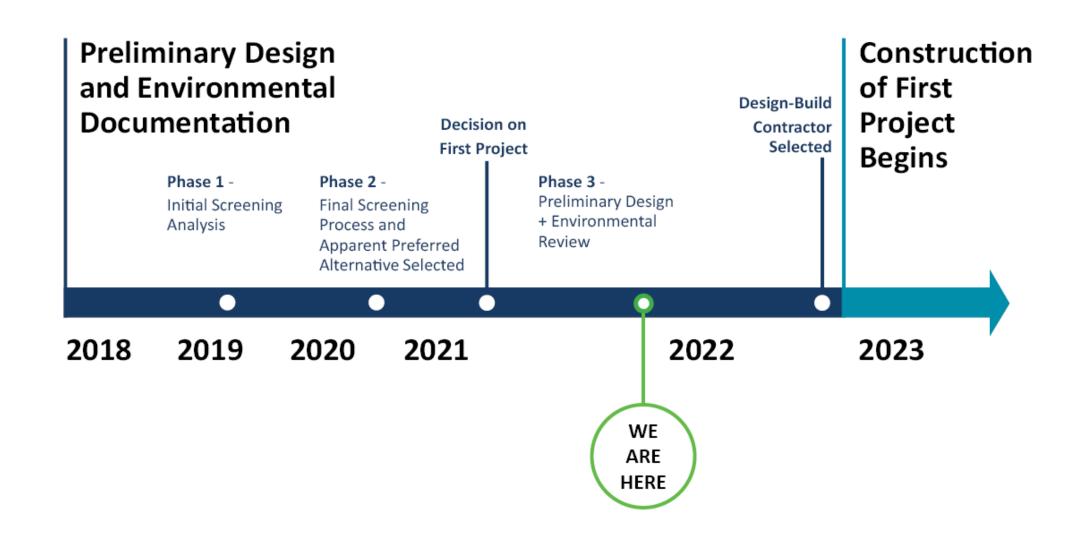




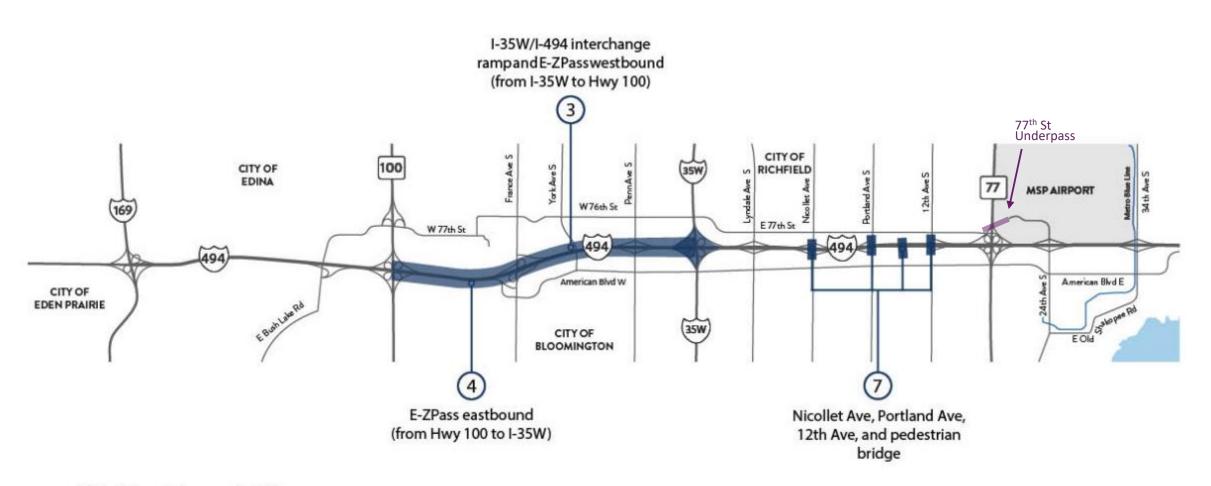
# I-494: Airport to Hwy 169 Richfield City Council Work Session

October 2021

### Background



#### First Construction Project



(E-ZPass is formerly known as MnPASS)

#### Municipal Consent Layout

PROPOSED BASIN POND

PROPOSED PAVEMENT REHAB/REPLACEMENT

ROADWAY REMOVAL

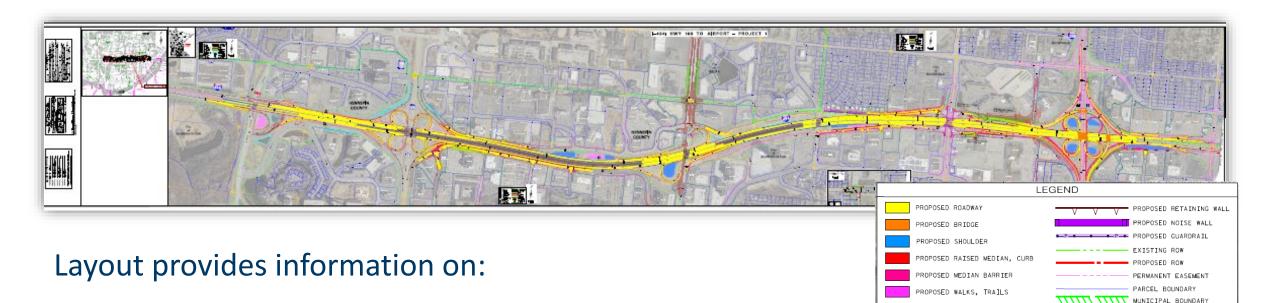
PROPOSED INFILTRATION BASIN

CONSTRUCTION OUTSIDE ROW

ROADWAY ACCESS CLOSED

EXISTING SIGNAL SYSTEM

PROPOSED SIGNAL SYSTEM



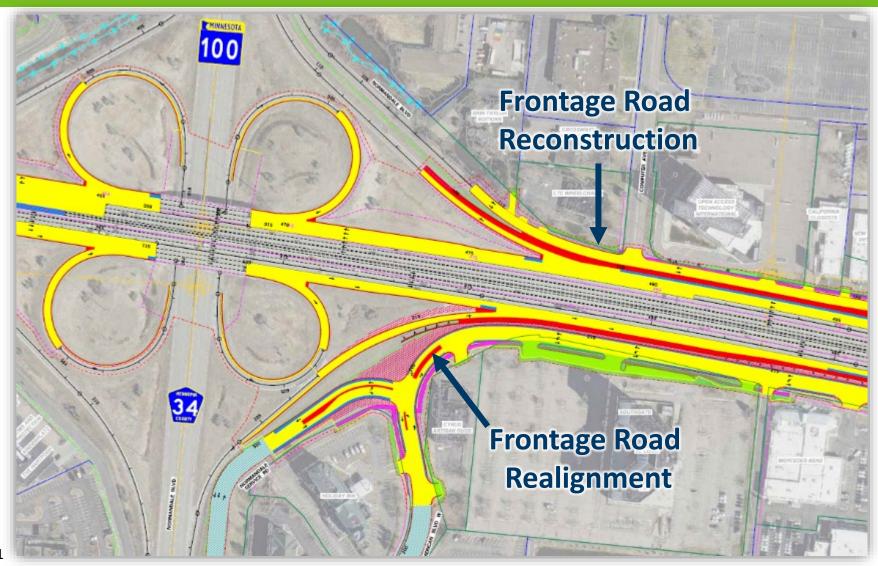
 Construction features such as roadway reconstruction, sidewalks and trails and bridges

Right-of-way needs

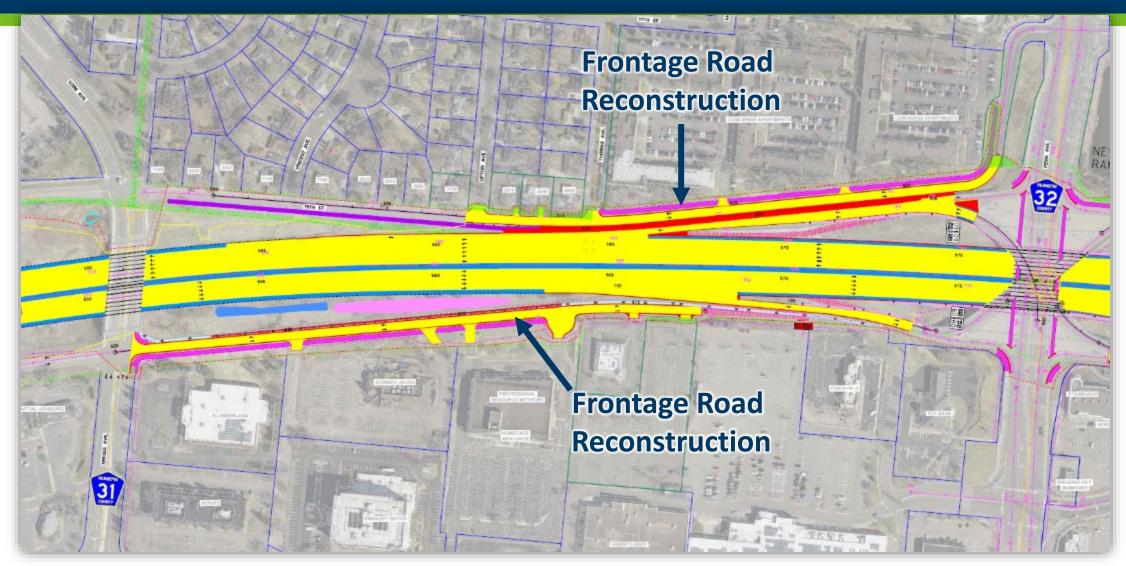
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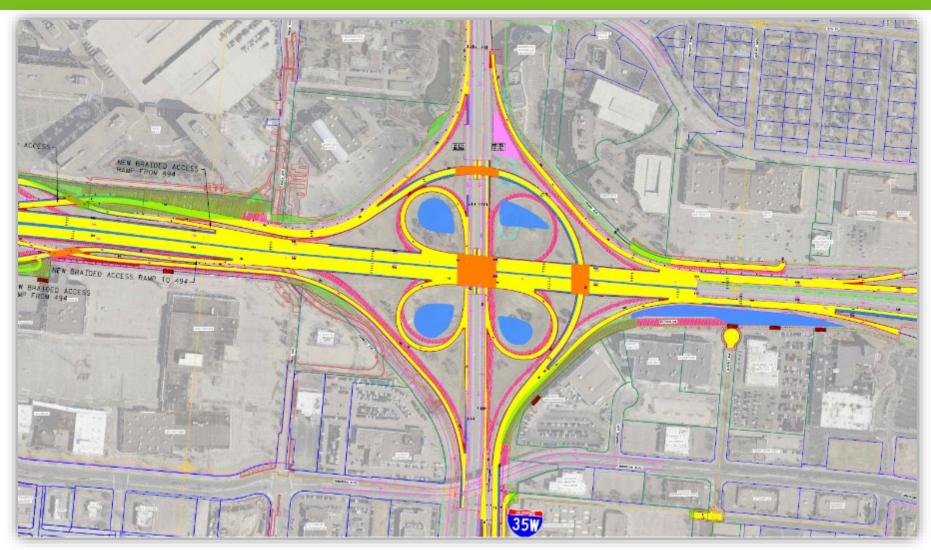
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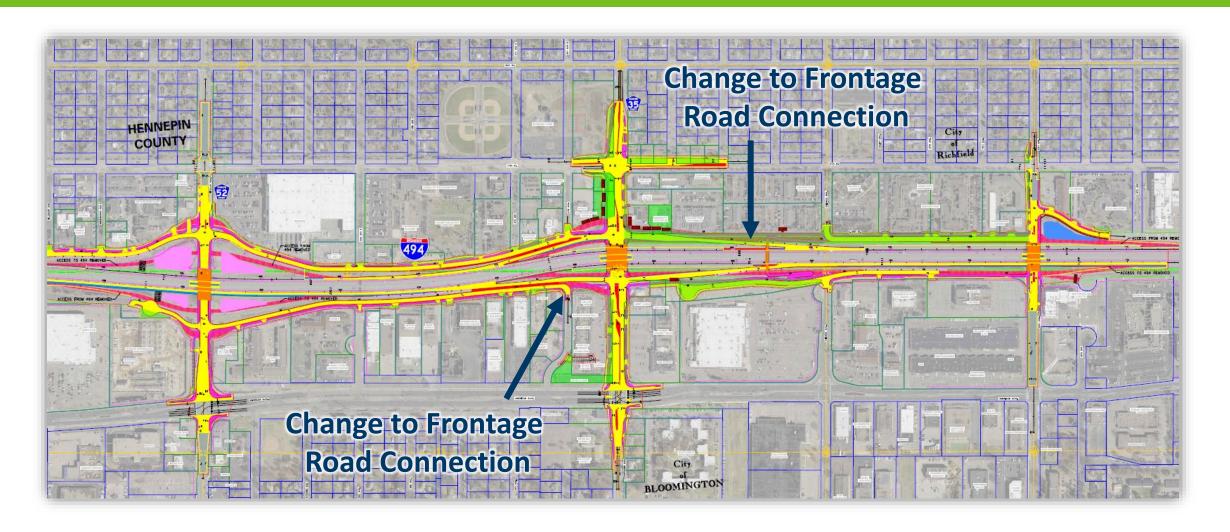
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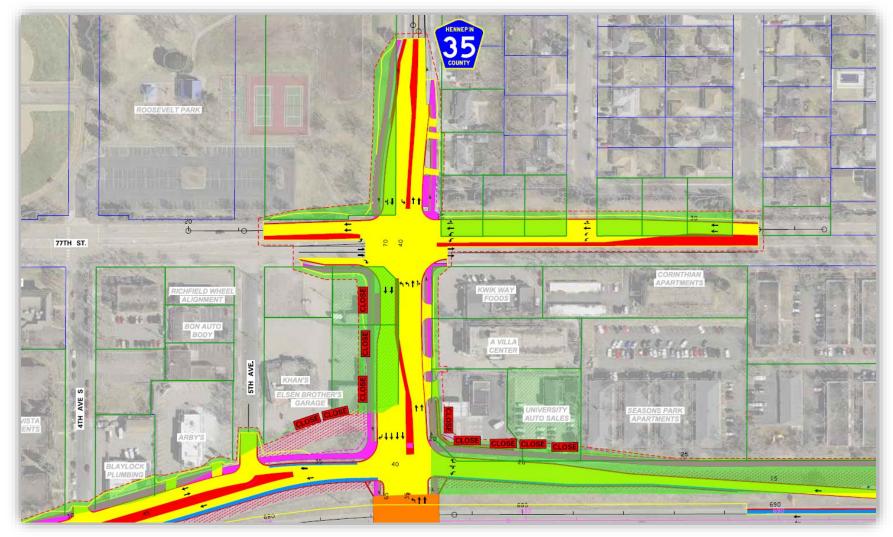
# I-35W & I-494 Interchange Access Changes



## Changes to Access Full Access at Portland Ave



### Right-of-Way Needs

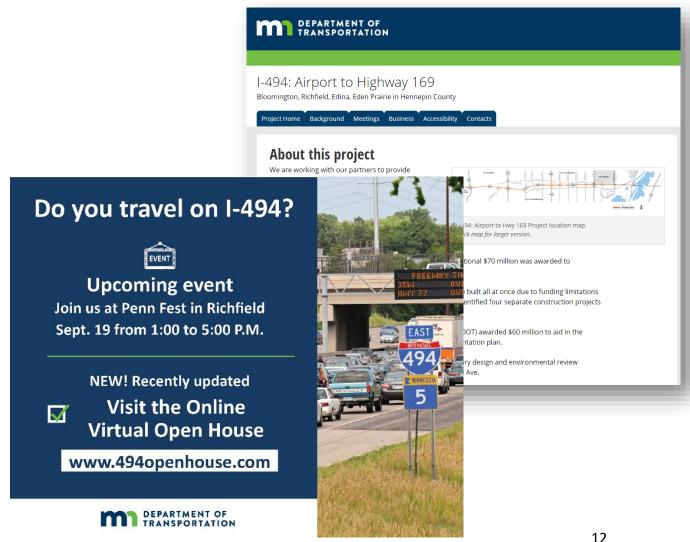


#### Areas of further investigations

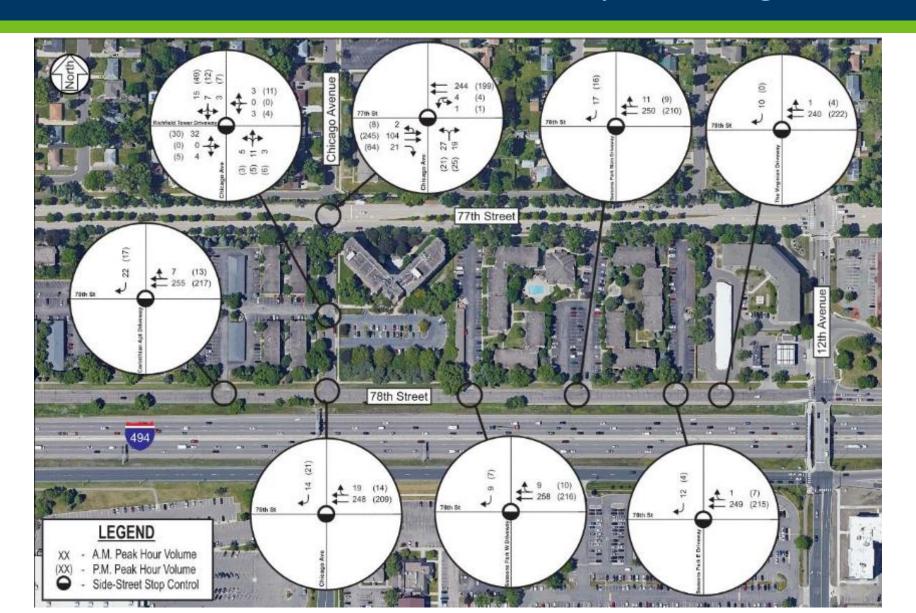
- Community Outreach
- Local Traffic Impacts
- Visual Quality Manual/Context Sensitive Solutions
- Noise-walls
- Construction Staging
- Cost Participation

#### Community Outreach

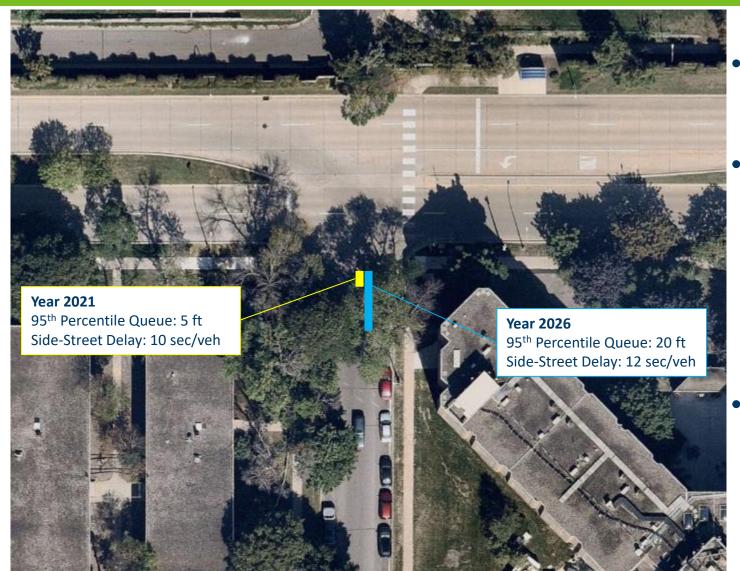
- Updates to website focused on First **Construction Project**
- Pop-up event at Penn Fest on 9/19
  - 250-ish people stopped by the booth
  - Mostly positive comments
- Still coordinating with Richfield Towers and Seasons Park for onsite project information/update meetings



#### Local Traffic Impacts Example Chicago Ave/77<sup>th</sup> St

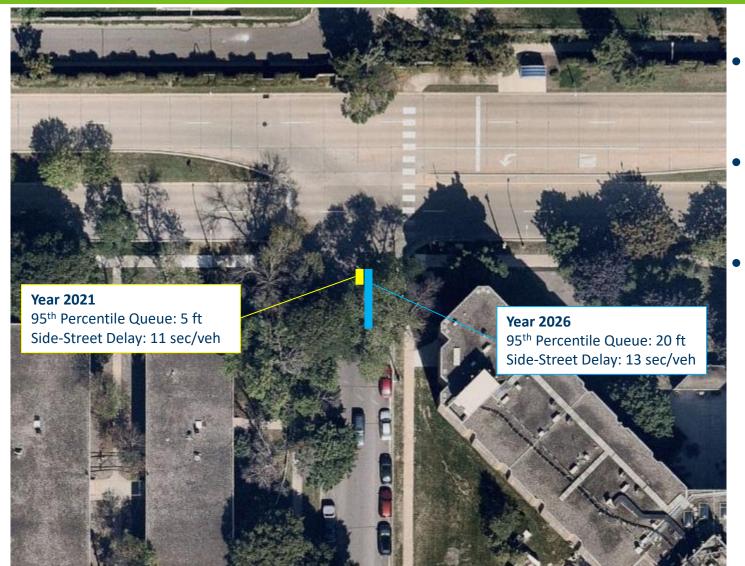


#### AM Peak Traffic Operations



- Intersection currently operates acceptably
- Additional diverted traffic has minimal impact on operations
  - a) Adequate gaps for side-street vehicles to make turn on 77<sup>th</sup> Street
- Traffic signal is not expected to be warranted with additional traffic

#### PM Peak Traffic Operations



- More traffic on 77<sup>th</sup> Street during p.m. peak compared to a.m. peak
- Intersection currently operates acceptably
- Additional diverted traffic has minimal impact on operations
  - a) Adequate gaps for side-street vehicles to make turn on 77<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Considerations



### Visual Quality Manual/Context Sensitive Solutions

- Supplemental VQM and Context Sensitive Solution Framework
- Scope and schedule to incorporate more location specific details for public art and placemaking
- Include committee meetings and public outreach to complete by March 2022

#### **VQM Committee:**

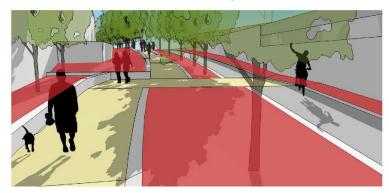
- a) Recommendations on committee members provided
- b) Up to 10 meetings between end of October thru March 2022

#### **VQM Outreach:**

- a) 3 Public Open Houses plus pop-up meetings planned
- b) Various City Council and City Committee updates

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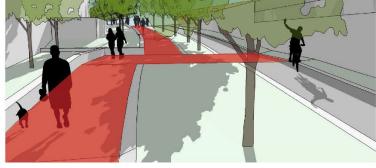
#### • I-35W Lake Street/Artist Framework Plan – Minneapolis



#### LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS:

A sculpted landscape with seasonal interest as a possibility, or focus on sustainability to transition to the greenway.





#### PAVING:

See category above.

#### **ARTISTIC TREATMENTS**

Customized cast-in-place integral colored concrete Inlaid materials/tiles

**Pavers** 

#### MATERIALS

Concrete, stone, brick, bronze

#### **VISUAL QUALITIES**

Texture, color, pattern, repetition, decorative or graphic expression

#### **ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS**

RFQ/Design team

PRECEDENT

• I-35W Lake Street/Artist Framework Plan – Minneapolis



#### Piedmont Ave Duluth

Figure 1.5-11. Piedmont Avenue from TH 53, looking north (top) and south (bottom)

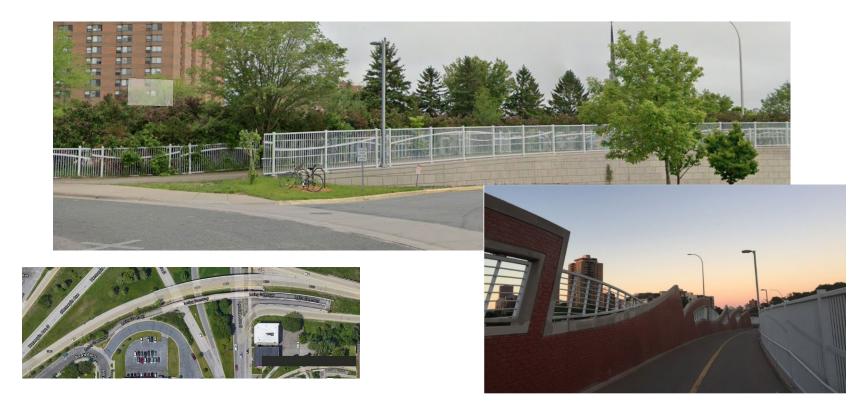




Figure 1.5-12. Abutments and walls



#### Lyndale – Bryant Bike Bridge, Minneapolis



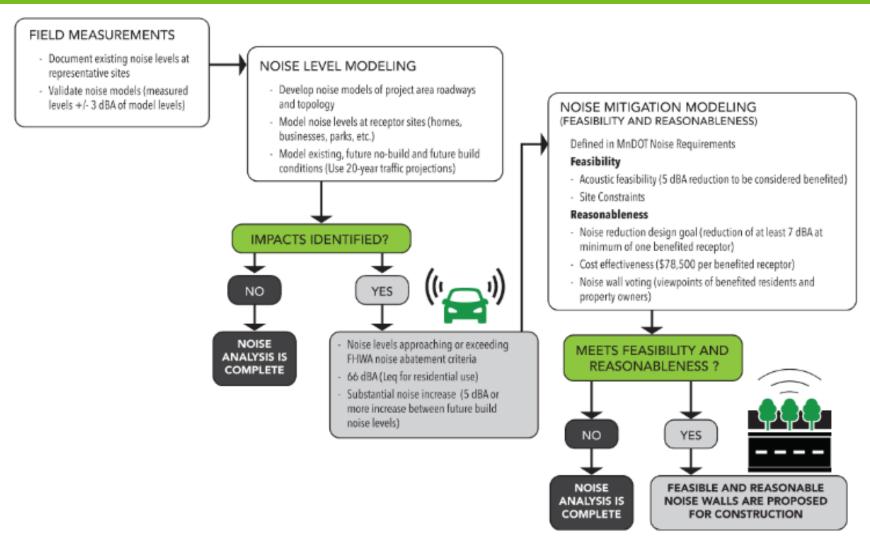
#### Marcy Holmes Pedestrian Bridge 5th St. SE over 35W







#### Traffic Noise Analysis



#### **Preliminary Wall Locations**

 Southside of I-494 between E Bush Lake Rd and Hwy 100



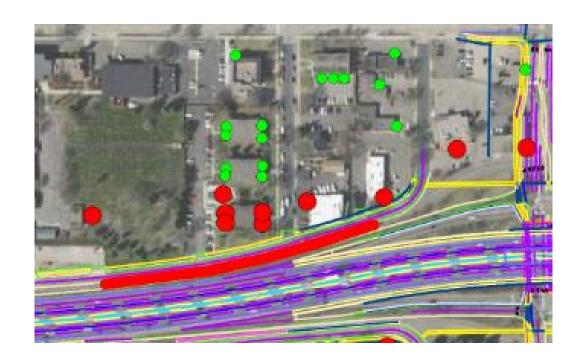
Northside of I-494 between Xerxes
 Ave and Penn Ave S



### Preliminary Wall Locations (cont.)

 Northside of I-494 west of Nicollet Ave







### Preliminary Wall Locations (cont.)

Northside of I-494 between Portland Ave and 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S



### Preliminary Wall Locations (cont.)

• Northside of I-494 east of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S





• 2023

a) Begin Design

b) Minor temporary construction







Legend
Temporary Construction
Permanent Construction

- 2024
  - Complete Design
  - Construct
    - a) 494 EB widening
    - b) Penn Ave ramps and 35W north side ramps
    - c) 35W fly over for turbine interchange
    - d) Pedestrian bridge near Portland Ave



• 2025

Legend

Temporary Construction

Permanent Construction

- Construct
  - a) 494 Medians
  - b) 494 EB half of 35W bridge and turbine bridge



- c) WB 494 Traffic bypass using turbine at 35W
- d) South half of 35W/494 ramps
- e) Portland Ave and bridge



• 2026

Construct

# Legend Temporary Construction Permanent Construction

- a) 494 WB widening and completion of remaining roadway
- b) 494 WB half of 35W bridge and turbine bridge
  - WB 494 Traffic bypass using turbine at 35W
- c) 82<sup>nd</sup> St / 35W braid bridge
- d) Nicollet Ave bridge and 12<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge





#### **Cost Participation**

- Current Estimate for City of Richfield estimate \$1.3 Million
  - a) Roadway Reconstruction \$52,000k
  - b) Bridge Reconstruction \$200,000K
  - c) Sidewalks & Trails \$580,000K
  - d) Lighting \$210,000K
  - e) Signal Replacement \$250,000K
- Items still exploring
  - a) Local Drainage works
  - b) Utility Relocations

#### Next Steps



#### **FIRST PROJECT COSTS**



#### **FUNDING SOURCES**

Corridors of Commerce, Local, State and Federal funds will be used



#### **ONGOING OUTREACH**

Environmental review process, noise wall locations and local aesthetic recommendations



#### **CONSTRUCTION**

Construction is planned to begin in late summer 2023

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#### For more information and provide comments



#### Visit the MnDOT I-494 website:

http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i494-airport-hwy169/index.html

#### Visit the online open house website:

https://www.494openhouse.com/