

CITY OF PRIOR LAKE

TH 13 TRAIL PLANNING ANALYSIS



PROJECT INFORMATION

The City of Prior Lake is seeking additional funding for the Prior Lake Trail Connection Project for fiscal year 2026 and beyond. The funding will be used for the construction of a multi-use trail segment along the west side of MnDOT Trunk Highway (TH) 13 in the City of Prior Lake. The 10-foot wide, bituminous trail will fill a critical gap in the local and regional trail system, and will connect several existing trails and popular walking and biking destinations in the community including a heavily developed commercial area surrounding the intersection of TH 13 and CSAH 42, Prior Lake High School, Lakefront Park, Cleary Lake Regional Park, and Downtown Prior Lake.

The primary benefits of the project are pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and community connectivity. Bicyclists and pedestrians now must use the shoulder of this 50-mph segment of TH 13 to travel along the TH 13 corridor, which poses inherent safety issues. The City's proposed trail project would provide a safe connection from CSAH 42 to the signalized intersection at 150th Street, which leads to Prior Lake High School east of TH 13. Providing this connection between the high school and the commercial district located at the intersection of CSAH 42 and TH 13 will move many pedestrians and bicyclists off the TH 13 shoulder and onto a separated trail along a heavily travelled route. The project also greatly increases community connectivity by filling a critical gap in the local and regional trail system. The proposed trail along TH 13 connects to existing trails on the south end and north end, increasing mobility options for community members to reach destinations along and near the corridor and for students from the local high school to walk to school.

Additionally, the neighborhoods that are located between TH 13 and Lower Prior Lake are "islands of housing" that can only



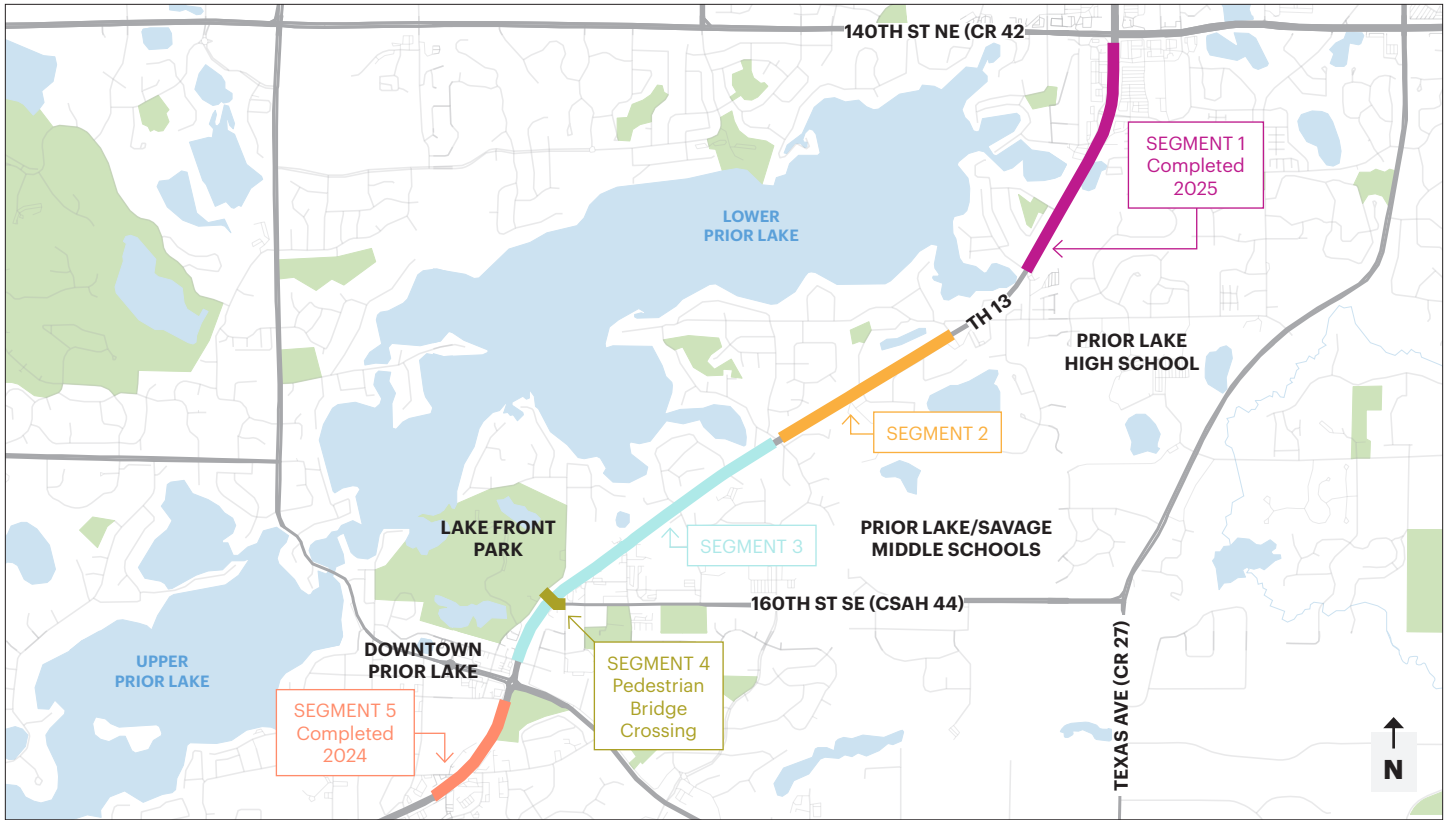
be accessed via TH 13. Currently, those residents have no pedestrian connectivity to the rest of the City.

This project will benefit all community members – young and old – regardless of their physical ability. The trail will be built to ADA standards so it will be accessible for people using wheelchairs or other mobility devices. It will provide a safe place for young children to walk or bike as it will be separated from vehicular traffic; it provides a place for people to jog and recreate; and it will allow high school students to safely walk to school. The project will increase connectivity between several popular destinations in the community like parks and schools and provide increased access to businesses in the surrounding area which will help drive economic activity. In addition, community members that live along or near the corridor will be able to easily and safely walk along the corridor to access jobs near the heavily commercial area at the intersection of Egan Dr and TH 13.

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PROJECT SEGMENT LOCATIONS



PROJECT COST

| | Estimated Project Cost* | Funding Received | Funding Mechanism | Design Year | Construction Year |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|-------------------|
| Segment #1 | \$2,789,475 | \$1,000,000 | Congressionally Directed Funding Award via Congresswoman Craig's Office | 2024 | Completed 2025 |
| Segment #2 | \$980,000 | . | — | TBD | TBD |
| Segment #3 | \$4,715,000 | . | — | TBD | TBD |
| Segment #4 | \$2,510,000 | . | — | TBD | TBD |
| Segment #5 | \$463,100 | \$212,700 | Congressionally Directed Funding Award via Sen. Klobuchar, Rep. Craig and Sen. Smith's Offices | 2023 | Completed 2024 |
| | | \$53,200 | DNR Local Trail Connections Grant | | |

*Estimates exclude any Right-of-Way or easement acquisition costs.