



HIGHWAY 55 CORRIDOR COALITION

Celebrating the 20-year Anniversary

Saving Lives, Saving Dollars

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THE COALITION

The Highway 55 Corridor Coalition was formed in 2001 to advocate for increased safety and capacity improvements along the Minnesota Trunk Highway 55 Corridor from I-494 in Plymouth to the western city limits of Annandale.

In collaboration with Hennepin and Wright Counties, MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council, the Coalition is comprised of:

- Local municipalities along the corridor
- Businesses and neighborhood organizations
- Concerned citizens

Our Mission

- **Preserve the corridor** by securing right-of-way and maintaining current zoning
- **Increase safety** for all users
- **Add capacity**, including additional lanes, access control and transit service where appropriate

History of Success

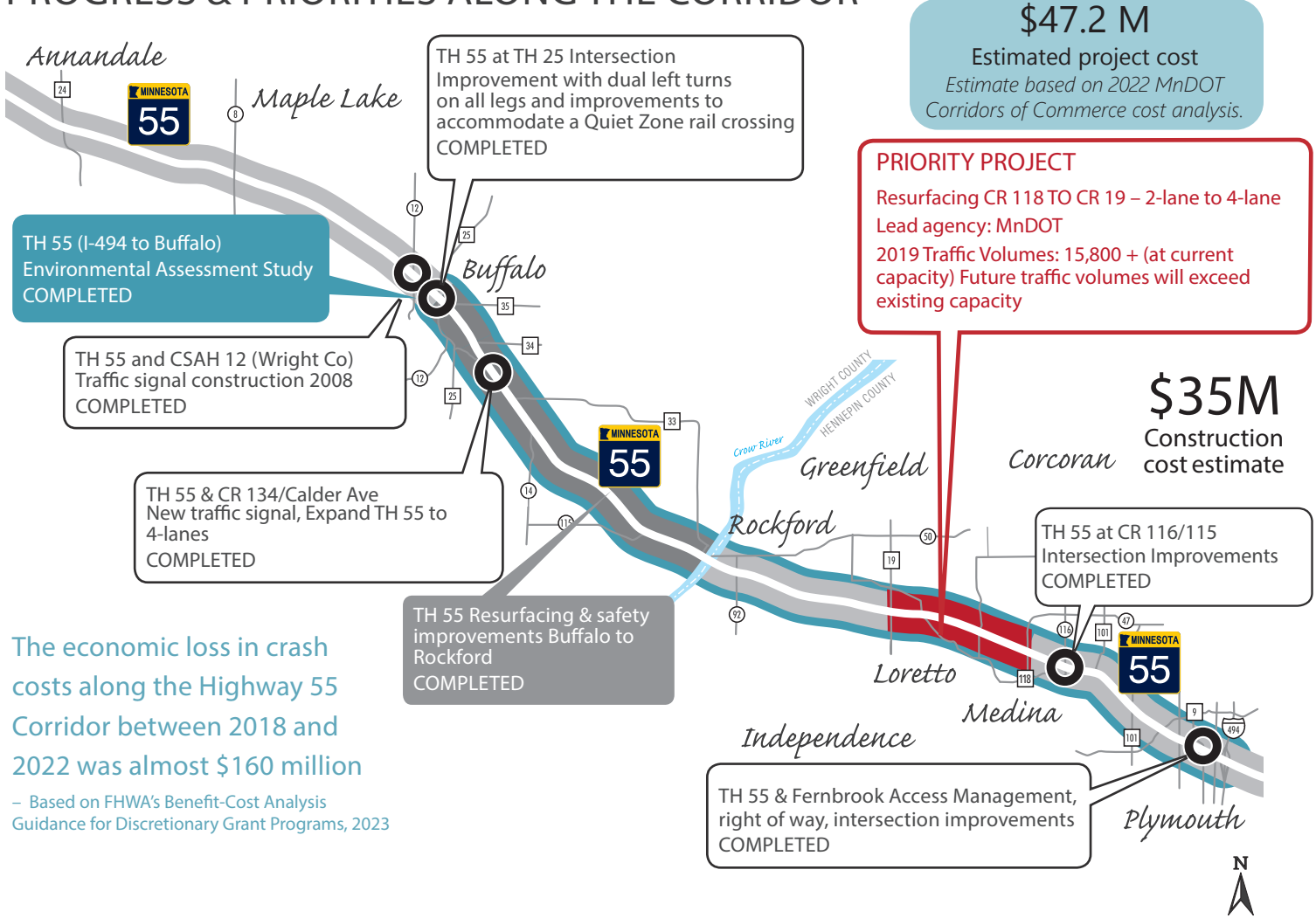
The Coalition has helped drive the completion of numerous projects over the past 22 years. These projects range from resurfacing lengths of roadway, roadway widening, intersection and safety improvements, and access management enhancements that have improved the safety and mobility of the corridor. Since the Coalition was formed in 2001, over \$20 million has been invested in corridor improvements.

The many past successes of the Coalition have hinged on collaborative efforts between the public and private sectors, as well as from the dedication of its members over the past nearly two decades.

The Coalition has completed several safety and operational improvement projects, but there is still important work to be done.



PROGRESS & PRIORITIES ALONG THE CORRIDOR



HELP US CLOSE THE FUNDING GAP

Funding Need and Availability

Funding is needed for this safety and mobility project. The economic loss in crashes along the Hwy 55 Corridor from 2018 and 2022 was almost \$160 million (FHWA's Benefit-Cost Analysis Guidance for Discretionary Grant Programs, 2023).

Local Support

Counties and cities have funded large proportions of the Corridor's improvements – well beyond their local responsibility for a state facility.

Request for Federal Aid

Without these improvements, economic development initiatives between the Twin Cities and its western suburbs are hindered.

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