



THE COALITION

The Highway 55 Corridor Coalition was formed in 2001 to advocate for increased safety and capacity improvements along the Minnesota Trunk Highway 55 Corridor from I-494 in Plymouth to the western city limits of Annandale.

In collaboration with Hennepin and Wright Counties, MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council, the Coalition is comprised of:

- Local municipalities along the corridor
- Businesses and neighborhood organizations
- Concerned citizens

Our Mission

- **Preserve the corridor** by securing right-of-way and maintaining current zoning
- **Increase safety** for all users
- **Add capacity**, including additional lanes, access control and transit service where appropriate

History of Success

The Coalition has helped drive the completion of numerous projects over the past 24 years. These projects range from resurfacing lengths of roadway, roadway widening, intersection and safety improvements, and access management enhancements that have improved the safety and mobility of the corridor. Since the Coalition was formed in 2001, over \$20 million has been invested in corridor improvements.

The Highway 55 Corridor Coalition is currently requesting funding for a **Highway 55 capacity expansion project in Hennepin County from Arrowhead Drive/CR 118 in the City of Medina to County Road 19 north of Loretto**. The project will convert approximately four miles of two-lane undivided Highway 55 to a four-lane divided roadway.

For additional information on the Highway 55 Corridor Coalition, visit www.highway55.org

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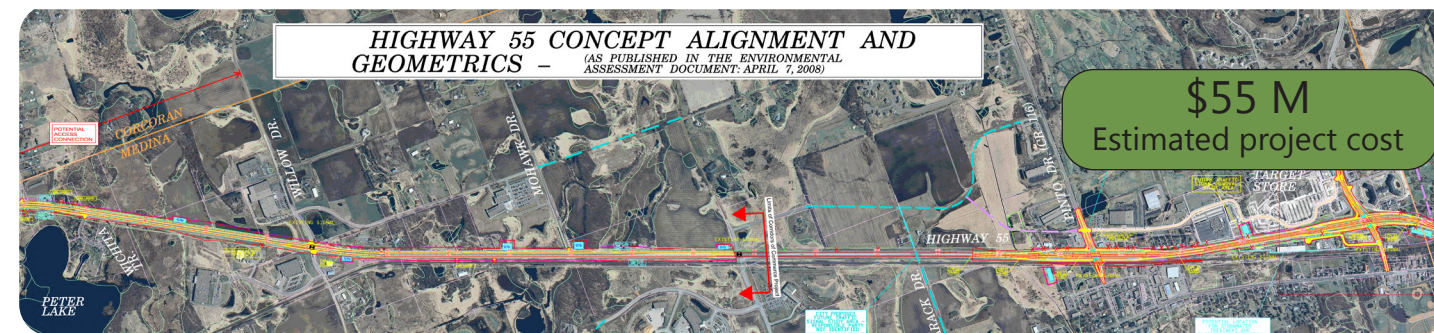
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HIGHWAY 55 CORRIDOR COALITION

More than 20 years working together
Saving Lives, Saving Dollars

The Highway 55 Corridor Coalition, established in 2001, is requesting funding for a capacity expansion project, expanding Highway 55 from a two-lane undivided to a four-lane divided roadway in Hennepin County between Arrowhead Drive (County Road 118) in the City of Medina to County Road (CR) 19 in Loretto. The Coalition has been working closely with membership and state elected officials to pursue legislative funding for this priority project.

HWY 55 CAPACITY EXPANSION PROJECT FROM CR 118 TO CR 19



WORKING TOWARDS FUNDING:

- Approximately a 4-mile project
- Add center median and additional vehicle lane
- Reduce Hwy 55 access points to improve operations and safety
- Previous environmental document completed (2008), updated environmental document in progress
- Improve bike and pedestrian connectivity
- Support future Bus Rapid Transit on Hwy 55
- Additional capacity for freight and commuters
- Enhance economic development along the corridor
- Crash rate **1.5 times greater** than normal range for similar trunk highways
- Opportunity to align the project with a MnDOT preservation project planned for the corridor in 2029

Help us bring these needed
improvements to the corridor!

2006 RECEIVED \$5 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO IMPROVE HIGHWAY 55

2008 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMPLETED FOR CORRIDOR

2012 MNDOT COMPLETES HIGHWAY 55 MILL & OVERLAY IN PROJECT AREA

2021 BONDING REQUEST (HF339 | SF1260 \$4.5 MILLION) NOT APPROVED

2022 BONDING REQUEST (HF187 | SF605 \$4.5 MILLION) NOT APPROVED
BONDING REQUEST (HF679 | SF571 \$43 MILLION) NOT APPROVED

2023 CORRIDORS OF COMMERCE APPLICATION, SCORED 7 OUT OF 18 PROJECTS, FUNDING NOT AWARDED

2024 RECEIVED \$2 MILLION IN LEGISLATIVE FUNDS TO UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT



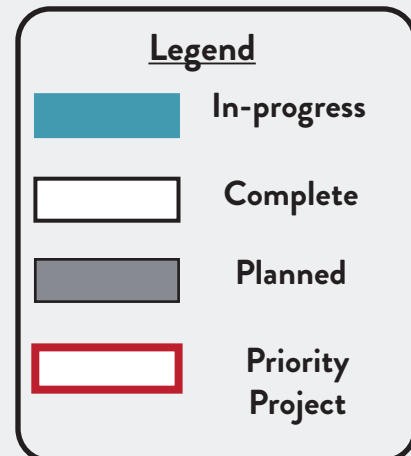
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CORRIDOR COALITION

PROGRESS & PRIORITIES ALONG THE HIGHWAY 55 CORRIDOR 2023 AND BEYOND!

Resurface, Drainage,
Utility, Motorist and
Pedestrian Access and
Safety Improvements.
MnDOT, \$11,500,000
2025 - In-progress



HIGHWAY 55 CAPACITY EXPANSION FROM COUNTY ROAD 118 TO COUNTY ROAD 19

Improve Safety & Capacity

The crash rate along this segment of Hwy 55 is 1.5 times greater than the normal range for similar trunk highways statewide. The segment of Hwy 55 has significant congestion due to the transition between a two-lane and four-lane highway between Plymouth and Rockford.

Local Support

The capacity expansion project is strongly supported by Coalition membership and communities along the corridor because it provides safe and efficient movement of goods, services, and people to support local and regional commerce.

Funding for 55

The Coalition is committed to advocating and working with our federal, state, and local legislators for funding and construction. Without these improvements, economic development initiatives between the Twin Cities and its western suburbs are hindered.

Annandale



Maple Lake

2023 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant for Safety Action Plan, Federal/Local \$240,000
COMPLETED

2023 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant for Safety Action Plan
Federal/Local, \$135,000
COMPLETED

2030 Construct Roundabout at Wright County CSAH 14
PLANNED - 2030
MnDOT \$2.2 million

2032 Mill and Overlay MN 25 to Wright County CSAH 134
PLANNED - 2032
MnDOT \$2.2 million

Buffalo to Rockford
Future Phase 3 Capacity Expansion 4-lane divided roadway between CSAH 134 to Wright/Hennepin County Line
Year & cost TBD

2029 Resurface Bridge over Crow River, MnDOT
\$1.8 million (estimated)



Greenfield

Rockford

Future Pedestrian Safety Opportunity at Maple St. | TBD

Loretto

Independence

Medina

Corcoran

Medina - Future Diamond Lake Regional Trail Crossing near Tamarrack Drive, Three Rivers Park District | Year & cost TBD

Plymouth

PRIORITY PROJECT

Capacity Expansion, 4-lane divided roadway between CR 118 to CR 19, pedestrian underpass.

Lead agency: MnDOT

Coalition has secured \$2 million in MN legislative funding to complete environmental documentation and preliminary design. The Coalition is actively pursuing funding for this priority project.

\$55 M
Estimated project cost

The economic loss in crash costs along the Highway 55 Corridor between 2018 and 2022 was almost \$160 million

- Based on FHWA's Benefit-Cost Analysis Guidance for Discretionary Grant Programs, 2023

Plymouth to Golden Valley - 2024-2025 Resurface, J-turns installed for safety, Vicksburg Ln signal replacement, MnDOT \$19,500,000
In-progress

Medina to Minneapolis - 2023 Reconnecting Communities Neighborhoods (RCN) Corridor Planning Study Grant, MnDOT \$3,600,000
In-progress

-Future Roundabout, Pedestrian Safety Opportunity and Crow River Regional Trail Crossing CR 50/Rebecca Park Tr.
Year & Cost TBD

-Future Roundabout and Frontage Road at County Road 92/Dogwood Street
Year & Cost TBD