

THE MAYHEW LAKE ROAD PROJECT – HF 850/SF 774



BENTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF SAUK RAPIDS, ST. CLOUD APO, AND SAUK RAPIDS-RICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mayhew Lake Road (CSAH 1) between Trunk Highway (TH) 23 in the south and CSAH 29/35th Street NE in the north

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$21,371,000

BUILD FUNDS: \$17,096,800

**NON-FEDERAL FUNDS (LOCAL MATCH):
\$4,274,200**

- Benton County State Aid
- Benton County Wheelage Tax
- Benton County Local Option Sales Tax
- City of Sauk Rapids State Aid

WHY IS THE PROJECT NEEDED?

Safety

Five intersections have a crash rate that is higher than the state's critical crash rate. These rates help to identify safety issues at intersections by statistically accounting for the random nature of crashes.

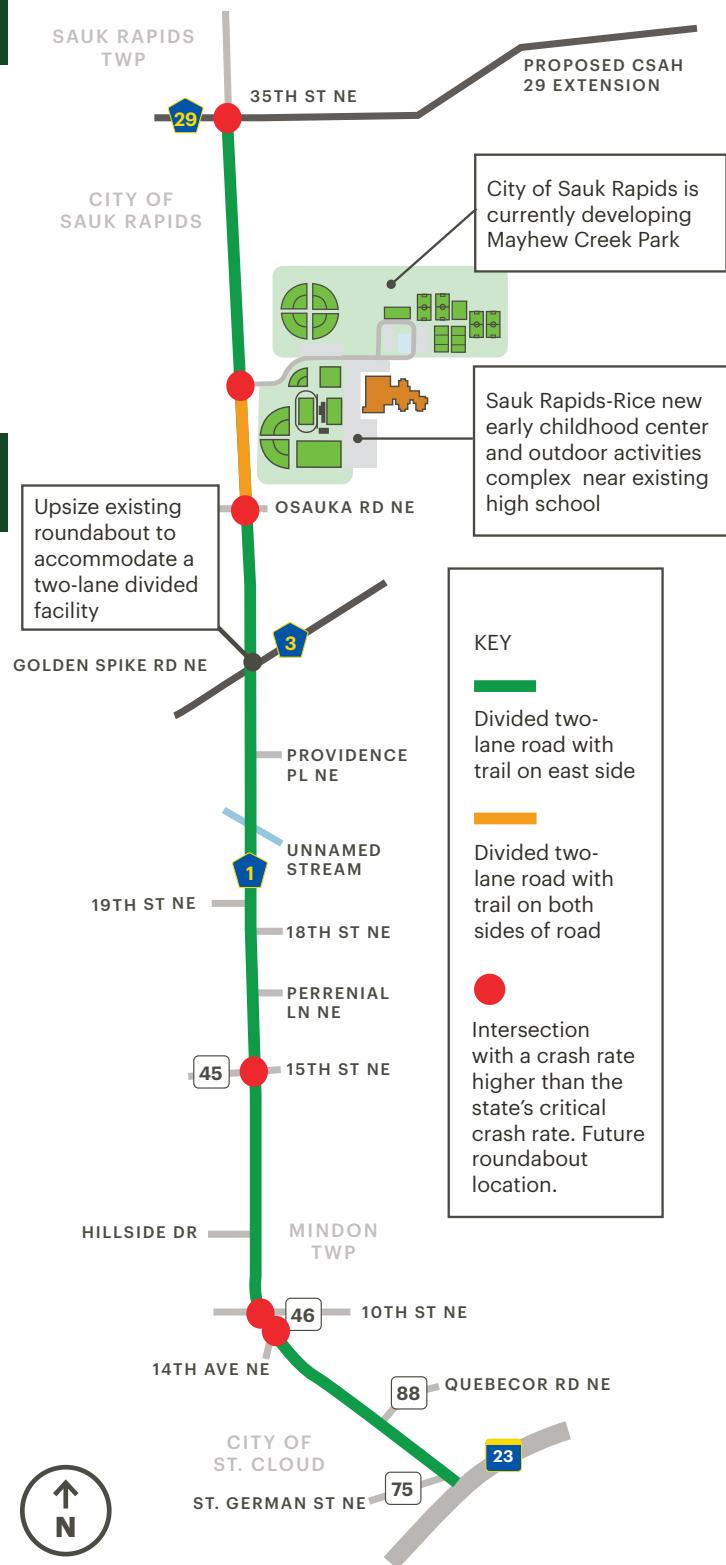
Intersections with above critical crash rates include:
CSAH 29/35th St, Osauka Rd, CR 45/15th St, CR 46/10th St, and CR 74/14th Ave.

Future Traffic

The City of Sauk Rapids anticipates considerable growth on the east side of the community by 2045 – including residences and businesses. This will generate more traffic on Mayhew Lake Road.

Multi-modal accommodations

There is just one short segment of trail along Mayhew Lake Road (between Golden Spike Road NE and Osauka Road NE). Non-motorists now use the shoulders along the corridor to walk or bike. With more residential developments anticipated along both sides of the road, the new Mayhew Creek Park, and an existing high school, there is a need to enhance safety, mobility, and accessibility for non-motorists.





THE COUNTY ANTICIPATES CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT IN THREE PHASES

Phase 1:

Reconstruct the intersection at 35th Street (CSAH 29) with a roundabout to address the intersection with the highest crash rate on the project corridor. In February 2022, the county was selected to receive \$750,000 in federal safety funds to reconstruct the roundabout at this intersection. The county started the process to design and construct this project in fall 2023.

Phase 2:

Reconstruct Mayhew Lake Road between Osauka Road and Water Tower Road near Sauk Rapids-Rice High School to address safety issues as well as accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians.

Phase 3:

Construct a bowtie roundabout at 10th Street (CR 46) and 14th Avenue (CR 74). Both of these intersections have crash issues that would be addressed by this innovative roundabout design, while minimizing right-of-way impacts.

DOES THE LOCAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT THE PROJECT?

The preliminary layout for Mayhew Lake Road was developed as part of a process involving Benton County, City of Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud APO, and the Sauk Rapids-Rice School District as study partners. All partners support the identified corridor vision and will continue to coordinate throughout implementation of the Mayhew Lake Road vision.

Public engagement opportunities were held throughout 2022 as the corridor vision was being developed. To date, both study partners and the public have expressed support for the identified corridor vision.