

Highway 65/99th Avenue Intersection

Background

The Trunk Highway 65 corridor has 10 of the 31 high priority intersections identified in the 2017 Met Council and MnDOT Principle Arterial Intersection Conversion Study. This study along with the recently completed TH 65 PEL study make it clear that the congestion and safety issues on Highway 65 need to be addressed in the very near future.



Issues

Congestion: TH 65 through Blaine carries nearly the same volume of traffic as I35W and has signalized intersections every mile or less.

Safety: The congestion on Highway 65 contributes to crash rates that exceed critical crash rates for similar corridors.



Progress Made

\$12.1 million in grants towards future construction have been secured through the Regional Solicitation Spot Mobility program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, and Local Partnership Program.



Needs to Finish Strong

- \$2 million for environmental review, right of way acquisition, and final design.
- Additional \$18 million for construction of the Highway 65/99th Avenue grade separated intersection.



Communities/Organizations in Support

MnDOT Metro District

Anoka County, Isanti County, and Kanabec County

Cities of: Blaine, Braham, Cambridge, East Bethel, Ham Lake, Mora, Oak Grove, and Spring Lake Park

Townships of: Arthur, Athens, Brunswick, Ford, Isanti, and Knife Lake



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