



City of Two Harbors

HF569 Bonding Bill Presentation – May 20, 2025

By Mayor Lew Conner

The City of Two Harbors is seeking \$6,000,000 in state funding to assist with the utility infrastructure required in conjunction with the MnDOT Highway 61 reconstruction project slated to begin in 2027.

Highway 61 is the lifeline of our community—it is the main corridor through Two Harbors, connecting our residents, businesses, and visitors to essential services, Lake Superior, and the broader North Shore region. MnDOT's reconstruction of this vital highway is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for our city to upgrade and modernize critical public infrastructure that serves not just Two Harbors, but the tens of thousands of travelers who visit the North Shore each year.

The HF569 Bonding Bill will allow Two Harbors to replace utilities impacted by the Highway 61 construction including the following improvements:

- *Sanitary and storm sewers, water supply systems, and utility extensions*
- *Street reconstruction, sidewalks, and trail crossings*
- *Wastewater and stormwater management systems*
- *ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps, curbs, gutters, and street lighting*

MnDOT Trunk Highway 61 Project

Proposed City Utility Improvements

Estimated Costs

Replacement of Existing Utilities	
Item	Amount
4 th Street to 9 th Street (East of Railroad Bridge) – Sanitary Sewer	\$ 1,270,000
4 th Street to 9 th Street (East of Railroad Bridge) – Water System	\$ 1,803,000
West of Railroad Bridge – Sanitary Sewer and Water System	\$ 966,800
Total – Replacement of Existing Utilities	\$ 4,039,800
West End Utility Improvements	
Item	Amount
Phase 1	\$ 1,927,300
Phase 2	\$ 1,260,200
Total – West End Utility Improvements	\$ 3,187,500
Total – Proposed City Utility Improvements	\$ 7,227,300

This investment will not only improve the safety, accessibility, and functionality of Highway 61, but also support economic growth, tourism, and quality of life for everyone who lives, works, and visits our community.