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City of Anoka Awarded \$7M for Hwy. 10/169 Improvements – Fairoak Ave. Area

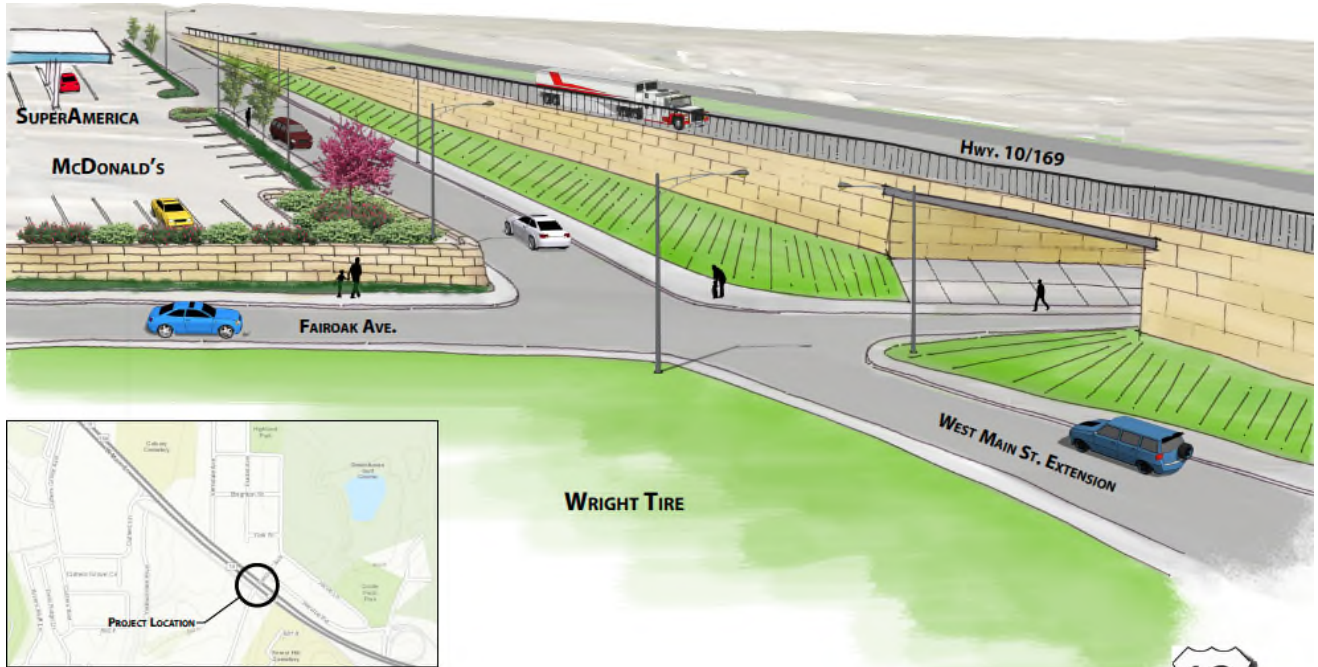
ANOKA, Minn. – The City of Anoka has received a \$7M award of federal funds to construct improvements along Highway 10/169 at Fairoak Avenue. The improvements include construction of an underpass at Fairoak Avenue, extension of West Main Street (along the existing service road) that will eventually tie into Thurston Avenue, and interchange improvements at West Main Street. The project will reduce severe and fatal crashes, improve operational efficiencies, relieve congestion, improve local circulation and connectivity, and provide pedestrian accommodations.

The City applied for these funds in July 2016 through the biennial Regional Solicitation process which allocates federal transportation funds to regionally significant transportation projects. The Fairoak Avenue project was ranked as the number one roadway reconstruction and modernization need within the Twin Cities region. The City has received the maximum allowable award. The Regional Solicitation is administered by the Metropolitan Council and their Transportation Advisory Board. The TAB awarded over \$100M for roadway projects as part of the 2016 Regional Solicitation.

The Hwy. 10/169 Improvements - Fairoak Ave. Area Project is expected to cost \$33.3M. The City will continue pursuing other opportunities in close partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Anoka County to complete the project funding package. Construction will occur in 2021. The project was identified as a top, regional priority in MnDOT's 2014 Hwy. 10 Access Planning Study, which was completed in partnership with Anoka County, City of Anoka, City of Ramsey, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The improvements in the Fairoak Ave. area are a key component of the overall Hwy. 10/169 vision as identified in the Anoka Solution Plan, and Anoka County's Greater Minnesota Gateway Highway 10 improvements. The City, along with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Anoka County, are pursuing funding for all Hwy. 10/169 improvements.

For more information about the Anoka Solution Plan for Hwy. 10/169, visit www.ci.anoka.mn.us or contact Greg Lee, City Manager, at glee@ci.anoka.mn.us or 763-576-2711.



FAIROAK AVE. UNDERPASS
LOOKING NORTHWEST AT HWY. 10/169



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