

CITY OF MINNETRISTA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Subject: Trunk Highway 7 (TH7) Traffic Management Organization (TMO) Update

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Meeting Date: March 16, 2026

Issue: The Mayor and City Administrator wish to provide an update on the TH7 TMO meetings.

Overview: Eight meetings have been held related to the TH7 TMO group and the Mayor and City Administrator wish to discuss next steps and provide an update to the group.

Recommended City Council Action: No action is required.

Mission Statement:

The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character.



Project Needs and Safety Issues

- MnDOT 2029+ project
- Unprogrammed need
- Fatal crash



Highway 7 Facts



50,000 vehicles per day and nearing unacceptable operations.



1,191 crashes (9 fatal and 29 serious injury) in ten years = a crash occurs almost every three days.*
*Source: MnCMAT 2016-2025 Crash Data



A constrained corridor winding through lakes and built-out communities, limiting alternative routes.



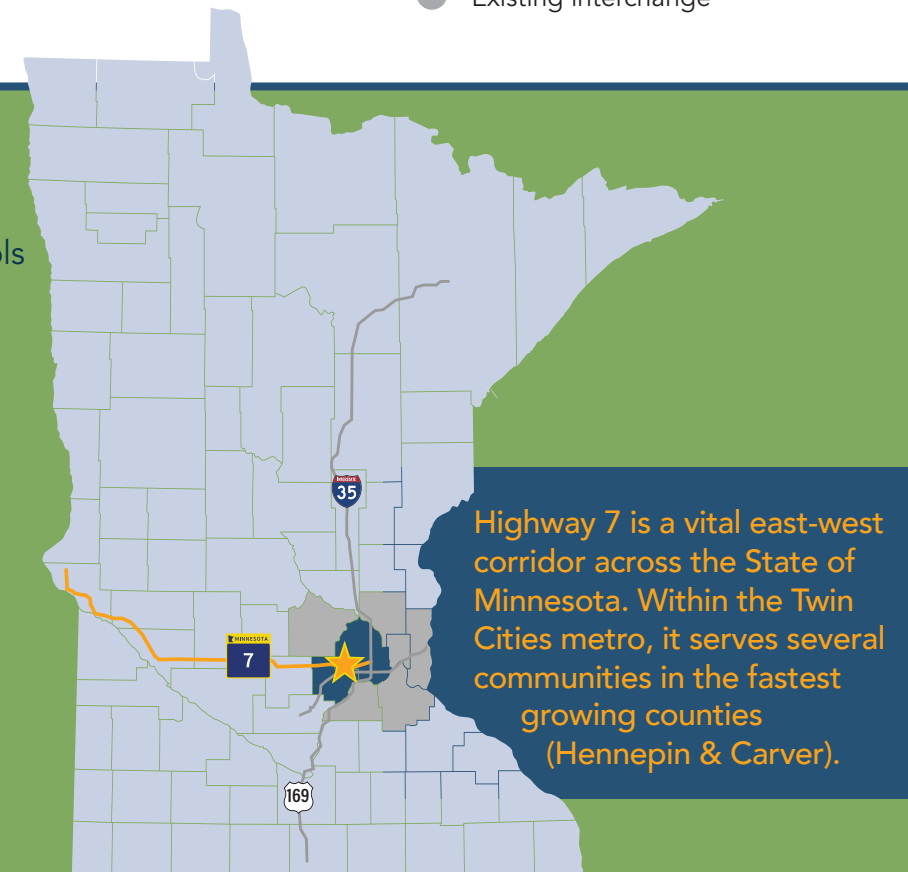
A top public concern is very unsafe conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists, including students traveling to and from nearby schools.

Stakeholders

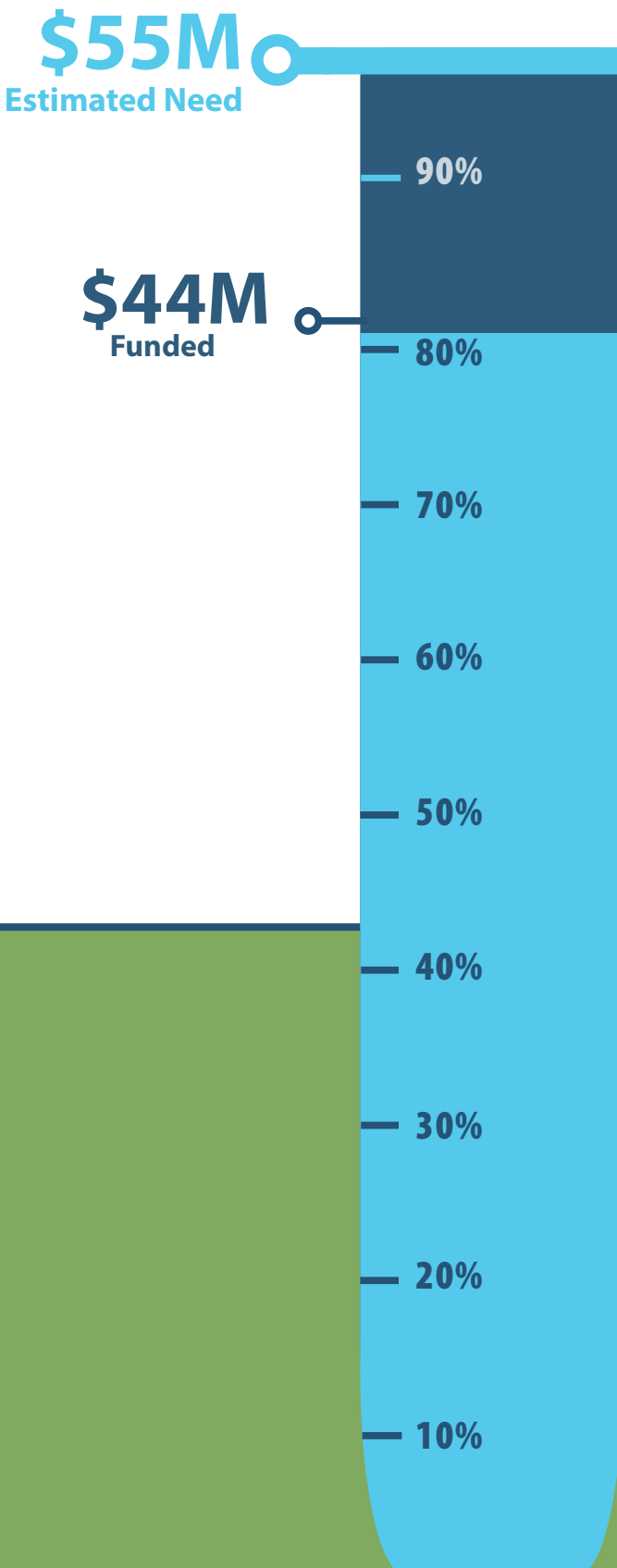
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- Minnetonka
- Minnetrista
- Shorewood
- St. Bonifacius
- Tonka Bay
- Victoria
- Eastern Carver County Schools (ISD 112)
- Hopkins Schools (ISD 270)
- Minnetonka Schools (ISD 276)
- Waconia Public Schools (ISD 110)
- Westonka Public Schools (ISD 277)

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Highway 7 is a vital east-west corridor across the State of Minnesota. Within the Twin Cities metro, it serves several communities in the fastest growing counties (Hennepin & Carver).



Vision: A thriving Highway 7 corridor where *safety* drives *opportunity*.

Mission: Create a *safer* Highway 7 for everyone in the corridor by reducing crashes, easing congestion, and building a culture of awareness that *connects communities* and *strengthens daily life*.

Highway 7 Needs: An additional \$11 million to cover the gap between the funded 2029+ project and MnDOT's corridor study recommendations. This additional funding will allow MnDOT to construct safety improvements at:

- Christmas Lake Road
- Eureka Road
- Highway 13
- Highway 41
- Wildwood Road

