

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



Washington County supports the appropriation of \$20 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) Intersection Improvement Project.

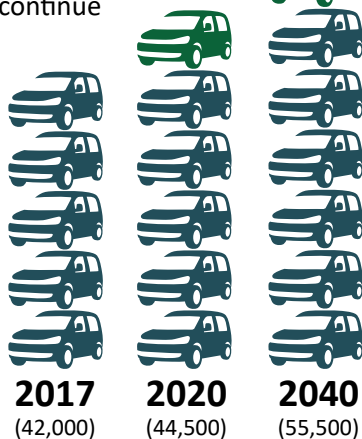


Issue At-A Glance

- Washington County is leading the Trunk Highway (TH) 36 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 17 (Lake Elmo Avenue) Intersection Improvement Project, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the cities of Lake Elmo and Grant.

Increasing Traffic

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



Traffic Safety

Between 2016 and

2020, this intersection had 96 reported crashes with one fatality.

This corridor is seeing a significant increase in truck traffic, which is expected to continue with the development of a major Canadian National rail yard under construction just across the state border in Wisconsin.

Support

MnDOT, the Metropolitan Council, and the cities of Lake Elmo and Grant.

Previous Consideration

This project was submitted for consideration in 2021.

No Action

If the proposal is not enacted, crashes are expected to continue to increase as traffic continues to grow.

Financial Implications

The cost of the TH 36 and Lake Elmo Avenue Intersection Improvement Project is estimated to be \$40 million.

- Federal Grants – \$10 million
- Local Agencies – \$10 million
- State of Minnesota – \$20 million

Project Details

This project preserves existing capacity along TH 36 by:

- improving the existing signalized intersection
- adding a frontage road south of TH 36
- accommodating multi-modal transportation, including trail connections to support bicycle and pedestrian movements and future transit options along TH 36

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