

Project Information

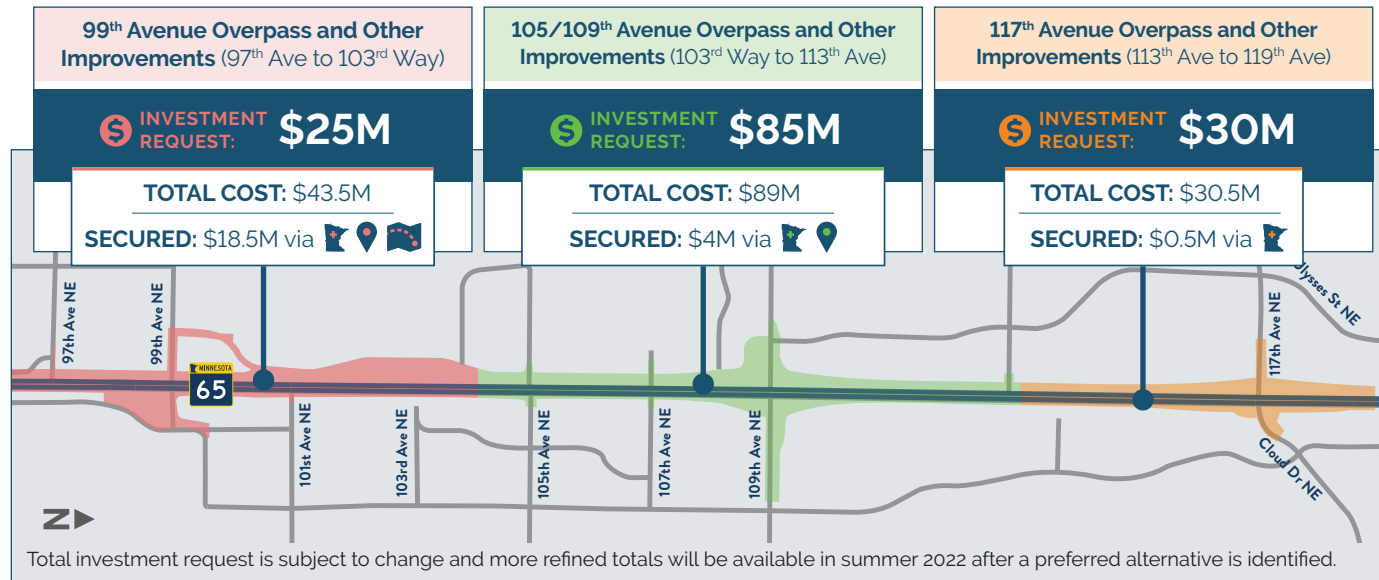
MDOT, local agency stakeholders and the Federal Highway Administration used a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study to develop and identify three transportation layouts to move forward for further analysis.

PEL STUDY
Started: 2018
Completed: 2021

Highway 65 is a vital link between the Twin Cities urban core and north metro communities. Planned improvements will:

- Add frontage roads and overpasses
- Change access
- Improve facilities for people walking and bicycling

PEL Section 2 – Project Segments



FUNDING SOURCES AND TYPES

- State Bonding
- Local Road Improvement Program
- Regional Solicitation

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Corridor Issues

- Vehicle Safety:** Fatal and severe injury crash rates on segments of Highway 65 are **8 times higher** than the state average.
- Vehicle Congestion:** Congestion is expected to **nearly double** during peak hour travel times from **24 minutes to 40 minutes** from south of County Road 10 to Bunker Lake Blvd by 2045.
- Walking/Biking:** Highway 65 is difficult to travel on or cross for people walking and biking.

Project Benefits

- REDUCE CRASHES
- REDUCE HWY 65 TRAVEL TIME
- REDUCE CROSSING TIME
From 10 min. to 3 min.
- IMPROVE BICYCLING & WALKING CONDITIONS

Project Finances

Total Cost: \$163,000,000

INVESTMENT REQUEST: \$140,000,000

14% SECURED: \$23,000,000

An investment in Highway 65 is an investment in the region's goals to advance commerce and better connect people to the places they need to go. **We are seeking your support in funding these vital Highway 65 improvements** that support regional growth now and into the future.

