

Dakota County 2021 Mississippi River Greenway



Nearly complete, Dakota County's portion of the Mississippi River Greenway will extend 27 miles along the Mississippi River from St. Paul to Hastings, providing scenic river views and connections to local parks and trails and other community destinations. The regional greenway is part of the larger 3,000-mile route from Minnesota to Louisiana. Approximately 25 miles of the regional greenway are currently open and receive more than 218,000 users a year.

THE ISSUE

Greenway users face a 2-mile gap (Rosemount East) that interrupts the trail between Inver Grove Heights and Spring Lake Park Reserve in Hastings. Completion of the trail is needed to protect users from heavy truck traffic, two railroad crossings and steep grades. The greenway also needs safety enhancements at key access points.

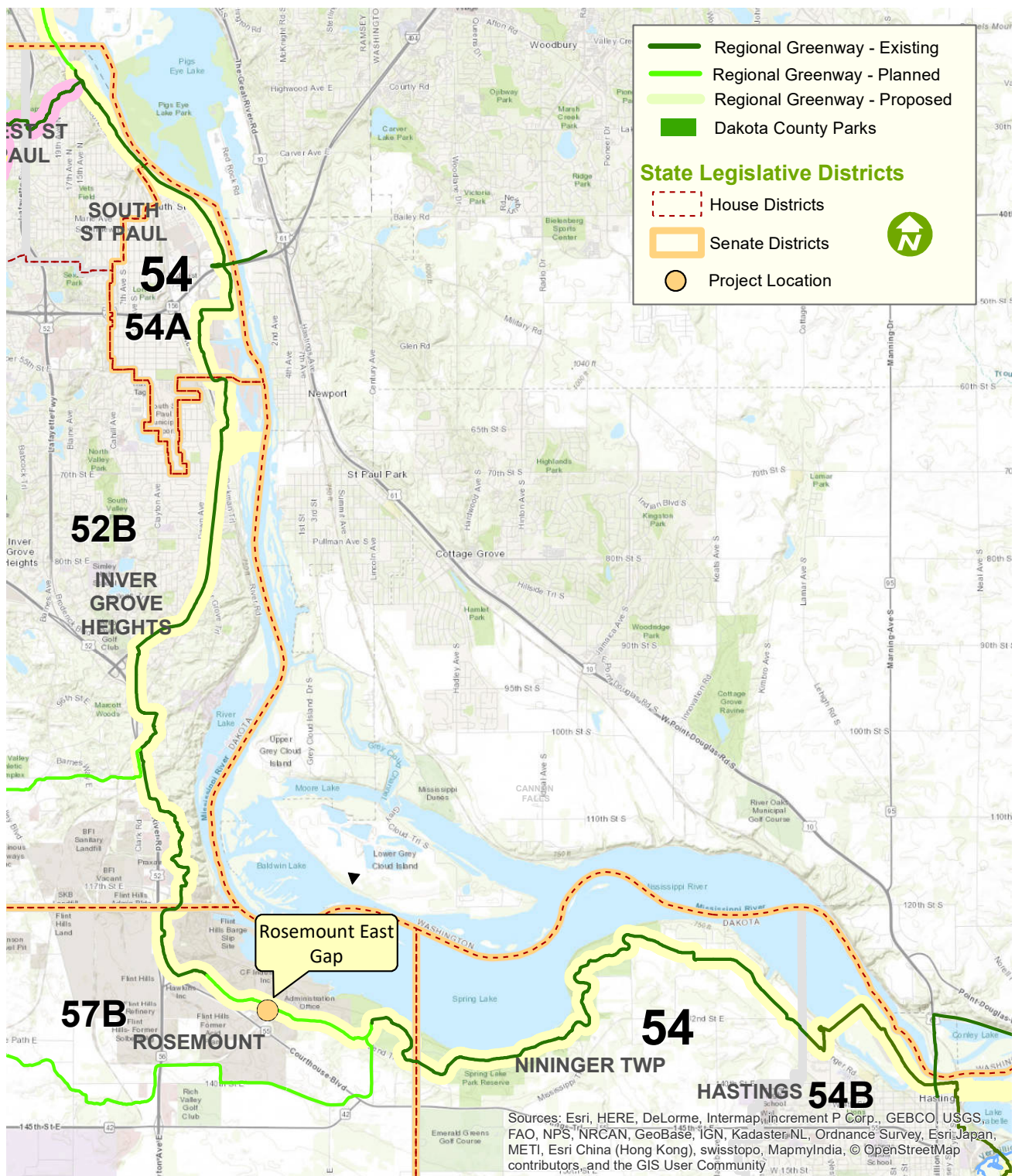
THE SOLUTION

\$6.5 million to provide:

Rail Crossing and Highway Safety Improvements for Pedestrians and Bicyclists

- Project: Fill final gap with a safe regional trail, including railroad crossing along high-traffic regional greenway.
- Request: Funds for design, engineering and construction.





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Dakota County 2021 North Creek Greenway



The North Creek Greenway's 14-mile route will travel through the communities of Eagan, Apple Valley, Lakeville, Farmington and Empire Township in central Dakota County. The greenway will link important regional destinations including Lebanon Hills Regional Park, the Minnesota Zoo, downtown Farmington, the Vermillion River and multiple State Wildlife Management Areas.

THE ISSUE

Funding is needed to provide a safe, grade-separated crossing of a high-volume county road and to fill a key gap in the greenway.

THE SOLUTIONS

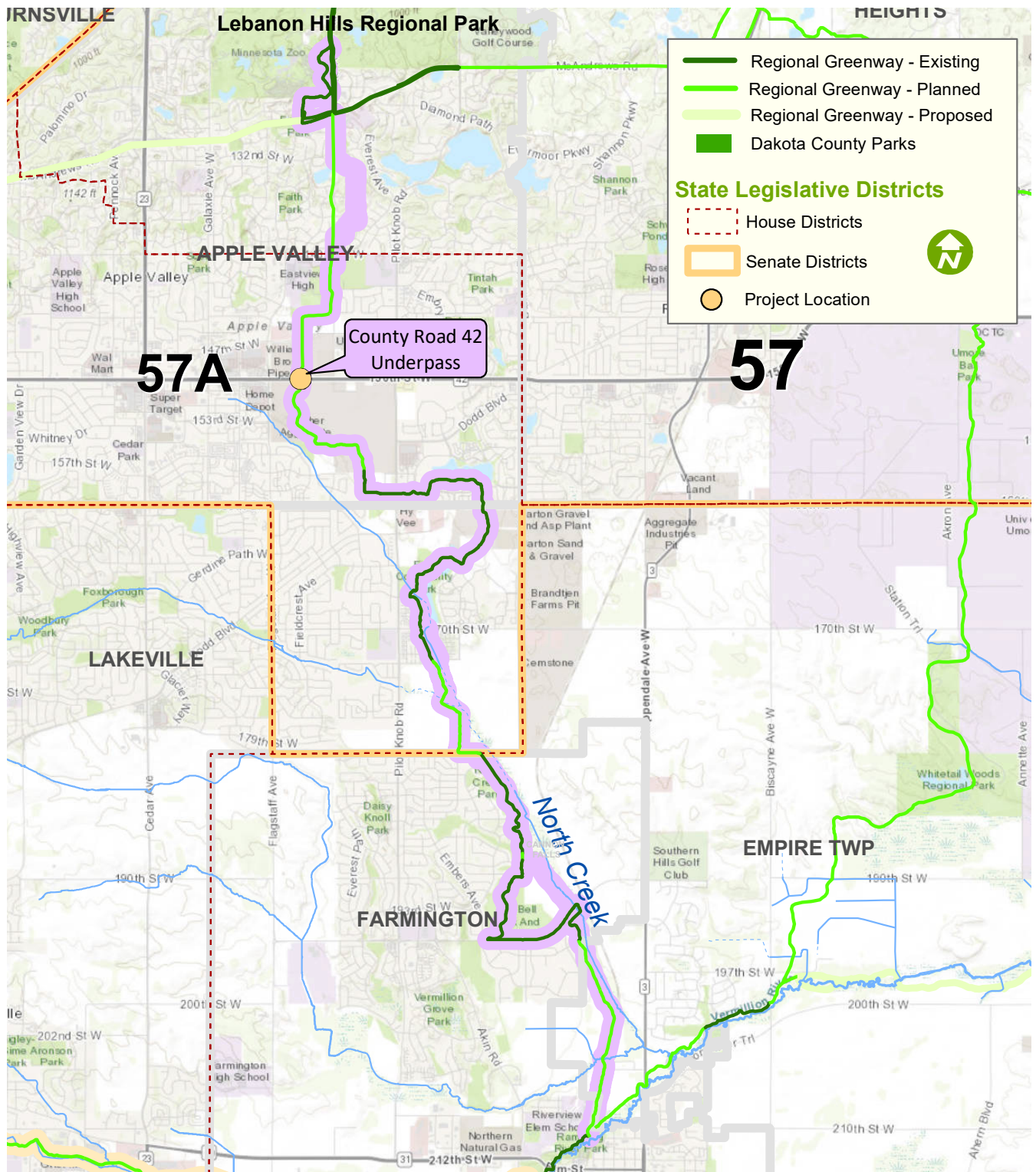
\$1.5 million to provide:

Highway Safety Improvements for Pedestrians and Bicycles

- Project: Provide a grade-separated crossing of County Road 42 and a connection to 147th Street.
- Request: Funds for design, engineering and construction.



County Road 42, Apple Valley



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Dakota County 2021 Minnesota River Greenway



This 17-mile corridor offers an immersive experience with the Minnesota River. With multiple connections to the urban core, once completed the greenway will link the state's birthplace in historic Mendota to Eagan, Burnsville, Mendota Heights and points beyond. The trail's two separate segments have a combined yearly visitation of 223,000 users.

THE ISSUE

The greenway has a 3-mile missing link in Fort Snelling State Park between I-494 and State Hwy. 77 (Cedar Avenue) requiring a safe railroad crossing and access point in an environmentally sensitive area.

THE SOLUTIONS

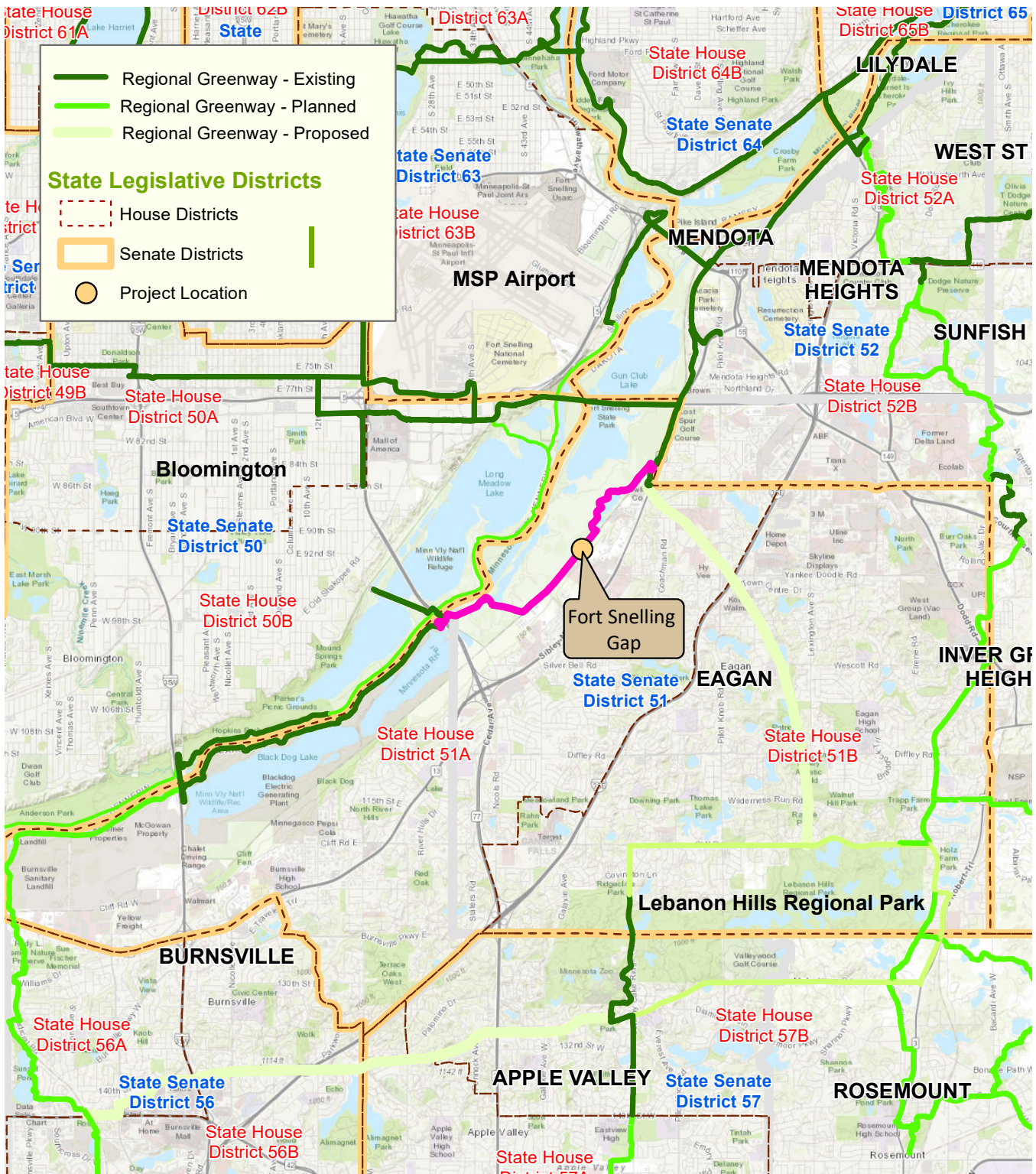
\$5.0 million to provide:

Railway and Highway Safety Improvements

- Project: Fill key gap with regional trail including railroad crossing, boardwalks, and other safety improvements with multiple state and regional connections.
- Request: Funds for design, engineering, and construction.



Fort Snelling Gap, Eagan



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