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Title: Carver County Transportation Initiatives

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**Purpose:**

To provide a broad high-level overview of planned transportation improvements in Carver County.

**Background:**

Between 2019 and 2021, Carver County, in collaboration with the cities of Chaska, Chanhassen and Victoria, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT), advanced a study that resulted in the [Arboretum Area Transportation Plan](#) (AATP), to address a series of identified transportation issues facing the area, including:

- Above average crash rates at intersections and on major roads
- Significant growth in population and traffic over the next 20 years
- Considerable delays due to vehicle congestion during peak travel times
- Gaps and safety concerns related to the existing pedestrian and bicycle network

Goals of this study include:

- Safer travel for motorists, passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists
- More reliable trips and making it easier to travel to and through the area
- Transportation improvements that respect the environment
- A financially responsible implementation plan

The resulting Arboretum Area Transportation Plan (Map – Attachment 1) includes:

- Community guided visions for Highway 5, Highway 41, Rolling Acres Road, Bavaria Road, and West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street (future Highway 18)
- Concept level projects that outline capital improvements to achieve the visions of the partners
- An implementation strategy which outlined a sequential approach to delivery that maximized outside funding

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These projects, in various stages of feasibility, planning, and design, represent significant combined federal, state, and local investment in infrastructure to support the future growth of the south-western portion of the Minnehaha Creek watershed.

At the August 8, 2024, Operations and Programs Committee, to cultivate situational awareness, staff will provide a broad overview of the scope of this work, timelines and relationship to MCWD.

**Supporting documents (list attachments):**

- [AATP Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures](#)
- [Appendix A – Maps and Figures](#)
  - Future Projects and Project Sub Areas
  - Land Use and Jurisdictions
  - Crash Analysis
  - Pedestrian Networks