



MAKING NICOLLET SAFE & ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL USERS! NICOLLET AVE RECONSTRUCTION—66TH ST. TO 77TH ST.

Reconstruction of Nicollet is overdue and necessary.

- The age and condition of the infrastructure is driving the need to reconstruct the still original roadway (1961) and underground utilities (1958).
- Per mile of roadway, Nicollet is the most dangerous county road in Richfield, yet more than 850 local pedestrians and cyclists cross this road daily.
- Richfield is partnering with Hennepin County to plan the future for the corridor, for construction in 2026.

Nicollet is a regional economic corridor.

- Key multimodal regional connection between Downtown Minneapolis, Richfield, and Bloomington.
- Metro Transit's Route 18 is the highest frequency bus line in the metro running from Bloomington to Downtown.
- ~11,000 vehicles use Nicollet daily.
- 75% of all trips ending in the project area originate outside of Richfield.
- More than 50% of all traffic on Nicollet is regional (pass-through), in fact, local use is minimal (10%).
- Richfield Community Center (*programming draws thousands of youth, seniors, and families annually*)
- Augsburg Park Inclusive/Accessible Playground (*MRPA award winning facility, up to 250 visitors per day*)
- Academy of Holy Angel's
- Hennepin County's Augsburg Park Library

Nicollet is the most dangerous county road in Richfield (per mile).

- When compared city-wide, 16% of serious injury crashes, 33% of fatal crashes, and 5% of car-on-pedestrian crashes in Richfield occur in the project area (2018-2023).
- While Nicollet makes up only 1.5% of local roadway miles in Richfield it is the location of 12% of the crashes (226 crashes) in the city (2018-2023).
- Recently collected U of M data found only 5% of vehicles yielded to pedestrians at 74th Street on Nicollet.

Why bonding? Richfield has limited local capacity to financially support this project.

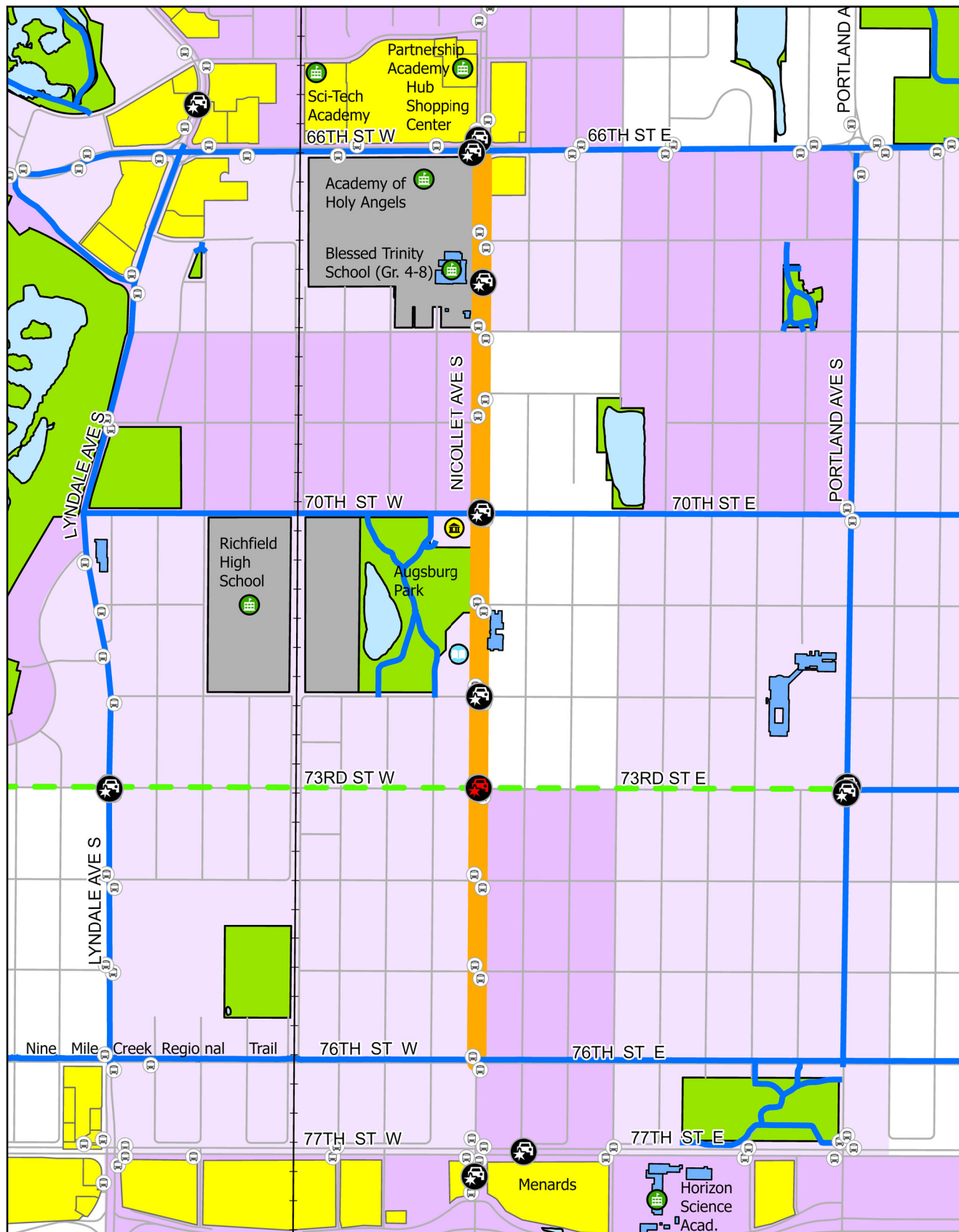
- Estimated project cost is \$24,750,000
 - \$10,750,000 identified for Richfield
 - \$7,295,000 Roadway/\$3,455,000 Utilities
 - \$14,000,000 Hennepin County
- Nicollet is not eligible for regional solicitation Federal dollars due to roadway classification.
- Since 2003, Richfield has financed over \$42,000,000 toward regional projects through bonding and Municipal State Aid (MSA). The City's resources are tapped out and we need your help.

**Everyday this corridor has
551 pedestrian crossings - 327 Bicycle crossings - 193 bus boardings
and our community deserves to feel safe.**

We can do better but we need your help.

Community problem statement: There is a need to improve safety and comfort for people who travel along and across Nicollet Avenue. The dated corridor does not address all modes equitably and needs modernization to serve the needs of the community and region for the next 50+ years.





Legend

- Project Area
- Community Center
- Library
- School
- Parks
- School Properties
- Major Commercial Areas
- Religious Facility
- Fatal Crash (2018-2023)
- Serious Injury Crash (2018-2023)
- Transit Stops
- Bike Route
- Planned Bike Route
- 10% - 25% below 185% of Fed Poverty Level
- 25+ % below 185% of Fed Poverty Level

Corridor Statistics

- 13 Small Businesses
- 3 Churches
- 6 Schools
 - 2500+ Enrollment
- 23 Metro Transit Stops
- 22 Pedestrian Crossings

\$10,000,000 in State Bonding Requested in 2025 session for the reconstruction of 1.4 miles of Nicollet Avenue in Richfield

- Estimated total project cost: \$24.75 Million
- Local Matches: \$14.75 Million
 - \$14 Million (Hennepin County)
 - \$750,000 (Richfield)
- Project Schedule: 2026-2027
- Project includes predesign, design, and total reconstruction of road surface and underground infrastructure.
- Not eligible for Trunk Highway Bonds and has not previously received Capital Investment dollars.
- Authored by Rep Mike Howard and Senator Melissa Wiklund, introduced in 2024.



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