



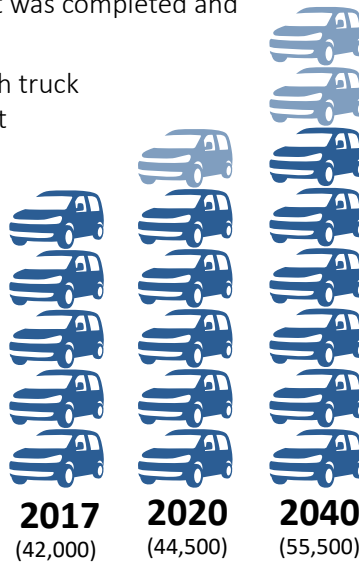
# Trunk Highway 36 and CSAH 17 (Lake Elmo Avenue) Intersection Improvement Project

Washington County requests **\$20 million in state funds** to match existing federal and local funds for the multimodal Trunk Highway (TH) 36 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 17 (Lake Elmo Avenue) Intersection Improvement Project.



## Issue At-A Glance

- Washington County is leading the multimodal TH 36 and 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.
- The project location is the existing at-grade signalized intersection of TH 36 and Lake Elmo Avenue. Traffic on TH 36 has increased more than 20% since the St. Croix Crossing bridge project was completed and is expected to grow another 20-30% by 2040.
- TH 36 is a major freight and truck corridor with truck traffic expected to grow with the development of a Canadian National rail yard under construction across the state border in Wisconsin. The result is this intersection has become a major safety concern.
- Between 2016 and 2020, there were 96 crashes at the TH 36 and Lake Elmo Avenue intersection and 11 crashes at the nearby Lake Elmo Avenue and 60th Street North intersection. One was fatal.
- In 2020, Washington County was awarded \$10 million in federal funds for this project. **These federal funds will expire in 2025.**



Increasing Traffic

## Support

- Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)
- Metropolitan Council
- Cities of Lake Elmo and Grant

## Previous Consideration

This project was submitted for consideration in 2022.

## No Action

If the state does not fund the proposal, the **federal funds will expire** and be redistributed elsewhere.

## Financial Implications

Total estimated project cost = \$40 million

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

