

Trunk Highway 36 and County State Aid Highway 17 (Lake Elmo Avenue) Interchange Project



Washington County supports the appropriation of \$15 million in state funds, to match existing state, federal and local funds, for the Trunk Highway 36 and County State Aid Highway 17 (Lake Elmo Avenue) Interchange Project.



Issue At-A-Glance

Washington County is leading the Trunk Highway (TH) 36 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 17 (Lake Elmo Avenue) Interchange Project, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the cities of Lake Elmo and Grant. The project location is the existing at-grade signalized intersection of TH 36 and Lake Elmo Avenue.

Support

MnDOT, the Metropolitan Council, City of Lake Elmo and City of Grant

Previous Consideration

This project has not previously been submitted for consideration.

No Action

Without a major infrastructure upgrade, this intersection will remain a wood pole traffic signal system. Crashes and congestion will continue as traffic continues to increase.

Financial Implications

The total cost of the TH 36 and Lake Elmo Avenue Interchange and Project is estimated to be \$35 million.

- Federal Grants - \$10 Million
- Local Agencies - \$10 Million
- State of Minnesota - \$15 Million

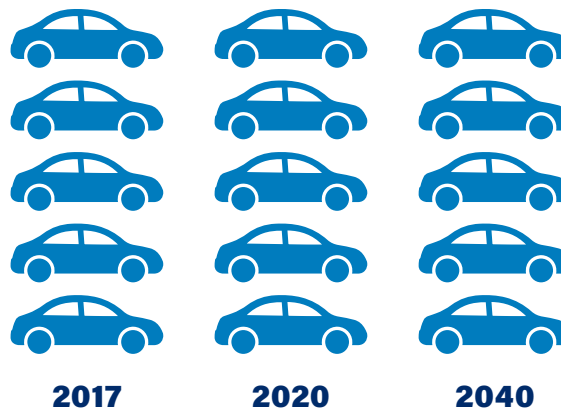
Safety Issues

Between 2016 and 2018, this intersection had 90 reported crashes with one fatality.

This corridor is seeing a significant increase in truck traffic, which has become a major safety concern.

Increasing Traffic

Traffic on Highway 36 has increased more than 20 percent since the St. Croix Crossing project was completed and is expected to grow another 20-30 percent by 2040.



Project Details

This project preserves existing capacity along TH 36 by:

- Adding an interchange at the existing signalized intersection
- Adding a frontage road south of TH 36
- Eliminating an at-grade intersection along TH 36

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