

North Hornsby Street Road Improvements - 2025 HF (West)/SF 1847 (Kreun):

- The City of Columbus is requesting \$762,000 for the North Hornsby Street Road Improvement Project.
- Hornsby Street is an important major collector that carries 2,200 vehicles daily and connects the City of Columbus to the City of Forest Lake.
- In 2023, the City of Forest Lake obtained \$4.5 million from the bonding bill to reconstruct Eureka Avenue immediately north of Hornsby Street. This project is scheduled in 2024, ahead of a major reconstruction of Highway 97 east of Hornsby Street and will serve as a reliever to traffic in the area during reconstruction of Highway 97.
- In 2024, the City of Forest Lake has requested \$2 million for realignment of CSAH 32 (11th Avenue) which is part of the same transportation networks as North Hornsby Street and Eureka Avenue.
- The Hornsby Street Improvement Project will reconstruct approximately 1,200 feet of Hornsby Street. The existing Hornsby Street segment is deficient in multiple ways. The existing rural section is narrow, lacks curbs or shoulders, and lacks any pedestrian infrastructure. These features create safety risks for both non-motorized and vehicle users.
- This Segment is the missing piece of a local and regional street network that includes improvements to Eureka Avenue, Highway 97 and the interchange serving I-35.
- The reconstructed roadway will feature a widened road surface, curb and gutter, and an 8' wide trail. This improved roadway section will enhance safety and transportation choices. These improvements will run right up to the city's eastern border and will align with the neighboring Eureka Avenue project in Forest Lake, Minnesota.
- The Hornsby Street Project is intended to create a consistent corridor between neighboring cities that provides equitable access to economic opportunity and outdoor recreation.
- The Hornsby Street Project will provide access to the Lamprey Pass Wildlife Management Area.
- Besides safety improvements, the proposed project will provide a more efficient connection between major employment centers in the two cities—including Downtown Forest Lake and the Columbus Industrial Park. Improved inter-community connectivity will also stimulate economic growth by facilitating commerce.
- The project is also needed to create a more consistent roadway. Without funding, the 1200-foot-long project area will be obviously deficient when compared to abutting


sections south and north of the project area, which were completed in 2019 and 2024 respectively.


- City made a request to MnDOT for a grant under the local road improvement project (LRIP) program, which was not approved. Our understanding is the total funding requested by all cities outstripped funding by a ratio of 4 to 1.

(See Attached Map)


ATTACHMENT A



 0 200 Feet

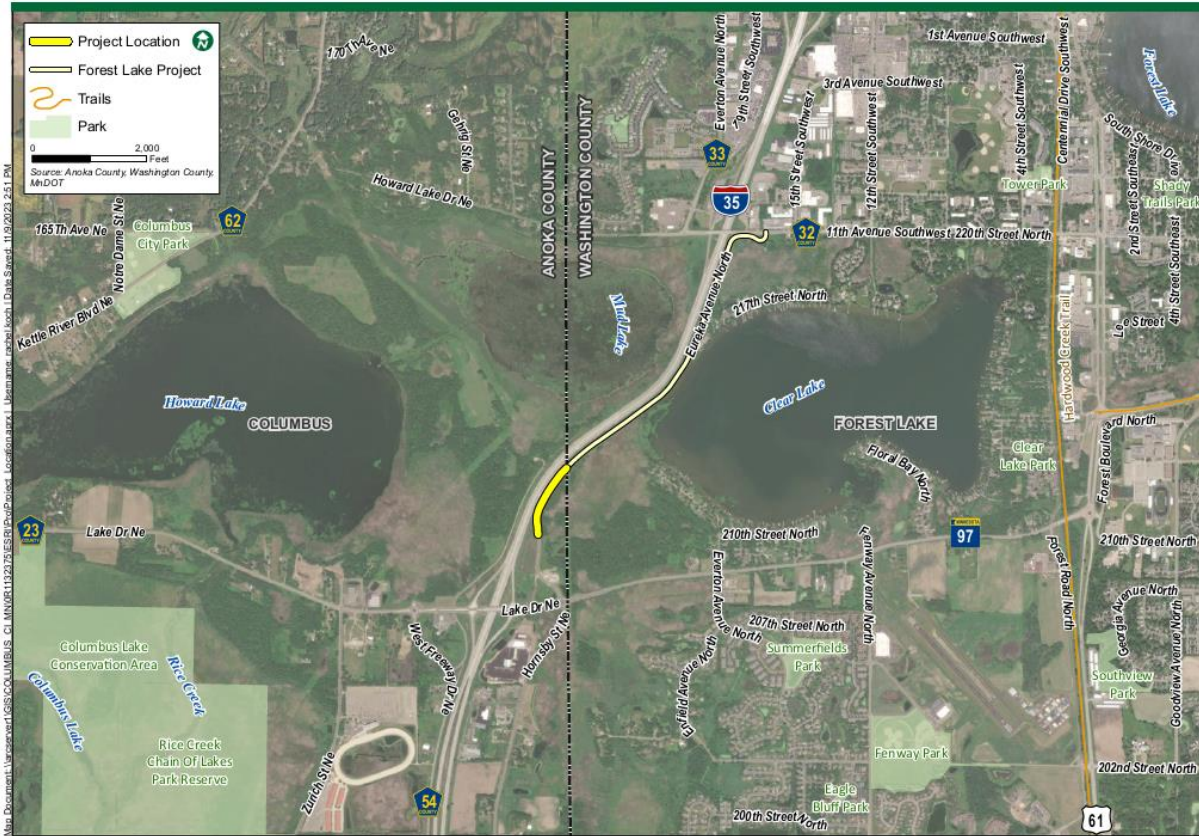
 **BOLTON & MENK**
Real People. Real Solutions.

DISCLAIMER:
This drawing is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey and is not intended to be used as one. This drawing is a compilation of records, information, and data located in various city, county, and state offices, and other sources affecting the area shown, and is to be used for reference purposes only. The City of Columbus is not responsible for any inaccuracies herein contained.

 **COLUMBUS**
Rural Nature. Urban Access.

HORNSBY ST NE

© Bolton & Menk, Inc. - Web GIS 10/19/2023 12:08 PM



Hornsby Street Improvement Project

Attachment E: Existing Conditions Photos



View on Hornsby Street facing north towards the city limits.



View of inconsistent section on Hornsby Ave facing south

02/17/25

REVISOR

JSK/AD

25-03999

as introduced

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

S.F. No. 1847

(SENATE AUTHORS: KREUN and Hoffman)

DATE
02/24/2025

D-PG

Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to transportation; appropriating money for improvements to Hornsby Street
- 1.3 Northeast in the city of Columbus.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; COLUMBUS; HORNSBY STREET NORTHEAST.**
- 1.6 \$762,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2026 from the general fund to the commissioner
- 1.7 of transportation for a grant to the city of Columbus for improvements to Hornsby Street
- 1.8 Northeast from marked Trunk Highway 97 to Eureka Avenue. Improvements include
- 1.9 predesign; design; construction; replacement or repair and installation of stormwater
- 1.10 improvements; street reconstruction, including improvements on roads adjacent to the project
- 1.11 locations; and other improvements or upgrades related to street work. This appropriation is
- 1.12 available until the project is completed or abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
- 1.13 16A.642.