



Trunk Highway 36 and Trunk Highway 120 (Century Avenue)

Grade Separated Interchange Design



Washington County requests **\$3 million in general funds** for design of the multimodal Trunk Highway (TH) 36 and TH 120 (Century Avenue) Grade Separation Project.

Issue At-A-Glance

- The existing at-grade intersection of TH 36 and TH 120, two state highways located on the border of Washington and Ramsey counties, is the only remaining signalized intersection along the TH 36 corridor within the Interstate 494/Interstate 694 beltway.
- The 2017 opening of the St. Croix River Crossing has increased the regional importance of TH 36. The current traffic signal at Century Avenue causes daily congestion for both highways and is a challenging crossing point for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- The intersection has recently averaged 25 reported crashes per year, including fatal pedestrian crashes in both 2010 and 2011. MnDOT subsequently identified the intersection as having the fourth highest crash costs of any Trunk Highway intersection in Minnesota.
- Replacing the traffic signal with a grade-separated interchange will address these needs and improve safety and operations along TH 36.

Design Consideration



The project design will remove the existing signalized intersection, accommodate multimodal transportation, and support bicycle and pedestrian movements - including connections to the Gateway State Trail.

Support

- Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)
- Ramsey County
- Cities of North St. Paul and Oakdale

Previous Considerations

This project was submitted for consideration in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

No Action

This project is at the intersection of two state highways and, therefore, project design should be funded by the state. If state general funds are not provided to begin the design process, the county will not move forward with the project and crashes will likely continue to increase as traffic continues to grow.

Financial Implications

- **State of Minnesota: \$3 million**

Total estimated design cost: \$3 million

