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City of Anoka Initiates Phase I Highway 10/169 Improvements

ANOKA, Minn. – At its June 27th Worksession, the City Council provided unanimous consent for the City of Anoka to lead the Highway 10/169 improvements at Fairoak Avenue beginning with the submittal of a federal funding application. The Council also committed \$2M towards the project.

The City will apply for federal funding for this key component of the overall Highway 10/169 vision as identified in the Anoka Solution plan. The funding application is due July 15. The maximum award of \$7M will be requested. If funded, construction would occur in 2021. Application results are expected in January 2017. This potential award will be the first of multiple awards pursued to complete the funding package needed for this \$33.3M project.

Project benefits include removal of the Fairoak Avenue traffic signal reducing severe and fatal crashes, improving operational efficiencies and relieving congestion, improving local circulation and connectivity, and providing pedestrian accommodations on this critical regional corridor.

This project is identified as a top priority for the region based on the 2014 MnDOT Highway 10 Access Planning Study, completed in strong partnership with Anoka County, City of Anoka, City of Ramsey, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

For more information about the Anoka Solution Plan for Highway 10, visit www.ci.anoka.mn.us or contact Greg Lee, City Manager, at glee@ci.anoka.mn.us or 763-576-2711.

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Cutline: Anoka Solution Plan



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1+ mile backups from Fair Oak Avenue occur daily

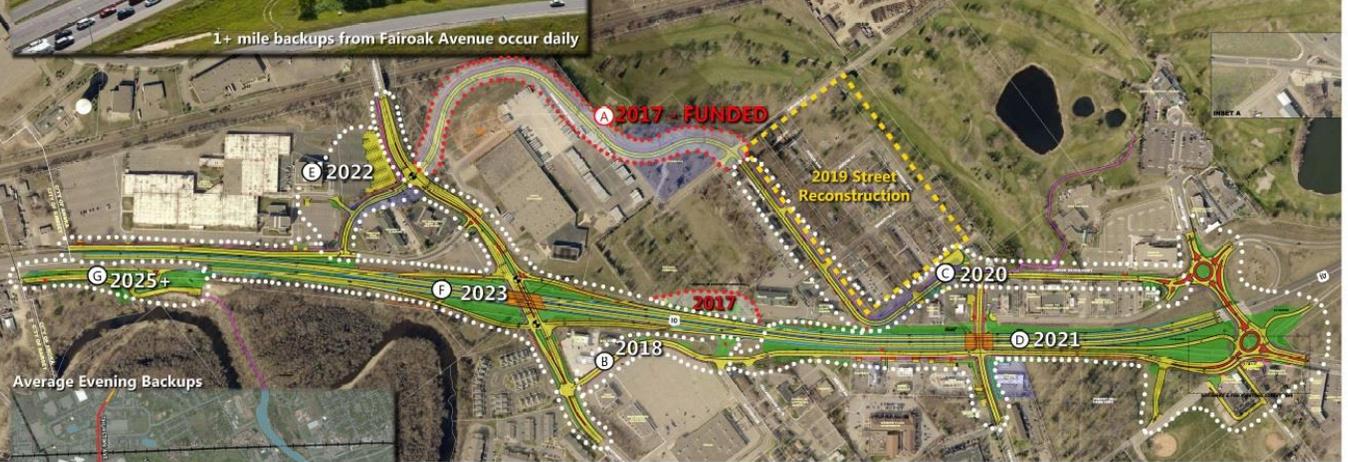
To reduce crashes and improve mobility issues, it is reasonable and responsible to implement lower cost, high benefit measures that incrementally improve safety and operations for all users of the Highway 10 corridor.

Existing Issues

- 50,000-60,000 vehicles per day
- Principal Arterial moves regional freight
- 1+ mile back-ups during peak hour
- 19 mph avg. peak hour speed (60 mph posted)
- 785 crashes in past ten years (4 fatal)
- Crash Rate 3x, Severity Rate 4x (state average)
- Segmented local network forces local highway trips

Investment Results

- > 75% delay reduction
- > 67% crash reduction
- Local trips on local network
- Safe and efficient movement of goods and services



Average Evening Backups

Legend
■ 95th Percentile Queuing
■ Average Queuing

ROW Acquisition - \$5.5M
 Project Development - \$12.8M
 Construction - \$60.3M

\$ Total Funding Needed: **78.8M**

The City of Anoka is continuing to work closely with MnDOT, Metropolitan Council, Anoka County, and the City of Ramsey to plan, design, and implement fiscally responsible safety and operation improvements to benefit all Highway 10 corridor users.

