



## Project Overview

### What's happening on County Road 26 and County Road 63?

Dakota County, in cooperation with the Cities of Inver Grove Height and Eagan, are planning roadway improvements to County Road 26 between Highway 55 in Eagan and Highway 3 in Inver Grove Heights, and County Road 63 from Amana Trail north to 65<sup>th</sup> Street/Old Argenta Trail. This will include:

- Roadway expansion to a 4-lane divided highway on County Road 26 from Highway 55 in Eagan to Highway 3 in Inver Grove Heights
- Construct a new alignment of County Road 63 from Amana Trail north to 65<sup>th</sup> Street
- Add a new roundabout at the intersection of County Road 26 and realigned County Road 63
- General roadway improvements: turn lanes, paved shoulders, curb and gutter
- Construct new multi-use trails along either side of County Road 26, County Road 63, and 65<sup>th</sup> Street
- Add a new grade-separated trail crossing underneath County Road 26 for the Mendota-Lebanon Hills Greenway connection

These projects will improve the safety and efficiency for all modes of transportation, meet current design standards for roadways, accommodate existing and future infrastructure demands, and support regional transportation needs within this rapidly growing area.

### Why is this project being done?

Development is occurring at a rapid pace along County Road 26, including commercial development in Eagan and several residential developments in Inver Grove Heights. As the area continues to grow, traffic will continue to increase, and these issues are anticipated to only get worse. It's crucial that the road meets the future infrastructure demands of this rapidly developing area.

Additionally, County Roads 63 and 26 currently lack turn lanes, have narrow shoulders and steep ditch slopes that aren't suitable for high volume traffic and have safety concerns. The intersection of County Road 26 and County Road 63 has more crashes than the statewide average, and more than half of the crashes along County Road 63 involve vehicles running off the road. Lastly, the lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities leaves a significant gap in the regional and local trail network.

As a result of past studies and ongoing discussions with property owners, the County and cities are planning for this anticipated growth and increased traffic demand by improving safety and operations of County Roads 26 and 63.

### Will my property be impacted by the project?

Dakota County will notify and work with property owners whose property is impacted by construction. All acquisition of property as a result of the project will be conducted in accordance with the county's Right of Way Acquisition policy. More information on this process can be found on Dakota County's website: [www.co.dakota.mn.us/Transportation/HighwayPolicies/Acquisition/Pages/](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Transportation/HighwayPolicies/Acquisition/Pages/)



## What is the timeline for the project?

The work is scheduled to start in 2021 and is expected to be completed in 2022. Work on the County Road 26 and Highway 3 roundabout will be completed before construction begins on County Road 26.

	2019	2020	2021
<b>PRELIMINARY DESIGN</b> <i>June 2019 - December 2019</i>			
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW</b> <i>September 2019 - April 2020</i>			
<b>FINAL DESIGN</b> <i>January 2020 - February 2021</i>			
<b>RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION</b> <i>January 2020 - May 2021</i>			
<b>CONSTRUCTION START</b> <i>2021</i>			

## Who can I contact for more questions and/or comments about the project?

You can contact:

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## How can I stay up to date on project development?

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