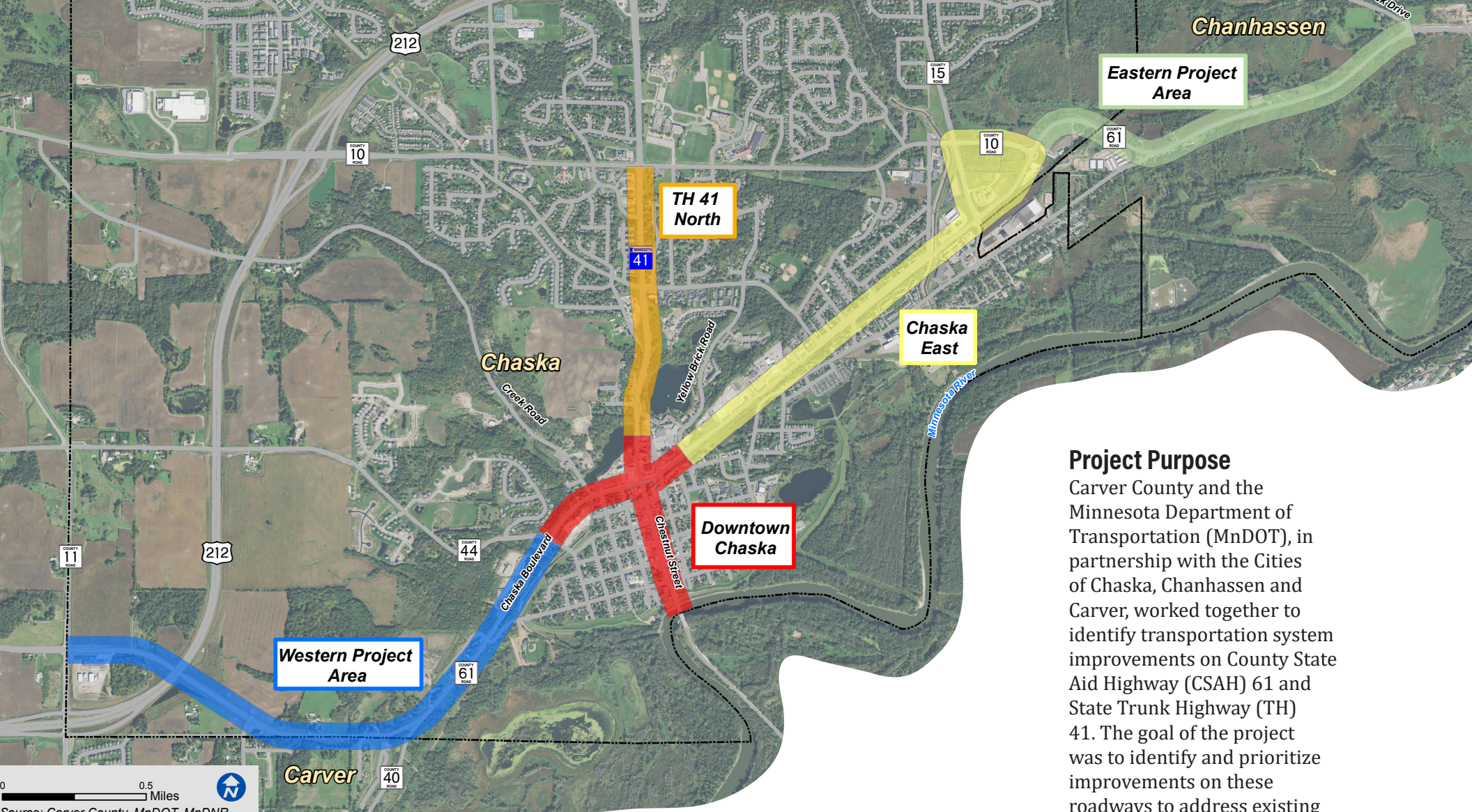




CSAH 61/TH 41 Improvements Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Project Purpose

Carver County and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in partnership with the Cities of Chaska, Chanhassen and Carver, worked together to identify transportation system improvements on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 61 and State Trunk Highway (TH) 41. The goal of the project was to identify and prioritize improvements on these roadways to address existing issues, prepare for future growth, and utilize turnback funding.

PROJECT AREA

Study Partners

Carver County

MnDOT

City of Chaska

City of Chanhassen

City of Carver

Corridor Overview

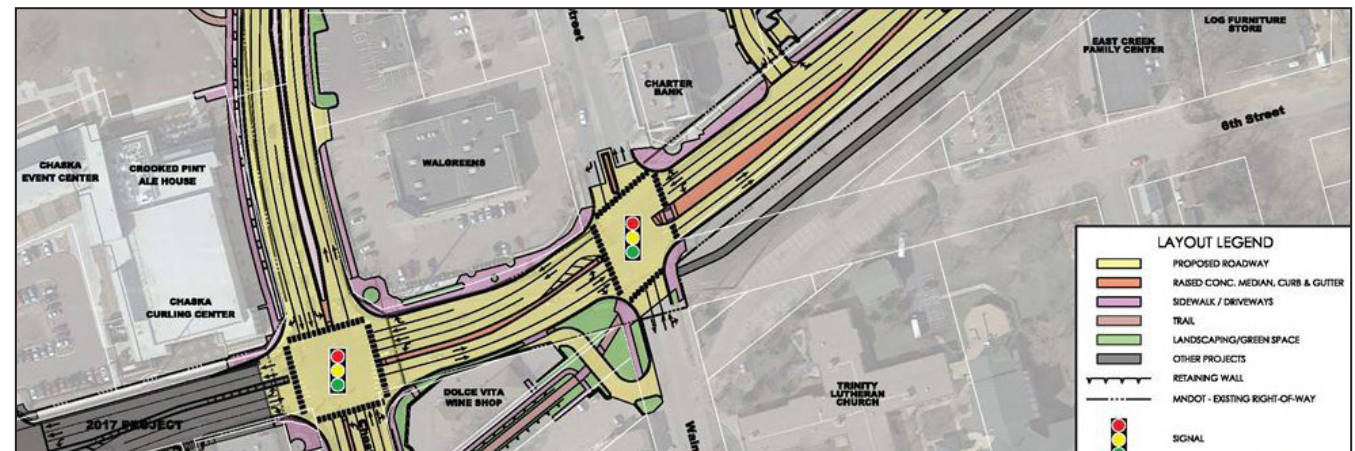
TH 41 and CSAH 61 connect the southwest metro area and provide access and connectivity within the local communities they serve. Both are important corridors serving multiple modes of transportation including automobiles, freight, transit, bicycles and pedestrians. MnDOT and Carver County initiated this project to identify improvements that can be made to CSAH 61 and TH 41 over the next 20 years to reflect the transportation needs of the region and the communities they serve.

The impetus for the CSAH 61/TH 41 Improvements Project was two-fold. First, improvement projects were planned for CSAH 61 and TH 41 in Downtown Chaska within the 2017-2019 timeframe, including a 2017 bridge replacement over West Chaska Creek and an improvement project on TH 41 through Downtown in 2019 to address safety concerns and aging infrastructure. The City, County, and state recognized now was the time to identify improvements on CSAH 61 and TH 41 in downtown Chaska that addressed those needs and also supported the City's vision to be a "hub of community destinations and gathering-places..."

Second, Carver County desired to identify future improvement needs on CSAH 61 from Carver to Chanhassen for turnback funding eligibility. MnDOT committed funding through the turnback program for improvements on CSAH 61 to address roadway deficiencies. Carver County needed to identify and prioritize these improvements.

Recommendations

Project partners developed recommended improvements for each of the project subareas. The recommendations created a shared vision for future improvements on CSAH 61 and TH 41 such as changes in the number of lanes, intersection control, access management and pedestrian/bicycle accommodations. An improvement layout, similar to the example shown below, was developed for each recommendation along with estimated costs.



Example of recommended improvement on CSAH 61.

Implementation Plan

The figure below illustrates anticipated implementation timeframes for each project subarea. Project partners put recommendations into implementation timeframes based on project needs, available funding and input from corridor stakeholders, the public and elected officials. The implementation plan describes individual projects, potential funding sources, lead agency, project costs, and the anticipated timeframes for completion.

Additional design, studies and public input will be needed for each of the recommended improvements to move forward. Study partners must continue to work together to further plan, obtain funding, design, and implement the recommended improvement projects.

