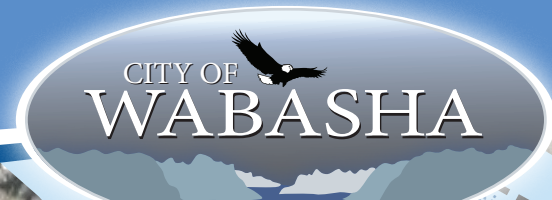


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Trunk Highway (TH) 60 Re-Alignment

\$2.894 million in state capital budget funds is requested to construct a new roadway segment to re-route Trunk Highway (TH) 60, an important interstate bridge crossing and key freight corridor. This will drastically improve safety and eliminate a dangerous T intersection at the foot of a steep bridge approach. It will improve freight traffic mobility and reduce road closures due to flooding. The project will also activate land for future affordable and workforce housing.

The roadway would be built through the City's former Athletic Field and would be raised above the 100-yr flood elevation. The City has already invested over \$2.4 million to relocate the Athletic Field facilities at a new site in preparation for this project.



Project Benefits

- 20 to 50 percent reduction in crash rates
- Elimination of dangerous T intersection at the foot of the steep bridge approach ❶
- Reduced roadway closures due to flooding (120 days in the past 10 years, 51 days in 2019 and 20 days in 2023 alone) ❷
- Activate near downtown neighborhood for housing and commercial development
- Elimination of three stop-controlled intersections
- Elimination of railroad crossing height restriction ❸
- Reduced commercial traffic through residential neighborhoods ❹
- Safe pedestrian environment

Project Cost

Total Project Cost	\$12,294,000
TH 60 Realignment	\$9,894,000
Athletic Field Relocation	\$2,400,000
Total Project Funding	\$9,400,000
City Match (secured/spent)	\$2,400,000
Federal CDS Funding (secured)	\$5,000,000
MnDOT TED Funding (secured)	\$2,000,000
State GO Bond Request	\$2,894,000

TH 60 Realignment Project

The site surrounding the TH 60 realignment as proposed will create new public infrastructure incentivizing needed residential and commercial development and flood resilience. A 2023 housing study initiated by the City of Wabasha determined both community and regional need for new construction of varied housing types to meet current and future workforce demand. Southeast Minnesota is jobs-rich, but growth is limited by housing. This project is well-planned transportation infrastructure that bolsters both housing and commercial development, access to natural resources, and improved flood resilience at the terminus of 1 of 6 of Minnesota's interstate Mississippi River freight and vehicle bridge crossings.



Future Redevelopment Concept



TH 60 Realignment and Conceptual Future Redevelopment

Existing Condition

New Athletic Field



Recent Car Crash at Existing TH 60 Intersection



Existing TH 60 Route Flooded in Spring 2024



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