME</b>	<b>REDUCE CROSSING TIME</b> <i>From 10 to 3 min.</i>	<b>IMPROVE BICYCLING &amp; WALKING CONDITIONS</b>
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## Section 2 – Project Finances (97<sup>th</sup> Ave to 119<sup>th</sup> Ave)

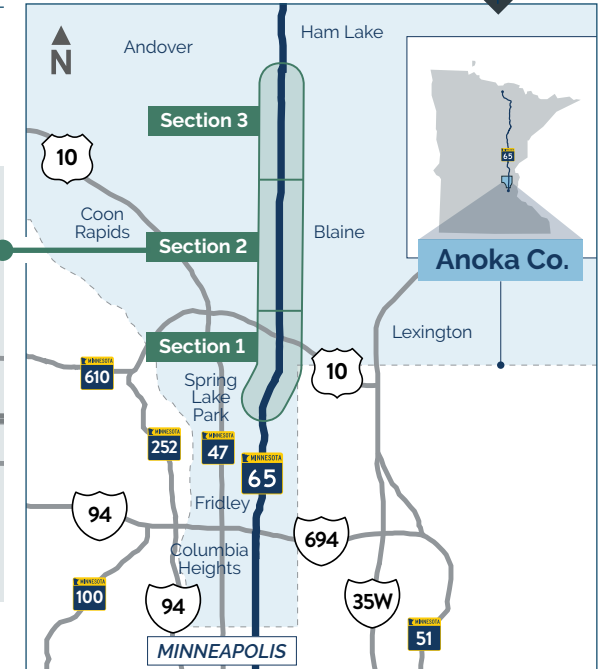
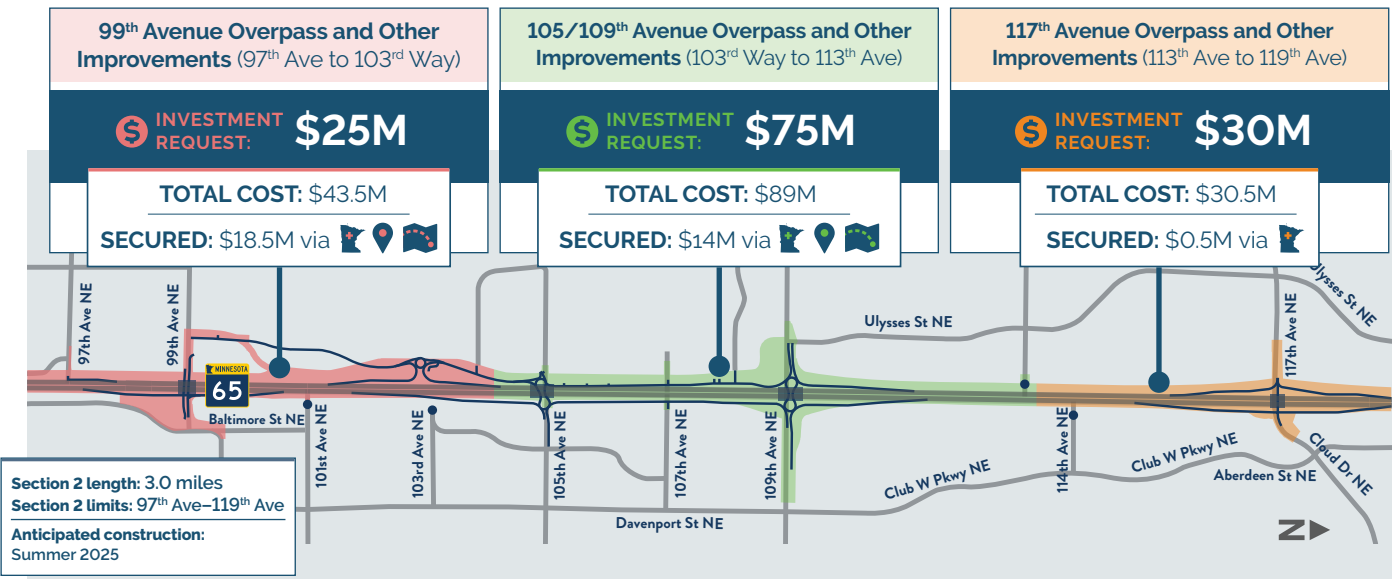
**Total Cost: \$163,000,000**

An investment in Highway 65 is an investment in the region's goals to advance commerce and better connect people to places they need to go. **We are seeking your support in funding these vital Highway 65 improvements** that support regional growth now and into the future.

**INVESTMENT REQUEST: \$130,000,000**

**20.2% SECURED: \$33,000,000**

## Section 2 – Preferred Alternative (97<sup>th</sup> Ave to 119<sup>th</sup> Ave)



### FUNDING SOURCES AND TYPES

- State Bonding
- Local Road Improvement Program
- Regional Solicitation

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