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Nicollet Avenue reconstruction

County Road 52 in Richfield



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Nicollet Ave Reconstruction

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House Capital Investment Committee

*Making Nicollet
safe and accessible
for all users.*

Richfield
The 13th Minnesota



Reconstruction of Nicollet is overdue.

- Built in 1961, the failing infrastructure is the driving need for the project.
- The underground utilities were constructed in the late 1950s.

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

- Over 850 local residents cross this regional corridor on foot or bicycle everyday.
- 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).
- Compared city-wide, the following stats occurred in the project area (2018-2023)
 - 16% of serious injury crashes
 - 33% of fatal crashes
 - 5% of car-on-pedestrian crashes in Richfield occur in the project area (2018-2023).
- Recently collected U of M data found only 5% of vehicles yielded to pedestrians at 73rd Street on Nicollet.

Richfield needs \$10M to secure this project.



Nicollet is a regional economic corridor.

- Key multimodal regional connection between Bloomington and Downtown Minneapolis.
- Metro Transit's Route 18 is the highest frequency bus line between Bloomington and Downtown
- 11,000 vehicles per day.
- More than 50% of all traffic is pass-through (regional), while local use accounts for 10%
- Regional destinations – Academy of Holy Angels, Hennepin County Library, Inclusive Playground

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Why bonding?

- Richfield has limited local capacity to financially support this project.
- Total Cost - \$25,700,000 est.
 - Local Cost Share - \$15,700,000 (Hennepin County)
 - **\$10,000,000 identified for Richfield**
- 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.

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