

Highway 36 and Manning Avenue Interchange Project Update

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Tree Clearing: March 2021

An initial tree clearing project was completed in March 2021 to comply with federal requirements to limit environmental impacts to the northern long eared bat. Most if not all tree clearing that was required for the project was completed in this stage. Through the project design, and coordination with construction staff, impacts were minimized as much as possible.

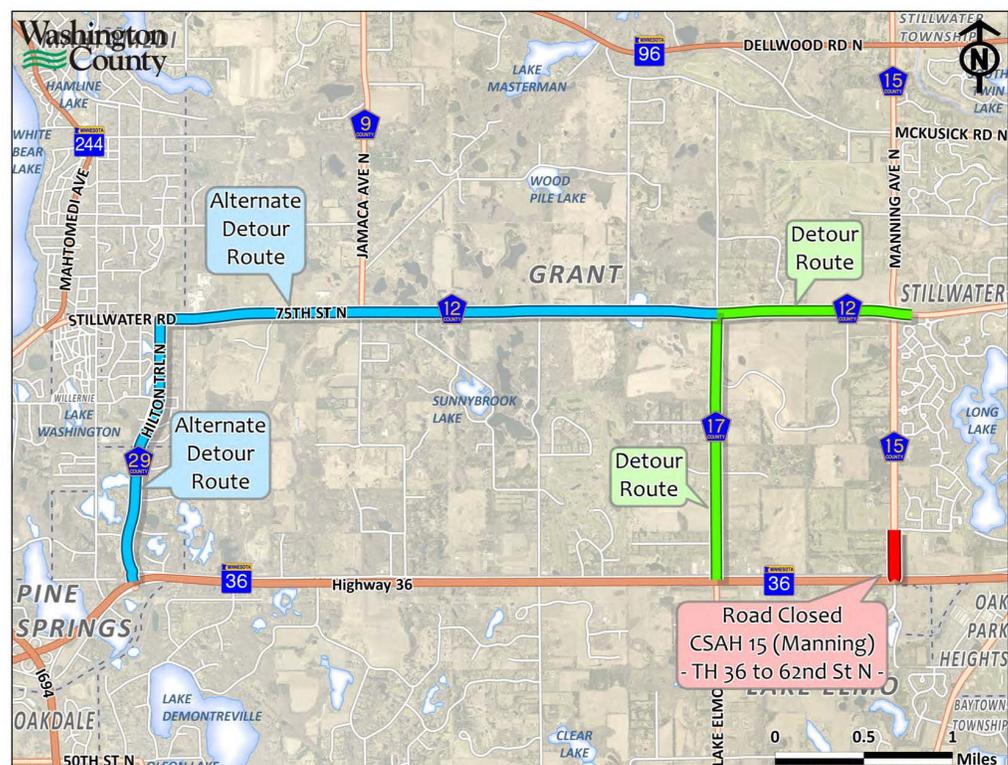
Utility Relocations: March 2021 - Summer 2021

Utility companies will be relocating various utilities within and around the project limits to ensure continued service through the duration of the project. This work may appear sporadically with multiple utilities and contractors conducting the work. Minimal traffic impacts are expected , but please remain alert for workers performing relocations.

Interchange Project: Late May 2021 - July 2022

Interchange roadway construction is anticipated to begin in late May or early June of 2021 with traffic impacts anticipated immediately with the decommissioning of the existing traffic signal at Highway 36 and Manning Avenue (County Highway 15) and the closure of Manning Avenue north of Highway 36 to 62nd Street North. This initial detour route will direct traffic on Lake Elmo Avenue (County Highway 17) to 75th Street N (County Highway 12), with an Alternate Detour provided along 75th Street N (County Highway 12) to Hilton Trail (County Highway 29). Traffic south of Highway 36 on Manning Avenue will convert to a right in/right out intersection during the first phase of construction, and moving onto a temporary bypass road later in construction.

Initial Detour Map - Late May/Early June



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Frequently Asked Questions:

Where can I find out more information about the project including design, staging, and schedule?

More information, including design information and details about the environmental investigation, can be found on Washington County's TH 36 and Manning Avenue Interchange website: <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/2662/TH-36-and-Manning-Avenue-Interchange>

There's also an opportunity to sign up for project updates on the right hand side of the website, if you would like to receive updates as they become available.

When will the detour start and how long will it last?

The detour route is anticipated to begin during the end of May or the start of June. The detour will remain in place for the duration of construction until the Manning interchange ramps are fully opened, which is anticipated to take place in the summer of 2022.

Will the speed limit on the detour route be changed?

Speed limits are based on road design, and not traffic volume. Therefore, speed limits along County Highway 12, 17, or 29 are not planned to change.

Will there be more police or sheriff to help enforce speed limits along the detour route?

The county and cities are not requesting for more enforcement, but there may be a higher presence due to the diversion of traffic from Manning Avenue.

Will the traffic signal (light) timing along the detour route be adjusted to accommodate the detoured traffic?

Yes, intersections along the detour will be monitored throughout construction to ensure they are operating safely and efficiently, and adjustments will be made as necessary. This includes multiple intersections – State Highway 36 and County Highway 17, County Highway 17 and 12, County Highway 12 and 15, and intersections along County Highway 5. Even with changes, there may be an adjustment period of one to two weeks during the implementation/changes of the detour for traffic to normalize.

Will there be any changes to the frontage road at Lake Elmo Ave / County Highway 17?

There are not any specific changes being made to the frontage road at Lake Elmo Avenue with the project.

Adjusted traffic signal (light) timing will improve safety and efficiencies at this intersection during construction, but delays at the frontage road are expected to increase during construction.

With increased traffic volumes on the detour route, will it be challenging to get out of my driveway or a local street onto the County Highway?

With the increased traffic along the detour route (and other roadways in the area) there will be increased wait times accessing the County Highway. Wait times will vary depending on the time of day and can be especially long during the first weeks the detour is put into place. County Staff will be monitoring traffic and the traffic signals (lights) in the project area to manage safety, minimize the amount of delay, and to create gaps to allow entering/exiting of County Highways.

When will the County be fixing ...?

In and around the project area there many types of roads under many jurisdictions including MnDOT, County, City, and Township Roads, everything unfortunately cannot be fixed at once. There are multiple projects in planning around the area;

2022 – Minnesota Highway 36 – Mill and Overlay

2022 – County Highway 12 – County Line to Stillwater Road

2024 – County 12 East Ave/Hallam Ave to CSAH 9

2025 – Highway 36 and Lake Elmo Avenue (County 17) Interchange

Other County Projects can be viewed at: <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/12827/2021-2025-5-Year-CIP-Map?bidId=>

I have a comment, question, or concern about the project or the detour, who should I contact?

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