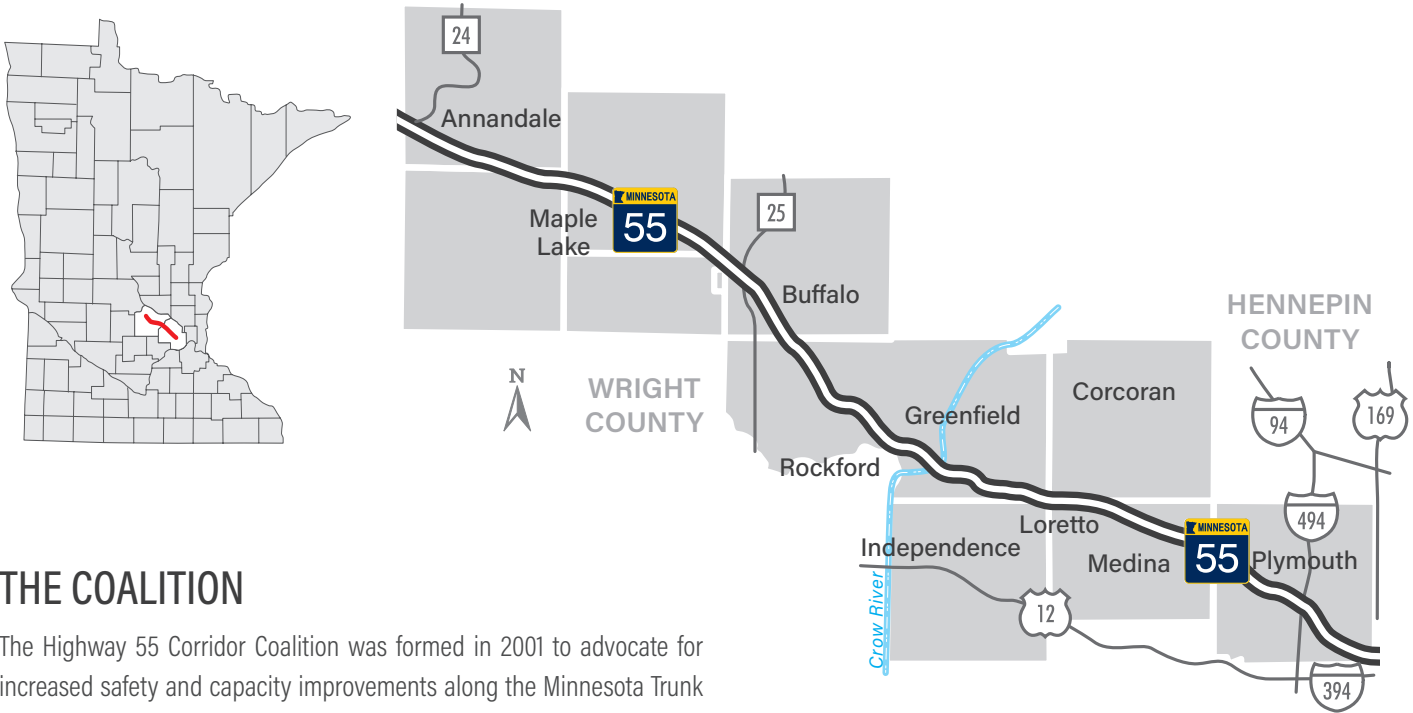




HIGHWAY 55 CORRIDOR COALITION

Saving Lives, Saving Dollars



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 18 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.**

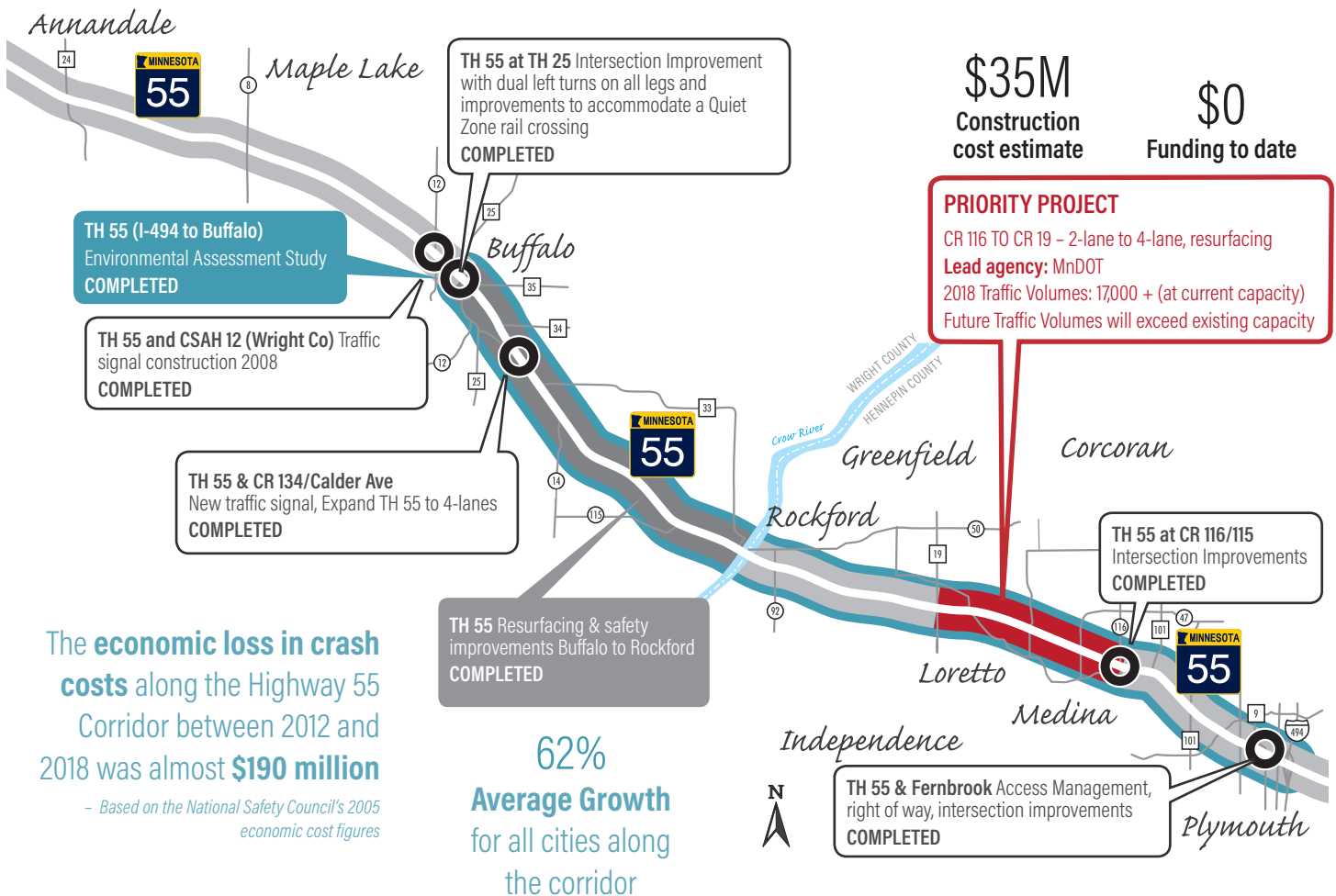
The many past successes of the Coalition have hinged on collaborative efforts between the public and private sectors, as well as from the dedication of its members over the past nearly two decades.

A Path Forward

While several safety and operational improvement projects have been completed, there is still work to be done.



PROGRESS & PRIORITIES ALONG THE CORRIDOR



HELP US CLOSE THE FUNDING GAP

Problems and Challenges There is limited state funding for planning and design work.

Funding Need and Availability Increased funding is needed for safety related projects. Crashes along the Corridor cost Minnesota's economy millions of dollars each year.

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.

The Coalition is requesting a total of \$5 million dollars to help fund future projects along the Highway 55 Corridor.

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