

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description: 35W North Corridor Project Presentation

BACKGROUND

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is currently working on an environmental study and alternatives analysis for the potential expansion of I-35W from Trunk Highway 36 to Lexington Ave (County Road 17) in Blaine. As part of the alternatives analysis, MnDOT looked at general purpose lanes versus managed lanes and/or High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes. Managed lanes are open to car pools, motorcycles and buses at no cost but also allow single occupancy vehicles to pay to access the lanes. The toll is based on congestion pricing, whereby the cost is higher as congestion increases on the mainline lanes.

Mn/DOT's Project Manager for this study, Jerome Adams, will be presenting information to the City Council about the study and the potential project.

Attached is some information for the project webpage located at:

www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/i35wroseville/index.html

The project is currently programmed for 2019-2020 and has \$100 million in funding allocated. The estimated cost of the project is currently between \$125 and \$180 million and could go higher once final design elements are identified. There has been some discussion about accelerating this project to 2017 or 2018, but more funding would have to be identified first.

Once the project has been fully funded, MnDOT will begin working on the final design. Prior to advertising the project for bids, MnDOT will have to seek and receive Municipal Consent from all Cities that the project is located within.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

As the project is currently defined, there is not expected to be any cost participation on the part of the City of Roseville.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Receive the presentation from the Minnesota Department of Transportation on the 35W North Corridor Expansion Project.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

None.

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Attachments: A: Project Information

I-35W

Roseville, Blaine

About

MnDOT is designing a road project that includes adding a lane, in each direction, to I-35W between Hwy 36 in Roseville and Lexington Avenue (County Road 17) in Blaine. MnDOT is also analyzing the need and locations for building noise walls along the interstate.

MnDOT's goal is to design a project that:

- Reduces congestion and improves safety on the highway
- Increases the number of people that are moved along the highway during peak hours
- Provides reliable travel times for commuters during peak hours
- Optimizes and reuses existing roads and bridges (without needing to acquire homes and properties)

To learn why a construction project is necessary in this location, visit the [background page \(background.html\)](#).

Cost

- The project is not fully funded.

Through the [Corridors of Commerce program](#) (<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/corridorsofcommerce/>), the project was awarded \$1.1 million in State funds and \$800,000 in Federal funds.

Local and federal elected officials and the Governor of Minnesota support the efforts to design this project. They have helped secure funding with the goal of having a project that is ready for construction when funding becomes available.



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Schedule

- Status: We are designing options for a project and [assessing the environmental impacts \(environment.html\)](#) of a project.

Construction timeline is dependent on funding.

Location

- I-35W between Hwy 36 in Roseville and Lexington Avenue in Blaine
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Related studies

- [Previous study completed at this location \(http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wstudy/index.html\)](#)
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Nearby projects

- [I-35W between Hwy 36 and I-694 \(/metro/projects/i35wardenhills/index.html\)](#)
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