



# I-494: Airport to Hwy 169 Local Goals Discussion



Special Meeting  
Richfield City Council  
Bloomington City Council  
April 9, 2019



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- Overview of project;
- Confirm that both cities are committed to success of the regional system and the improvements proposed
- Review the regional goals developed with the project and discuss their benefit to both cities;
- Review and develop draft local goals between the two cities (Transportation, Economic, Environmental); and

# Project Overview

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- Study of corridor from MN River/Airport to Hwy 169
- \$204 Million for MnPASS and NB to WB move of 35W/494 interchange
- Access Changes (Nicollet/Portland/12<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> via 77<sup>th</sup> underpass)
- Bridge Reconstruction (France/82<sup>nd</sup> Street/RR/Nicollet/Pedestrian/Portland/12<sup>th</sup>)



# Project Overview



	Estimated Completion
Selection of Recommended Build Alternative	Spring 2019
Municipal Consent	Fall 2019
Approve Environmental Document	Spring 2020
Possible Award of Early Work Packages (DB)	Fall 2020
Final Plan Design Complete	September 2021
R/W Acquisition & Agreements complete	October 2021
Construction Period	January 2023 – December 2025



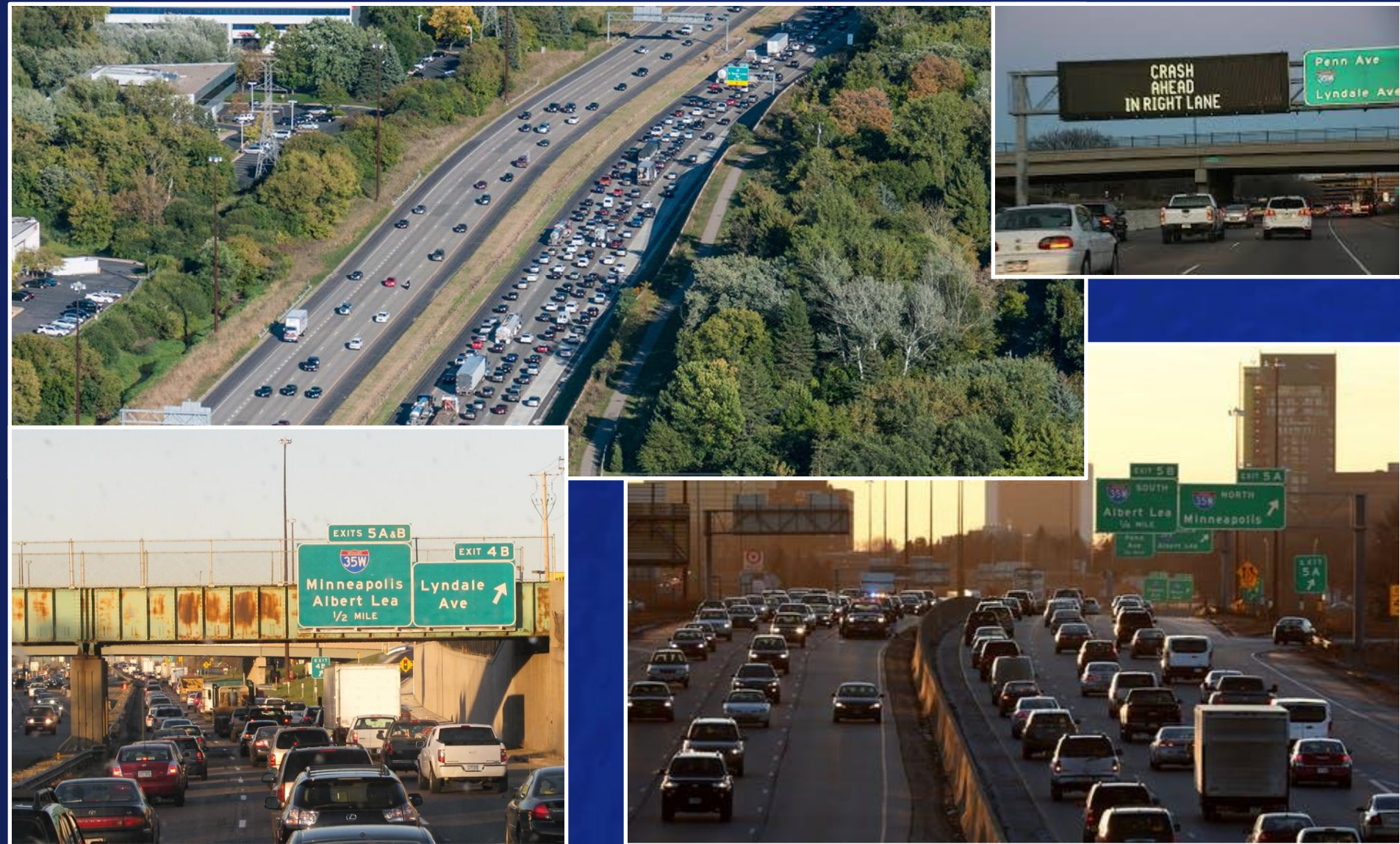
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- Address deficient infrastructure in the corridor (i.e. bridges, pavement conditions, retaining walls, etc.)
- Bring pedestrian facilities to ADA standards within construction limits
- Connect neighborhoods by constructing missing pedestrian facilities & providing improved facilities on new bridges
- Maintain/improve transit advantages
- Allow direct connection of planned Highway 77 MnPASS facility and planned I-494 MnPASS facility
- Access changes on 12<sup>th</sup>, Portland & Nicollet Avenue interchanges and 24<sup>th</sup> Ave via a new 77<sup>th</sup> Street connection under TH77
- Develop a phased implementation plan for the corridor expansion vision
- Improve safety along the I-494 corridor
- Improve travel time reliability on the I-494 corridor
- Reduce the amount of traffic diverting off the regional transportation system onto the local road system





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## Reliever System

- **Completion of 77<sup>th</sup> Street underpass** prior to access closures or changes at 12<sup>th</sup>, Portland, & Nicollet
- **Maintain or improve operations** on 77<sup>th</sup> Street and on American Boulevard (key intersections include Penn, Lyndale, Portland)
- **Improve operations** on 76<sup>th</sup> Street from I-35W to Xerxes Ave (coordinate with PRO2 signal timing project) including ramp access to I-35W to **accommodate Penn Avenue access changes**

## Local Mobility

- **Minimize** the amount of **traffic diverting off the regional transportation system** onto the local road system (North of 77th Street, south of American Boulevard)
- **Improve multimodal crossings** (and approaches to the crossings) of I-494 (both on Avenue bridges and bike/ped bridges)
- **Facilitate** continuity and expansion of **transit service** on the local road network (Metro Transit D Line and others)

## Construction Impacts

- Environmental **sustainability focus** on solutions (storm water, air quality, etc.)
- Maintain or improve **traffic operations along detour routes** prior to I-494 traffic impacts (TH62 - Crosstown)
- Minimize **impacts to local roadway network** during construction







# Local Transportation Goals



## Local Economic Vitality

- Develop an identifiable I-494 corridor and attractive gateways to Richfield/Bloomington (coordination with required bridge reconstructions)
- Provide access that will encourage the availability of quality goods, services, and employment opportunities for residents
- Provide access to encourage the Cedar Corridor Redevelopment
- Incorporate design that will provide community continuity and not barriers
- Accommodate business growth by addressing transportation needs
- Maximize/utilize excess right-of-way
- Limit right-of-way impacts to existing properties
- Environmental justice focus on solutions (social, community populations, economic disadvantaged, etc.)
- Help businesses to manage impacts of construction
- Minimize impacts to businesses during construction
- Minimize impacts to businesses access in final design
- Minimize local agency project costs