



Hanson Boulevard

BNSF Railroad Grade Separation
Preliminary & Final Design



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What's Happening Now?

- First Public Information Meeting was held at the Church of the Epiphany on March 23, 2016. Thank you to everyone that attended. We appreciate your participation and look forward to future engagement opportunities with you. Please continue to check the Anoka County's website for up to date project information.



Residents listen as Doug Fischer, Anoka County Engineer, gives opening remarks for the CSAH 78/Hanson Boulevard project

- The next Public Information Meeting is scheduled for June (date to be determined).
- Crews are out surveying and collecting existing data that will be used during design of the project so expect to see construction vehicles onsite.
- Anoka County has initiated the right of way process and is continuing to coordinate with adjacent landowners.
- Preliminary design of the bridge and roadway is underway
- Ongoing coordination and meetings with MnDOT, Anoka County, City of Coon Rapids, BNSF, Coon Creek Watershed and local businesses and property owners.

Schedule and Deliverables

Study Tasks	we are here											
	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Project Management and Administration												
Project Management Team (PMT) Meetings	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Preliminary and Final Design												
Public Involvement												
Public Information Meetings (3)		●			●			●				



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Project Highlights

- **Delay for Drivers:** Crossing is often blocked for 6-8 minutes at a time (best case scenario), or up to 25 minutes at a time
- **Rail Freight Traffic:** Busiest segment of rail line in the state: 81 trains/day on average including freight, Amtrak, and Northstar Commuter Rail trains. Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway plans to add a third track to accommodate increased freight traffic, which will increase delays for vehicles
- **Safety:** This crossing has one of the highest exposure rates (high potential for crashes to occur) in the state due to high traffic volumes competing with the high volume of trains
- **High Priority Project:** The project is the #1 Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) funding priority for grade separation and is supported by the State of Minnesota, Anoka County, and City of Coon Rapids, as well as Governor Mark Dayton and the MN State Legislature

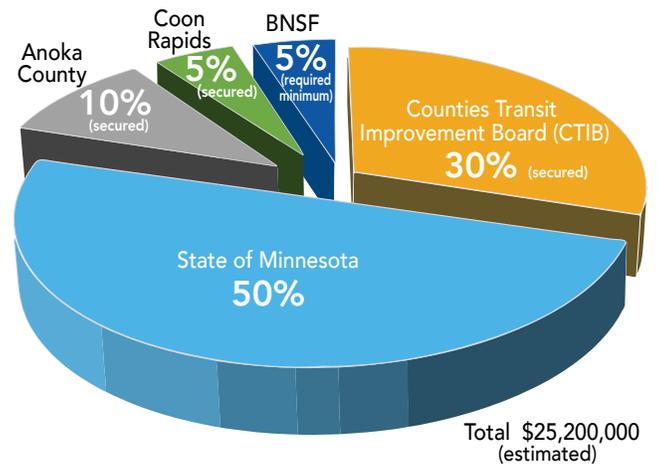
Benefits of Grade Separation

- Improved safety by separating vehicle and rail traffic
- Reduced vehicle delay
- Improved response time for emergency services
- Improved safety and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists



How will this project be funded?

The State of Minnesota is contributing the largest share of costs (50%), followed by Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB). The CTIB was established in 2008, and includes five counties – Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington – that have used a quarter-cent sales tax and a \$20 motor vehicle sales tax to invest in and advance transit projects by awarding annual grants. CTIB works in collaboration with the Metropolitan Council and Carver and Scott Counties. Anoka County, the City of Coon Rapids and BNSF are also contributing a portion to the project as well.



In an effort to achieve the best results possible we seek to keep you informed about this project. Please feel free to ask questions and give input. Visit our website for project information and updates.

<http://www.anokacounty.us/2565/Hanson-Blvd-CSAH-78-Railway-Grade-Separa>

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