

Proposed 4th Street Bridge - Oakdale



Washington County supports \$3.5 million of state funding for general purpose automobile-use lanes and pedestrian and bicycle lanes on a reconstructed 4th Street Bridge over Interstate-694 (I-694) in Oakdale.

Issue At-A-Glance

- The 4th Street Bridge over I-694 in the City of Oakdale is an important element of the Metro Gold Line and is proposed to be reconstructed as part of the project.
- The new bridge would include two lanes of general purpose traffic, two pedestrian and bicycle lanes, and two METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lanes.
- This legislative request is for the cost of constructing the general purpose and pedestrian and bicycle lanes only.



Current 4th Street Bridge



Rendering of proposed 4th Street Bridge

Support

City of Oakdale; the Metropolitan Council; Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT); and East Metro Strong.

Previous Consideration

Washington County submitted a request for \$3.5 million in funding for the 4th Street Bridge in 2019 and 2020. These requests were not funded.

No Action

No action means that Gold Line BRT may operate on the existing two-lane bridge structure in mixed traffic. As a result, the near-term opportunity to address roadway safety issues and to alleviate a pedestrian barrier in the Oakdale community will be lost.

Project Improvements

- The reconstructed bridge will provide a crucial walking and biking connection
- Improved multi-modal connections within Oakdale
- Increased economic investment in the area
- Improved access to jobs and neighborhoods

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