

TO: Honorable County Commissioners
Scott Arneson, County Administrator

FROM: Jess L. Greenwood, Public Works Director

RE: 20 January 2026 Board of Commissioners Meeting – REGULAR AGENDA
HSIP Grant Funding Information

Date: 17 January 2026

Summary

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners review a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant opportunity.

Background

For several years Mn/DOT has offered a competitive grant opportunity through the HSIP program. During the 2025 solicitation, Public Works staff applied for a roundabout project at the intersection of CSAH 1 (Bench Street) and CSAH 66 (Pioneer Road). This project was planned for construction in FY2027 and approved by the Board of Commissioners as a part of the 5-year construction improvement program.

Grant applications require projects that are either identified in a County Road Safety Program (CRSP) or a project that was developed specifically to address a known safety issue. Goodhue County previously identified this intersection as having known safety issues and worked through an intersection safety analysis. The product of that analysis identified this intersection as a candidate for a roundabout to address ongoing safety issues and to improve current and future traffic flow. When making application, staff applied for the maximum funding allowable for an individual HSIP project of \$750,000 with a construction year of 2027.

Mn/DOT staff reached out to Public Works staff on the afternoon of Friday, January 16, 2026, to discuss potential funding scenarios. The first scenario would be to provide funding for FY2027 in an amount just under \$54,000. The second scenario would be to fully fund the application at \$750,000 for FY2030. HSIP grants require a 10% funding match. Mn/DOT is requesting a response by Wednesday, January 21, 2026, with a decision on funding year.

The overall planned project has been programmed to include the replacement of the bituminous pavement from CR 53 to CSAH 66 with a concrete pavement. If the Board decides to defer roundabout construction until FY2030 the planned pavement replacement would still occur in FY2027.

Alternatives

- Authorize staff to accept Mn/DOT's proposal to fund the HSIP project application for construction of the roundabout project at the intersection of CSAH 1 and CSAH 66 in FY2030 at \$750,000.
- Authorize staff to accept Mn/DOT's proposal to fund the HSIP project application for construction of the roundabout project at the intersection of CSAH 1 and CSAH 66 in FY2027 at just under \$54,000.
- Rescind the HSIP application, maintain the planned construction of the roundabout project at CSAH 1 and CSAH 66, and fund the project as originally proposed.

Recommendations

- It is the recommendation of staff that the Board of Commissioners proceed with authorizing staff to accept Mn/DOT's proposal to fund the HSIP project application for construction of the roundabout project at the intersection of CSAH 1 and CSAH 66 in FY2030 at \$750,000.