Bruce Vento Regional Trail Connector through Swede Hollow Park

Project Summary

The City of Saint Paul proposes to construct a local bicycle facility at Swede Hollow Park that will connect the neighboring communities and broader Metro area with heavily used bikeway corridors and neighborhood destinations. The Bruce Vento Regional Trail Connector is planned to start from the intersection of Margaret Street and Greenbrier Street, run along Greenbrier Street and Maury Street, then make connections to the Hamm's Brewery Complex Redevelopment and the Bruce Vento Regional Trail.

This new half-mile bikeway establishes critical connections to both the Margaret Street Bicycle Boulevard and the Bruce Vento Regional Trail, reinforcing two essential non-motorized commuter corridors between the East Side and downtown Saint Paul. Additionally, the multiuse trail will improve access to green space and outdoor recreation opportunities in Swede Hollow Park, offering an accessible connection from the park's upper bluff to the valley floor where only a staircase exists today. The off-street and multiuse trail will also offer cyclists and pedestrians from Dayton's Bluff, Railroad Island, and the broader Metro area with safer and more direct connections to meet their daily needs and key destinations, including the Hamm's Brewery Complex Redevelopment and the Payne Avenue business district.

The project will include final planning, design, engineering, trail construction, grading for drainage and accessibility, construction of retaining barriers, railings, walls and pedestrian curb ramps, stairs, streetscaping, landscaping, wayfinding and elements/site furnishings that support active transportation. The City of Saint Paul is requesting $2,200,000.00 with this application, which is the total project cost.

This application follows extensive community engagement that produced a Swede Hollow Park Long-Range Plan and guided development of the future bikeway. The long-range plan received local approval in 2019 and positions the project for final design and construction. An active Swede Hollow Community Advisory Committee, a coalition of community members and partners, will continue to be engaged throughout all stages of the project to ensure the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Connector through Swede Hollow Park meets the community's needs and expressed interests.

This project will result in a new facility that is safer and offers improved travel times for all users of the corridor. The opportunity to close an identified gap in Saint Paul's bicycle network makes this project a high priority for funding.

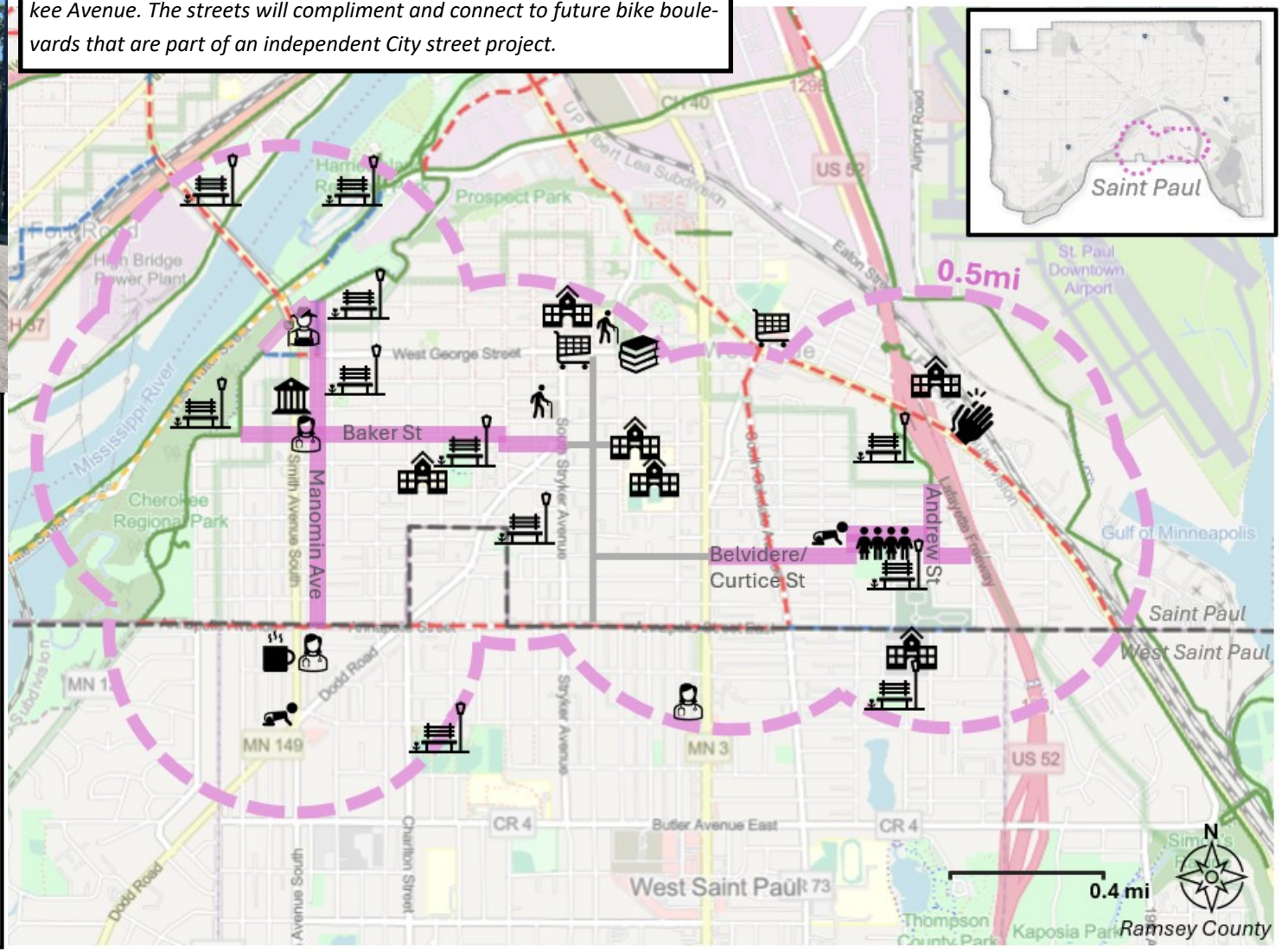
West Side Bicycle Boulevards, City of Saint Paul

Award Amount: $2,672,404
Total Project Cost: $2,672,404
Applicant: City of Saint Paul
Project Location: Baker St, Manomin Ave, Belvidere St, Curtice St, Andrew Street, Cherokee Avenue

Description: *The West Side Bike Boulevards project includes constructing several bike boulevards in the West Side Neighborhood of Saint Paul that are identified in the City's Bike Plan and in the West Side Bicycle Boulevards Plan. Bike boulevard treatments like **traffic circles**, **curb extensions**, **speed humps/tables**, and **medians** will be considered for implementation. The project will also fill sidewalk gaps and improve pedestrian ramps where necessary and fill a gap in the Cherokee Trail. Locations include Baker Street, Belvidere Street, Curtice Street, Andrew Street, Cherokee Avenue. The streets will compliment and connect to future bike boulevards that are part of an independent City street project.*

Project Benefits: - Traffic Calming
- Fill sidewalk & trail gaps
- Bike connections to future & existing bike facilities
- Connect students to after school programs

- Project location
- Place of worship
- Healthcare
- Park
- Senior housing
- School
- Boys and Girls Club
- Community Garden
- Bank
- Childcare
- Café
- Grocery store
- Library
- Bicycle facility
- City Street Project ('29)



Washington Avenue Trail Project
Project Summary

Applicant: City of Stillwater

Project Location: Washington Avenue between Curve Crest Boulevard and Trunk Highway 36

Total Project Cost: $9,700,000

Requested Grant Dollars: $3,500,000

Project Description:
The Washington Avenue Trail project includes the construction of a two-way bicycle trail and a sidewalk along Washington Avenue between Curve Crest Boulevard and Trunk Highway 36. A 4-to-3 lane conversion will allow space for the new bicycle and pedestrian facilities, while construction of a roundabout at Tower Drive will further enhance safety on this stretch of Washington Avenue.

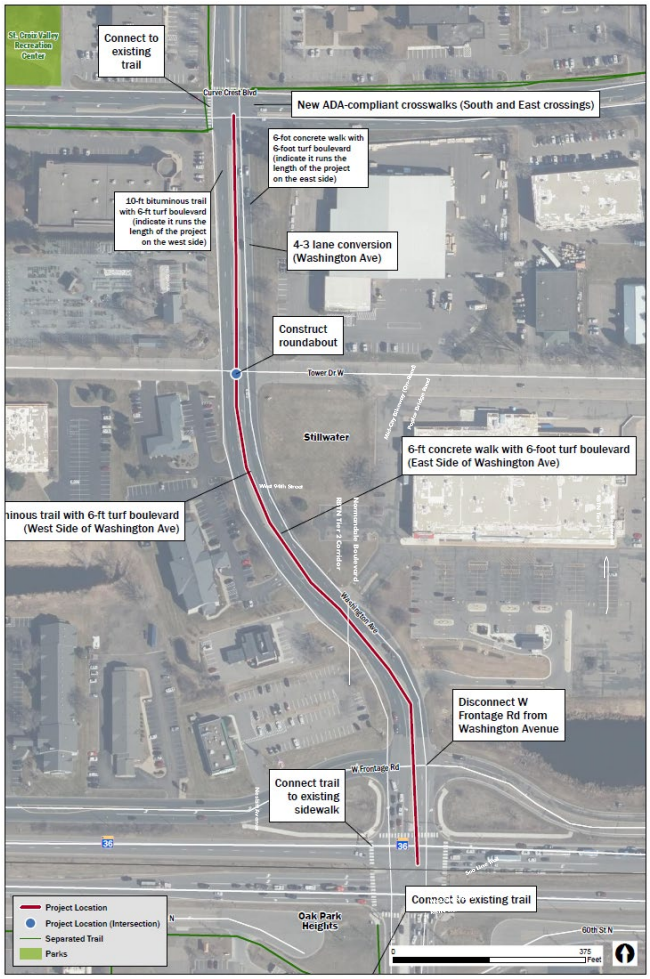
Proposed project elements include:

- 4-to-3 lane conversion on Washington Avenue
- Construction of a 10-foot bituminous trail with 6-foot turf boulevard on the west side of Washington Avenue
- Construction of a 6-foot concrete sidewalk on the east side of Washington Avenue
- Conversion of the four-way intersection at Washington Avenue and Tower Drive to a roundabout
- Addition of ADA-compliant crosswalks and sidewalk connections at the Curve Crest Boulevard and intersection to connect into existing trails
- Sidewalk connections south along Washington Avenue to connect into existing sidewalk facilities south of TH 36
- Disconnection of Washington Avenue from West Frontage Road

Project benefits include:

- Improved neighborhood connectivity between residences, services, and businesses
- Connections to existing trails on Curve Crest Boulevard, Washington Avenue north of Curve Crest, Stillwater Boulevard North, and south of TH 36 in Oak Park Heights
- Traffic calming along Washington Avenue with 4 to 3 lane conversion
- Traffic calming and reduction in conflict points with roundabout at Tower Drive and the access closure of the West Frontage Road intersections
- Promotion of active transportation through new bicycle and pedestrian facilities

Project Location:



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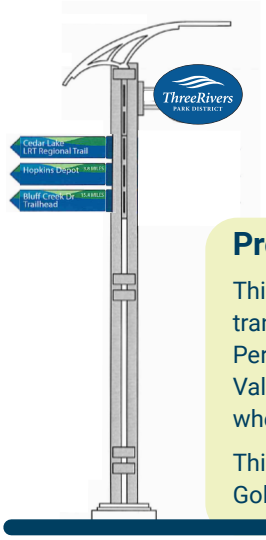

CP Rail Regional Trail

Perpich Center for the Arts (TH 55) to Meadowbrook Elementary (Glenwood Ave/CSAH 40)

Project Description

This 0.8-mile off-road, multi-use regional trail will provide an improved safer and consistent active transportation facility for walking, biking and rolling between a new bicycle and pedestrian underpass at Perpich Center for the Arts (grades 9–12) (TH 55), and Meadowbrook Elementary School (K–5) in Golden Valley. The project fills a gap between two local trail networks and provides direct access to both schools where there is currently no protected bicycle facility in place.

This project is part of the 21-mile CP Rail Regional Trail corridor, which will ultimately link Crystal, New Hope, Golden Valley, St. Louis Park, Edina, and Bloomington to the Minnesota River.

Location & Route
Between Perpich Center for Arts Education (TH 55) to Meadowbrook Elementary (Glenwood Avenue/CSAH 40) in Golden Valley, Hennepin County

Applicant
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Total Construction Cost*
$2,963,900

Funding Request
$2,810,900

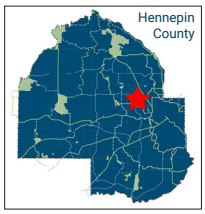
Project Elements

- 0.7-miles of sidewalk to regional trail conversion
- 0.1 mile of existing trail reconstruction
- Meet all ADA requirements including improvements to 4 road crossings (8 ADA ramps) and improvements to an existing rail crossing

Project Benefits

- Provides a safe, off-road continuous and contiguous corridor and removes one significant railroad barrier for all ages, physical abilities and active transportation modes and for those without access to a vehicle or whom choose to commute by foot, bike or non-motorized wheels where facilities are inconsistent, do not exist or don't support all modes of active transportation.
- Connects people and destinations: schools (Perpich Center of the Arts and Meadowbrook Elementary), Davis Community Center, neighborhoods, local/regional trail systems including the nearby/connected Luce Line Regional Trail (504,117 annual visitation), transit and safe railroad and trunk highway crossings.

Location

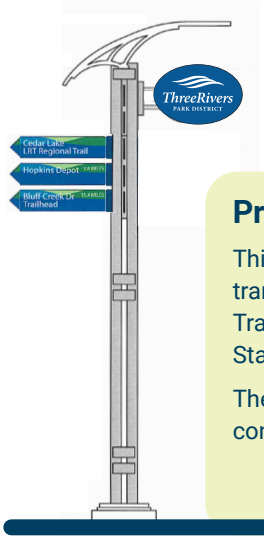


Existing Corridor Conditions

Existing Conditions near Perpich School: Olson Highway Service Road near Perpich School - no bicycle facilities in place

Existing sidewalk near Meadowbrook School: Project will replace this existing sidewalk/trail near Meadowbrook Elementary School with a 10-foot-wide regional trail standard.

* Total project cost includes design and right-of way costs



CP Rail Regional Trail

New Construction | Cedar Lake to North Cedar Lake

Project Description

This 1.4 mile off-road, multi-use regional trail will provide an improved, safer and consistent active transportation facility for walking, biking and rolling between the North Cedar Lake and Cedar Lake Regional Trails in St. Louis Park. This project corridor connects two schools, the Wooddale Avenue Green Line Light Rail Station and the greater regional trail network.

The project is also part of the greater 21-mile-long CP Rail Regional Trail corridor, which upon completion will connect Crystal, New Hope, Golden Valley, St. Louis Park, Edina, and Bloomington to the Minnesota River.

Location & Route
Between North Cedar Lake Regional Trail (Dakota Elementary School) and Cedar Lake Regional Trail (Woodale Avenue Light Rail Station) along Dakota and Wooddale Avenues in St. Louis Park, Hennepin County

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Total Construction Cost*
$3,281,500

Funding Request
$3,259,600

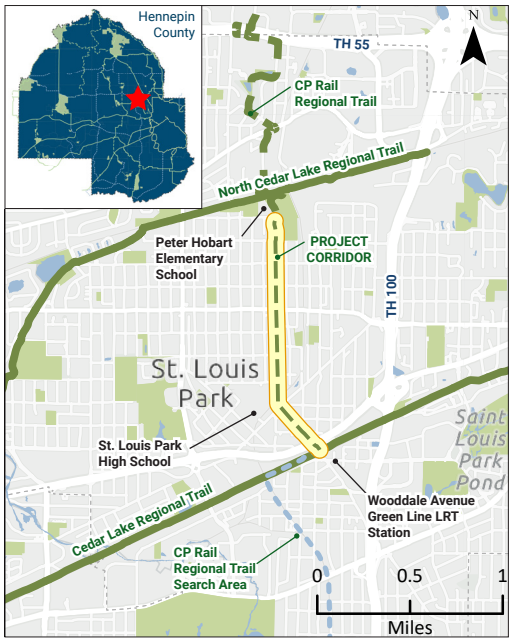
Project Elements

- 1.1 miles of new regional trail construction, 0.2 miles of existing trail reconstruction and use of 0.1 miles of existing multi-use off road facilities
- Meet all ADA requirements including improvements to 10 road crossings (20 ADA ramps)
- Replaces existing bicycle boulevards and bicycle lanes with a protected, all ages and abilities facility

Project Benefits

- Provides a safe, off-road continuous and contiguous corridor and removes one significant railroad barrier for all ages, physical abilities and active transportation modes and for those without access to a vehicle or whom choose to commute by foot, bike or non-motorized wheels where facilities are inconsistent, do not exist or don't support all modes of active transportation.
- Connects people and destinations: schools (Peter Hobert Elementary School and St Louis Park High School), parks, commercial nodes, Central Community Center, neighborhoods, regional trail systems (North Cedar and Cedar Lake Regional Trails – combined annual visitation of 871,092), Edgewood/Dakota Avenue bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the BNSF railroad, transit including the Wooddale Avenue Green Line LRT Station and safe railroad and trunk highway crossings.

Location

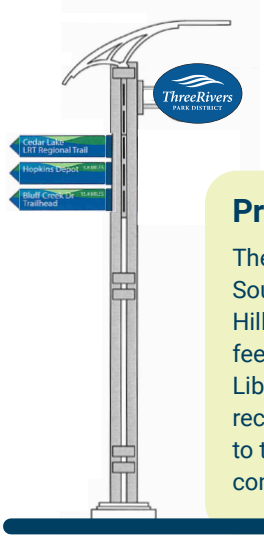


Existing Corridor Conditions

CP Rail Regional Trail: Parking will be removed from the east side of the street to allow for construction of 8ft wide regional trail. Sidewalks will remain in place and most boulevard trees will be preserved.

CP Rail Regional Trail: The new regional trail will replace the existing on-street bike lanes along Dakota Avenue, providing a safe protected trail for all ages and abilities.

* Total project cost includes design and right-of way costs



Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail

New Construction | Southdale Library Trail Connector

Project Description

The Southdale Library Trail Connector provides a direct route from the re-envisioned Hennepin County Southdale Library currently under construction to Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail via Xerxes Avenue and Adams Hill Park through the Cities of Edina and Richfield. The project includes the design and construction of 1,400 feet of new and reconstructed off-road, multi-use trail. This consists of a new 10-foot-wide trail from Southdale Library along the west side of Xerxes Ave on City of Edina property to Adams Hill Park, and a combination of reconstructed 10-foot and 12-foot-wide trails within the remaining portion of Adams Hill Park (City of Richfield) to the southern Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail termini to address poor conditions, steep slopes and ADA compliance.

Location & Route
From the newly reconstructed Hennepin County Southdale Library south to the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Adams Hill Park adjacent to Xerxes Avenue South in Edina and Richfield, Hennepin County

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Total Construction Cost
$628,000

Funding Request
$628,000

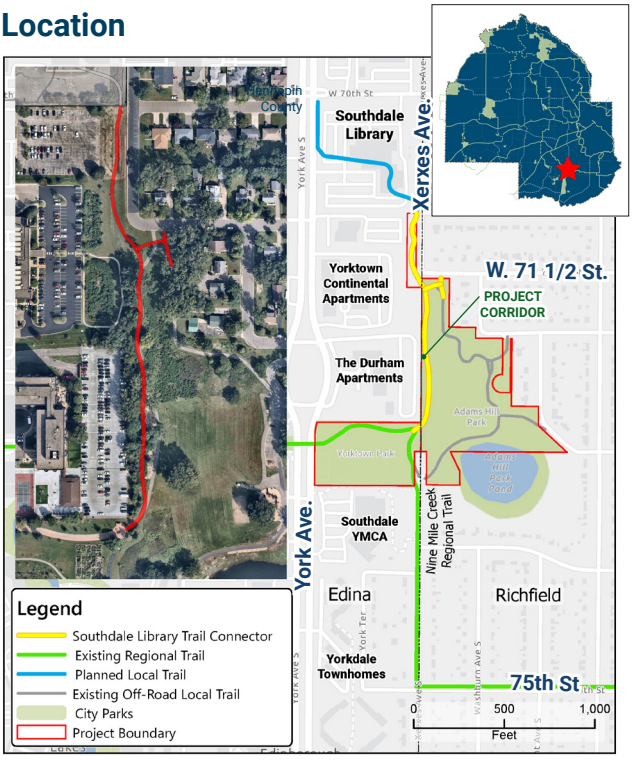
Project Elements

- New construction of a 1,400-foot connector trail between the newly reconstructed Hennepin County Southdale Library and Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail.
- Connects to future Southdale Library trailhead parking and signage for trail users.
- Meets all ADA standards.

Project Benefits

- Connects the 900,000 annual users of the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail to the Hennepin County Southdale Library.
- Provides access to regional trailhead parking
- Significantly improves the trail within Adams Hill Park in Richfield.

Location



Proposed Corridor

This trail project will connect the re envisioned Hennepin County Southdale Library under construction with the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Adams Hill Park in Edina and Richfield.

Medicine Lake Regional Trail

Reconstruction | Luce Line Regional Trail to French Regional Park and French Regional Park to Northwest Blvd/CSAH 61

Project Description

This off-road, multi-use trail, non-motorized active transportation project in Plymouth includes reconstructing 3 miles of end-of-useful life regional trail, improving road crossings (i.e. mid-block crossing at 42nd Place), and adding curb cuts along the project corridor to make access safer and easier for people walking, biking or rolling to/from the adjacent neighborhoods. The original trail was constructed in 1998 and, at nearly 30 years old, has degraded to the extent in which routine pavement maintenance is no longer feasible or cost effective - including some segments classified as 'poor condition' over five years ago that continue to degrade.

Location & Route
Between in Plymouth, Hennepin County

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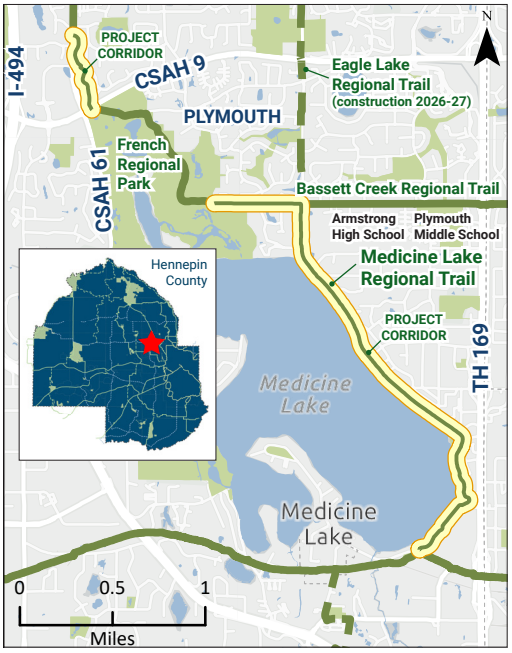
Total Construction Cost*
$5,203,000

Funding Request
$3,500,000

Project Elements

- Reconstruct 3 miles of existing end of useful life regional trail (off-road/protected, multi-use bituminous trail)
- Meet all ADA requirements including updating curb ramps and truncated domes (~16)
- Upgrade 1 existing mid-block crossing (42nd Place North); add one local trail connection (northeast quadrant of Rockford Road/CSAH 9 and Northwest Boulevard/CSAH 61); and add ~9 curb cuts/trail connections to improve access to/from adjacent neighborhoods along East Medicine Lake Road

Location



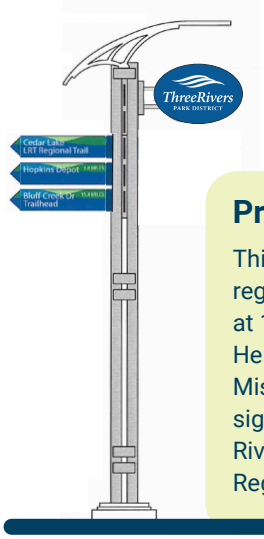
Project Benefits

- Provides a safe, level, smooth and consistent active transportation option for people of all ages and abilities, and for all active transportation modes and for those without access to a vehicle or whom choose to commute by foot, bike or non-motorized wheels.
- Corrects ADA deficiencies and safety concerns caused by deteriorating pavement conditions and non-compliant conditions.
- Maintains and improves community connections: French Visitor Center, Armstrong High School, Free Lutheran Bible School and Seminary, Mount Olivet Church, East Medicine Lake Park and French Regional Park, Eagle Lake, Bassett Creek, and Luce Line Regional Trails, RTBN routes (1 Tier 1 Alignment, 1 Tier 2 Alignment, and 2 Tier 2 Corridors) and Plymouth Metrolink Route 795 with connectivity to Station 73.

Existing Corridor Conditions

42nd Place North (left photo) and Northwest Blvd (CSAH 61) (right photo): This trail segment is missing critical ADA improvements (i.e. compliant curb ramps and truncated domes) and is comprised of failing pavement as shown by "alligator cracking" and patching. Pavement is no longer conducive to any pavement treatment and requires complete reconstruction.

* Total project cost includes design and right-of way costs



West Mississippi River Regional Trail

109th Avenue to Douglas Dr/CSAH 14

Project Description

This off-road, multi-use trail, non-motorized active transportation project includes constructing 1.7 miles of new regional trail and adding wayfinding between the current termini of the West Mississippi River Regional Trail at 109th Ave along West River Road (CSAH 12) to the existing Douglas Drive N (CSAH 14) trail in Champlin, Hennepin County. The project will fill a safety gap in the local and regional bike/walk network as well as the Mississippi River Trail/US Bicycle Route 45 (MnDOT) route as local road jurisdictions will not allow route signage due to lack of safe facilities for people walking, biking and rolling. The project connects to Great River Road Scenic Byway, Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (NPS), and the Mississippi Gateway Regional Park and Rush Creek Regional Trail - via the existing regional trail segment.

Location & Route
Between existing trails from the current regional trail termini at 109th Avenue N. to Douglas Drive (CSAH 14) along West River Road (CSAH 12) in Champlin, Hennepin County

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Total Construction Cost*
$6,315,600

Funding Request
$3,500,000

Project Elements

- Construct 1.7 miles of new 10-foot wide, off-road/protected, multi-use bituminous trail
- Meet all ADA requirements including improving approximately 21 curb ramps
- Relocate associated above and underground utilities, if needed
- Add directional wayfinding, informational kiosks, and rest stops along entire project corridor

Project Benefits

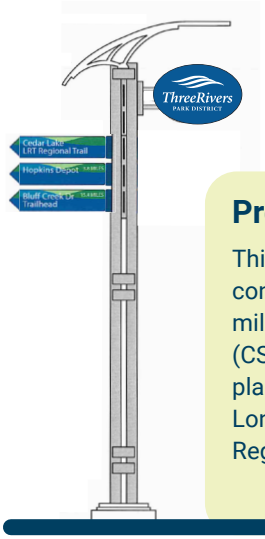
- Provides a safe, active transportation option adjacent to CSAH 12 (5,023 ADT) for people of all ages, abilities, and active transportation modes and for those without access to a vehicle or whom choose to commute by foot, bike or non-motorized wheels where facilities are inconsistent or do not exist.
- Connects people and destinations: parks (Mississippi Gateway Regional Park), trail systems (existing segments of West Mississippi River Regional Trail and Douglas Drive trail) and transit/multimodal opportunities (Route 766 Express with service to Minneapolis).

Location

Existing Corridor Conditions

West River Road (CSAH 12): Currently West River Road is a two lane, rural county road section with varying widths of road shoulder. Posted vehicle travel speed is 45 MPH and facilities for people walking, biking or rolling are in consistent and fragmented - as such they do not currently provide a viable active transportation option the surrounding community.

* Total project cost includes design and right-of way costs



Lake Independence Regional Trail

Reconstruction | Baker Park Reserve to Wayzata Blvd.

Project Description

This project includes 0.2 miles of new, off-road, multi-use, non-motorized Lake Independence Regional Trail construction in Baker Park Reserve completing a missing gap in the regional trail and reconstruction of 1.8 miles of end of useful life regional trail between Welcome Ave in Baker Park Reserve and Wayzata Boulevard (CSAH 112) and in the Cities of Orono and Medina. This active transportation corridor includes existing and planned connections to the future Baker-Carver and Diamond Lake Regional Trails, a trail along CR 112 through Long Lake and future Lake Independence Regional Trail extension to Noerenberg Gardens and Dakota Rail Regional Trail.

Location & Route
Baker Park Reserve to Wayzata Boulevard (CSAH 112) along 6th Ave (CSAH 6) and Old Crystal Bay Road in Orono, Hennepin County

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Total Construction Cost*
$3,393,700

Funding Request
$3,393,700

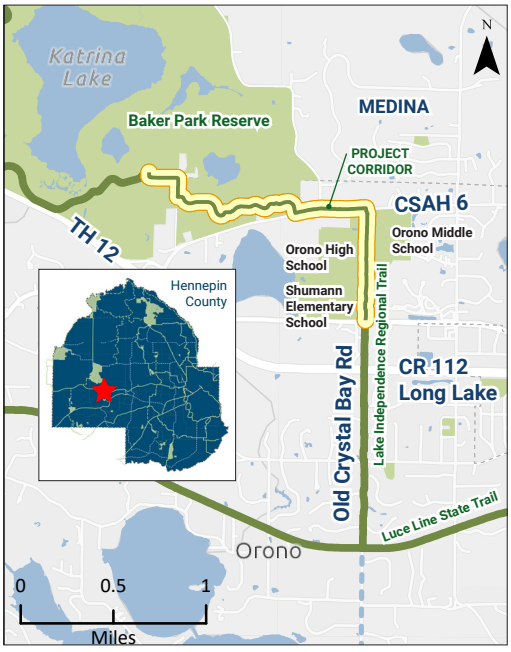
Project Elements

- Construct 0.2 miles of new off-road, multi-use paved regional trail eliminating an on-road segment within Baker Park Reserve
- Reconstruct and widen 1.8 miles of end of useful life off-road, multi-use paved regional trail
- Improve/update 5 road crossings, 4 major driveway crossings and associated pedestrian ramps at road crossings to meet ADA standards where needed
- Update existing wayfinding

Project Benefits

- Provide a safe, level, smooth and consistent surface trail surface for people of all ages and abilities.
- Provide safer access for kids biking and walking to schools.
- Improve connectivity to adjacent commercial/retail, senior housing, other higher density housing complexes, parks (including Baker Park Reserve) and trails.
- Provide a better connection to the Luce Line State Trail for multimodal users.
- Improve the area's livability, support active living and provide a safe, direct transportation option to those without access to a vehicle or whom choose to commute by foot or bike.
- Reduced the parking need and vehicle congestion in downtown Long Lake (identified City concern) by improving a non-motorized route to local and regional residents wishing to visit this retail and commercial hub.

Location



Existing Corridor Conditions

Along CSAH 6: Existing trail along CSAH 6 and Old Crystal Bay Road is in poor condition and beyond what can be addressed with routine pavement maintenance.

Lake Independence Regional Trail in Baker Park: The existing trail shares the road for 0.2 miles along Starkey Rd. and Welcome Dr. and will be eliminated with the construction of an off-road trail segment.

* Total project cost includes design and right-of way costs

Crow River Regional Trail

New Construction | Lake Rebecca Park Reserve to Crow River Bridge and Rockford High School

Project Description

This off-road, multi-use trail, non-motorized active transportation project includes construction of 0.6 miles of new regional trail from Lake Rebecca Park Reserve to the Crow River crossing on Bridge Street in Greenfield and Rockford and 0.3 miles of new local trail and wayfinding along CSAH 50, west of CSAH 10, connecting to an existing trail to the Rockford High School. These trail segments will fill critical gap between the Hennepin and Wright County active transportation networks and provide safe routes to schools for bikes/pedestrians.

This project will create a 11.4 mile regional trail corridor in conjunction with a 6 mile funded and/or existing trail corridor to the west and north in Wright County spanning from the Luce Line State Trail to Crow-Hassan Park Reserve.

Location & Route
Between Lake Rebecca Park Reserve and Crow River along Rebecca Park Trail (CSAH 50) and Bridge Street in Greenfield and Rockford, Hennepin County

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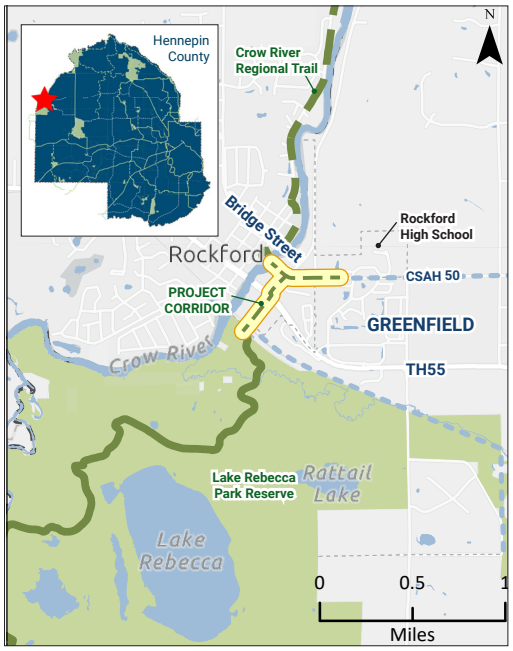
Total Construction Cost*
$2,110,500

Funding Request
$2,066,800

Project Elements

- Construct 0.9 miles of new 10-foot wide, off-road/protected, multi-use paved trail
- Meet all ADA requirements including improving 10 curb ramps and expanding and upgrading APS at TH 55
- Upgrade 2 major road crossing (TH 55 and CSAH 50), 2 minor road crossings and create 1 new railroad crossing (CP-KC Railroad along Rebecca Park Trail)
- Relocate associated above and underground utilities, if needed
- Add directional wayfinding, informational kiosks, and rest stops along entire project corridor

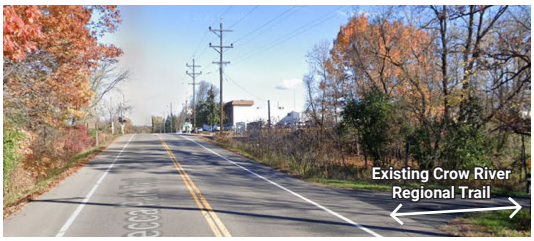
Location



Project Benefits

- Provides a safe, active transportation option and crossing of TH-55 (14,600 AADT, major barrier) and connection to the Crow River crossing (major barrier) for people of all ages, abilities, and active transportation modes and for those without access to a vehicle or whom choose to commute by foot, bike or non-motorized wheels where facilities are inconsistent or do not exist.
- Connects people and destinations: commercial/retail areas and job centers (downtown Rockford and greater Greenfield), schools (Rockford High School), places of worship, parks (Lake Rebecca Park Reserve), several higher density housing complexes, and trail systems (Luce Line State Trail and Wright County trail system).

Existing Corridor Conditions



Rebecca Park Trail (CSAH 50): The existing Crow River Regional Trail terminates at the road shoulder, providing no off-road trail connection north and greatly reducing Lake Rebecca Park Reserve access for people walking, biking, and rolling.

TH 55 Crossing: A major physical barrier to bicycles and pedestrians (14,600 AADT). This crossing will be enhanced to better support a safe crossing for people walking, biking, and rolling.

* Total project cost includes design and right-of way costs

COUNTY ROAD F TRAIL PROJECT

Multiuse Trail & Bicycle Facilities

Project Summary

The County Road F Trail project will enhance and improve 1 mile of trail and construct 1.5 miles of multi-use trail along County Road F. These improvements will enhance safety and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists along a key east-west corridor in Vadnais Heights. The proposed project will address a critical gap in the existing network by adding a continuous shared-use trial from Rice Street to Centerville Road.

County Road F is located between Vadnais Lake to the south and Sucker Lake to the north. The existing Vadnais-Sucker Lakes Regional Park system trail crosses County Road F and is a key north-south connection for the region. The project will improve non-motorized access to Vadnais-Sucker Lakes Regional Park, Kohler Meadows Park, Community Park, and the Vadnais Heights Commons. The new trail will connect residents to both natural areas and community facilities. Vadnais Heights is requesting funding for the full project cost to advance this priority regional connection in coordination with planned roadway reconstruction.

VADNAIS HEIGHTS

Project Location

- Rice Street to Centerville Street in the City of Vadnais Heights

Funding Request

- $2,492,941

Summary of Project Benefits

⇒ Completes a key gap in the trail system from Rice Street to Centerville Road.

⇒ Enhances safety by constructing a separated trail to reduce risks for pedestrians and cyclists.

⇒ Provides local and regional connectivity by linking neighborhoods, schools, parks and businesses to the existing regional and local trail network.

⇒ Implements a complete streets approach by providing multimodal transportation infrastructure.

⇒ Improves quality of life and fosters economic development growth by improving multimodal transportation options.

⇒ Improves non-motorized access to Kohler Meadows Park and Vadnais Heights Commons, connecting residents to both natural areas and community facilities.

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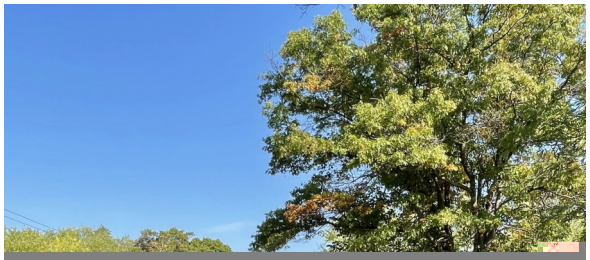
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