

Trunk Highway 610 & East River Road Full Access Interchange



FUNDING REQUEST:

\$10 Million in Trunk Highway Bonds

To construct a full access interchange at Trunk Highway (TH) 610 and East River Road in Coon Rapids.

PURPOSE & NEED

Access



- » Coon Rapids only has “half” an interchange system on TH 610 - the project would complete the existing interchange at East River Road.
- » There are currently **NO westbound exits OR eastbound on ramps** along TH 610 in the city between the Coon Rapids/Blaine border to the Mississippi River.
- » Direct access from TH 610 to East River Road and Coon Rapids Boulevard is only available when traveling east.

About 15% of freight trips from TH 610 coming to the area are traveling west.

Safety



- » Not having an eastbound on ramp option on TH 610 impacts emergency response teams.
- » Coon Rapids Police and Fire must travel across the Mississippi River - outside city limits - and then turn around to get to eastbound travelers. Brooklyn Park is often called for immediate assistance as they can get there faster.
- » Access is especially difficult between University Avenue and the Mississippi River.

Coon Rapids police and fire departments respond to an average of 190 emergency calls to this area each year.

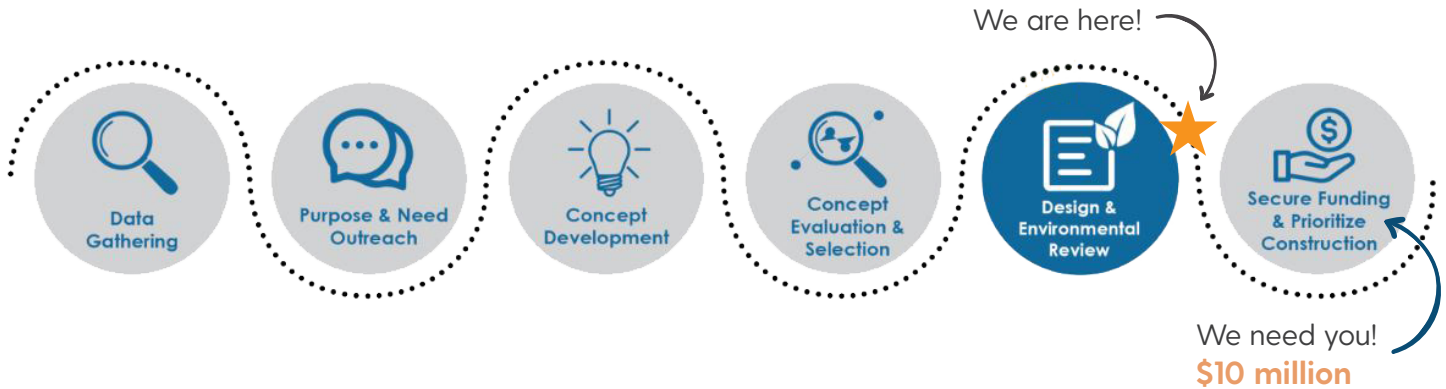
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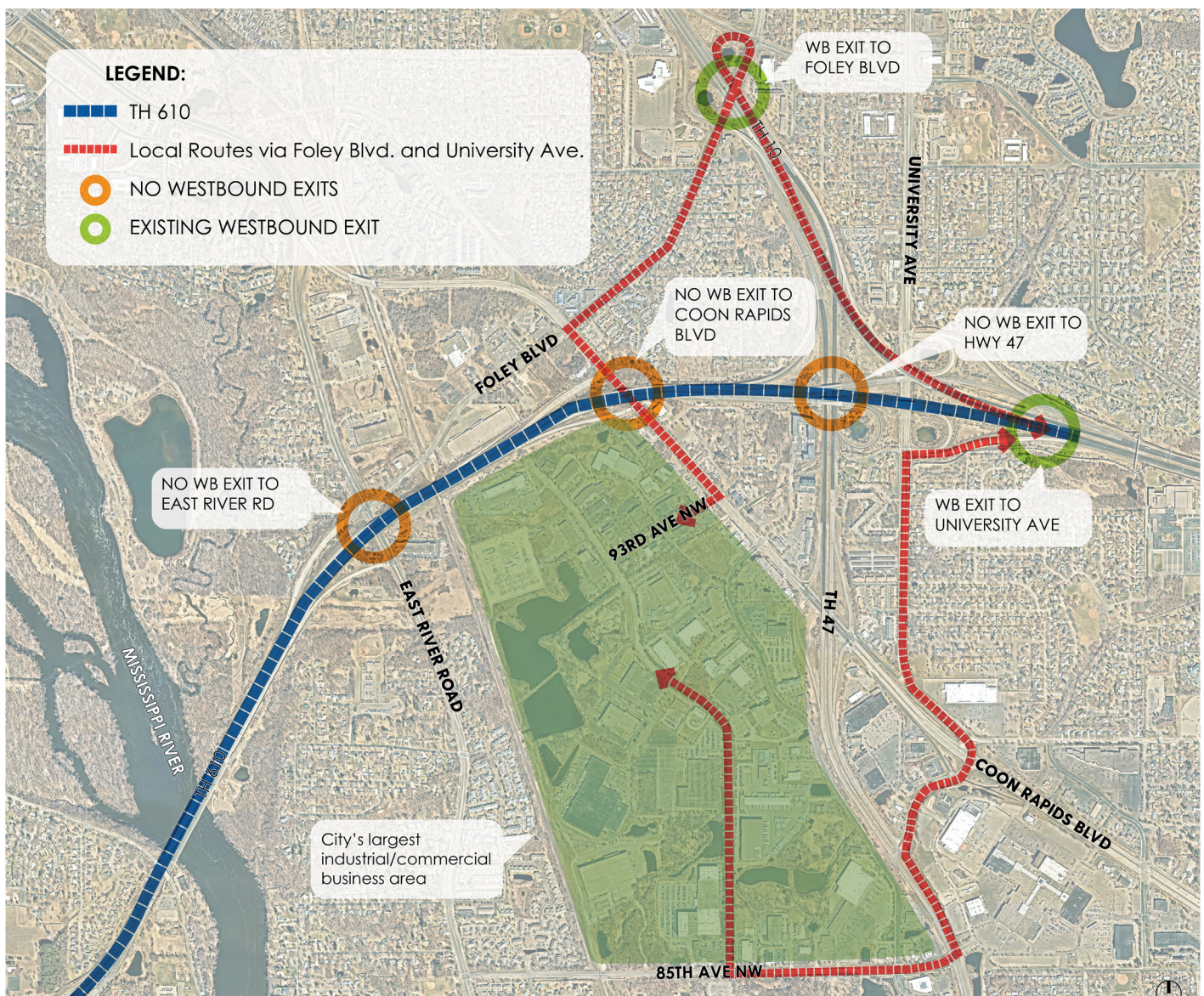
- » Westbound drivers must use long and confusing local routes such as Foley Boulevard or University Avenue, which add time and miles to every trip.
- » This adds congestion at other interchanges and creates backups on local routes.
- » Local routes (designed for low speed and low volume) experience significant semi truck traffic and backups in front of driveways and through pedestrian areas.

Traveling westbound without an exit can add 5 MILES of out-of-direction travel and more than 6 MINUTES to each trip!

Project Timeline



Existing Access for TH 610 in Coon Rapids



TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$37.3 MILLION

Project Funding

 REQUESTED	Minnesota State Legislature	\$10 million
 COMMITTED	City of Coon Rapids	\$2 million
 COMMITTED	Anoka County	\$2 million
 COMMITTED	Minnesota General Obligation Bonds awarded in 2020	\$1.5 million
 COMMITTED	Minnesota State Legislature General Fund awarded in 2023	\$1 million
 COMMITTED	Minnesota Highway Freight Program	\$10.8 million
 COMMITTED	Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation	\$10 million

Proposed Interchange Map



The Cost of Doing Business

The city's largest commercial/industrial business district is located along TH 610 between East River Road and Coon Rapids Boulevard. The area is home to more than a dozen trucking companies, among other businesses.

Coon Rapids businesses make more than 600,000 freight trips to this area every year.

rms Company... A Case Study



rms Company is the largest private employer in Coon Rapids.

rms Company is a supplier to top medical device manufacturers throughout the world. Its 360,000 square foot manufacturing plant is located in the city's largest industrial park near the proposed interchange.

The addition of an off ramp at East River Road will not only make the commute more convenient for our current employees, but also serve as a compelling factor for prospective talent considering job opportunities with our company.

John Braun

President, rms Company



Take a drive with Rocky!

Scan the code to see how long it takes to get off onto East River Road* when driving westbound on Hwy 610.

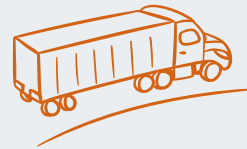
*Hint: You have to drive 5 miles out of your way (across city limits), which takes almost 8 minutes!

coonrapidsmn.gov/610proposal



5 minutes

Estimated time added to every trip without a westbound exit ramp at East River Road.



3,138 trips

Estimated number of rms shipments and deliveries each year that would use a westbound exit ramp at East River Road.



\$200,000+

Estimated yearly savings to rms if an exit ramp shortened trip times for employees and vendors.