

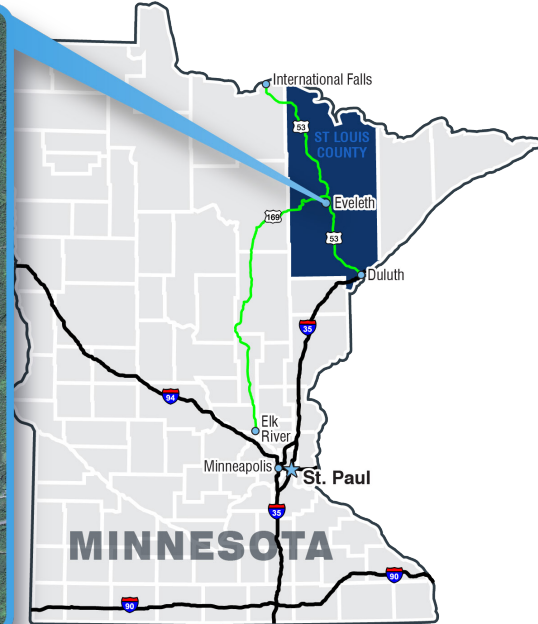
# St. Louis County

## Progress Parkway Project:

improving safety and traffic flow while opening new opportunities for economic development

### The Problem...

Currently, the Rock Ridge High School and Laurentian Elementary School campuses are only accessible via US 53 and Progress Parkway. This leads to hazardous traffic congestion at the intersection, especially during peak pick-up/drop-off times.





## The Solution...

1. A new 1.42 mile County State Aid Highway to connect MNTH 37 and US 53 in the City of Eveleth.
2. New roundabout at the intersection of Progress Parkway and Wolverine Way.
3. 3-Lane Cross Section to accommodate future economic development.
4. Dedicated ped/bike trail on the west side of the corridor.
5. Dedicated ATV/snowmobile trail on the east side of the corridor.

## Project Benefits...

1. Provides a safe secondary access to the new Rock Ridge School without having to use TH 53.
2. Provides new bike and pedestrian friendly paths.
3. Opens new city owned land for economic development.
4. Provides emergency vehicles a secondary access.
5. Reconnects snowmobile trail for the Trail Hawks Snowmobile Club.
6. Connects the new Rock Ridge School to the Mesabi Trail.

## State funding is needed to make this project a reality.

MnDOT and St. Louis County submitted **five (5)** funding applications for the project to discretionary grant programs under the IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act). None of the applications were successful. Submitted applications include:

1. 2022 RAISE
2. 2022 MPDG (INFRA)
3. 2023 RAISE (received a "project of merit" determination which meant it was submitted to the desk of the transportation secretary)
4. 2023 MPDG (Rural and INFRA)
5. 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods

This project holds great importance as it will play a crucial role in utilizing the newly received IRRRB grant for the development of utilities within Eveleth's business park situated along Progress Parkway. (<http://bit.ly/4ijhTpW>)

Eveleth stands ready as a partner in the US Highway 53 - Rock Ridge School Transportation Improvements Plan.

- Robert Vlasisavljevich, Eveleth Mayor

**Total Project Cost = \$22.6 Mil**  
**Funding Committed to Date = \$14.6 Mil**  
**Requesting = \$8 Mil**



Rock Ridge Public Schools is committed to supporting St. Louis County and MnDOT as they develop this project which will improve the safety and mobility of transportation in the Eveleth community.

- Dr. Noel Schmidt,  
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### Project Website



<https://bit.ly/3U3hZYb>

### Project Documentary



<https://bit.ly/47YKsUT>