

# Downtown Highway 41 Project



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## What's the Downtown Highway 41 Project?

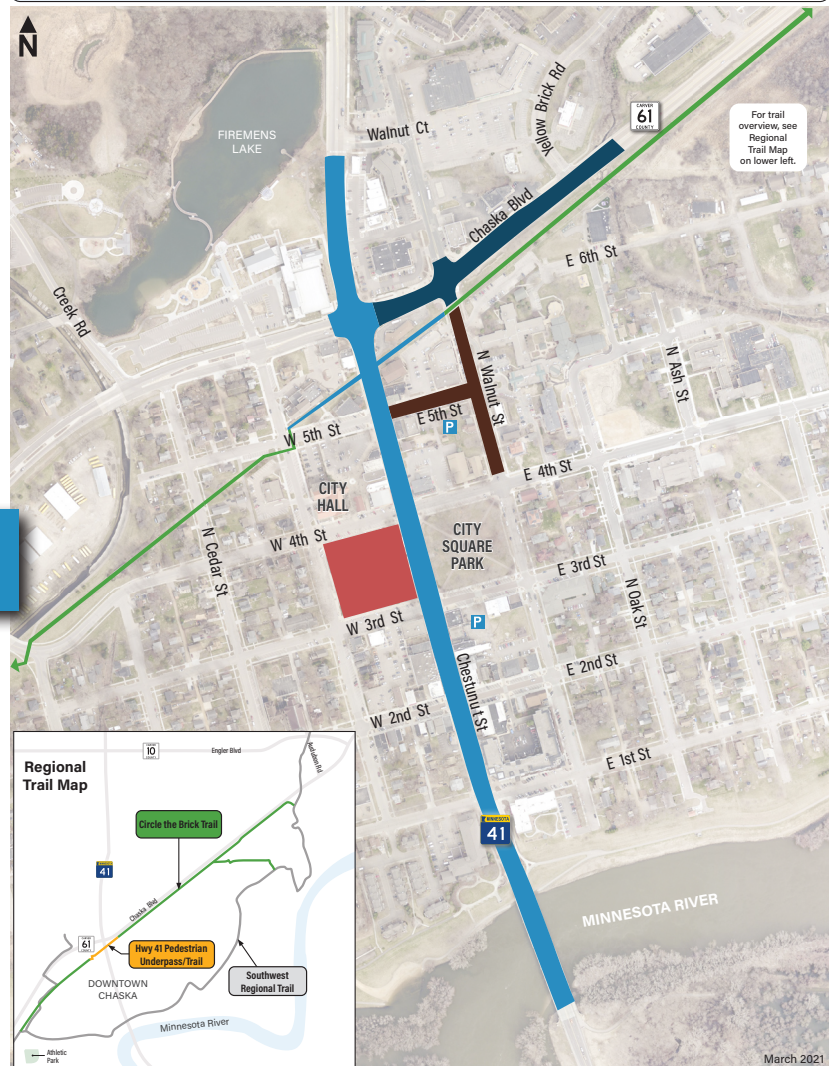
In 2017, Carver County, MnDOT, and the City of Chaska completed a study, which identified key transportation system improvements that would address existing issues and prepare the City of Chaska for future growth. One of the projects identified by this plan was the Downtown Highway 41 Project. The Downtown Highway 41 Project vision is to reconstruct Highway 41 as a two-lane road with turn lanes to better balance roadway needs with the pedestrian space. Additionally, streetscaping, off-street public parking, pedestrian/bicyclist connections, and gathering space improvements will create a more comfortable, safe, and inviting environment for all users. The project also includes improvements to Chaska Blvd to improve safety and flow for all transportation modes.

### Downtown Highway 41 Project Led by the City of Chaska and Carver County

- Chaska Boulevard reconstruction (construction in 2022)
- P Parking lot construction (construction in 2022)
- Highway 41 & pedestrian underpass/trail (Construction in 2023)

### Other Nearby Projects Led by the City of Chaska

- Walnut & 5th Street Reconstruction (construction in 2021)
- Circle the Brick Trail Construction (construction in 2024)
- City Square Redevelopment (construction TBD)



*Check out the project design on page 2!*

## Why is this project important?

In addition to its key Downtown location, Highway 41 serves as an important local access route and major connector to the greater Twin Cities metro area. However, the highway's existing conditions pose significant safety and mobility concerns for all users of the roadway:

- Current roadway design (four-way divided with parking on east side) leaves little room for sidewalks, creating an uninviting atmosphere for non-motorized users.
- Lack of left turn lanes creates major safety concerns and disruptions to the main roadway

This project will not only improve the safety and functionality of the corridor but will help revitalize Downtown Chaska to create a more welcoming and enriched downtown ambience.

## Stay Updated!

Visit the project website for more information and to sign up for email or text updates: [DowntownHwy41.com](http://DowntownHwy41.com)



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## Project Timeline

**Design Phase** 2021 - Summer 2022

**Construction Phase** Summer 2022 - 2023



Spring 2021  
Open House



Summer 2021  
Open House



Fall 2021  
Open House



Spring 2022  
Open House

*Additional public engagement*

Set Project  
Footprint

Property Acquisition

Project Design Plans

Environmental Documentation

Final  
Approvals &  
Contracting

**Tentative**



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## Improved Pedestrian Crossing

The addition of a pedestrian hybrid beacon, like that on Chaska Blvd/N Pine Street, will increase motorist awareness at the existing pedestrian crossing.



Pedestrian hybrid beacon at Chaska Blvd/N Pine St

## Trail with tunnel

Tunnel under Hwy 41 separates pedestrian/bicycle from vehicle traffic. Trail will provide link for future regional trail.



## Better sidewalks

- Wider and ADA accessible sidewalks provide a safer and more welcoming environment for all.
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## Improved traffic flow with fewer backups

- Dedicated turn lanes at all intersections
- New signals and improved timing
- Full access intersections at 2nd Street and 4th Street
- Right-in/right-out access at 1st Street and 3rd Street

## STAGED CONSTRUCTION

Project construction will occur in stages, not all at once.

### Summer-Fall 2022\*

- Chaska Blvd (Hwy 41 to Yellow Brick Rd)
- Parking lots between 2nd/3rd St and 4th/5th St

### Spring-Fall 2023\*

- Hwy 41 (MN River bridge to Walnut St)
- Trail and tunnel between 5th St and Chaska Blvd

\* Dates and construction areas subject to change

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## New public parking lots & pedestrian connections

Two parking lots will replace on-street parking along Hwy 41. Walkways will connect the lots to sidewalks.

## Two-lane highway

Dedicated thru-lane in each direction will keep vehicles moving.

