

# Highway 7 Coalition

## The Need for a Safer Highway 7

**\$55M**  
Estimated Need

**\$44M**  
Funded

**\$11 MILLION**

is still needed to cover the gap between what is currently included in MnDOT's 2029 project and key safety improvements in MnDOT's Highway 7 Corridor Study recommendations.

The additional \$11 million in funding could allow MnDOT to construct safety improvements at:

- Christmas Lake Road
- Highland Road
- Highway 41
- Wildwood Road



### Project Needs and Safety Issues



### Highway 7 Facts



**Up to 50,000 vehicles**  
per day and nearing unacceptable operations.



**1,191 crashes**  
in 10 years = a crash occurs almost every three days.\*



**A constrained corridor**  
winding through lakes and built-out communities, limiting alternative routes.



**9 fatal and 29 serious injury**  
crashes have occurred in the past 10 years.\*  
\*Source: MnCMAT 2016-2025 Crash Data



**A top public concern**  
— unsafe conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists, including students traveling to and from nearby schools.

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**Vision:** A thriving Highway 7 corridor where **safety** drives **opportunity**.

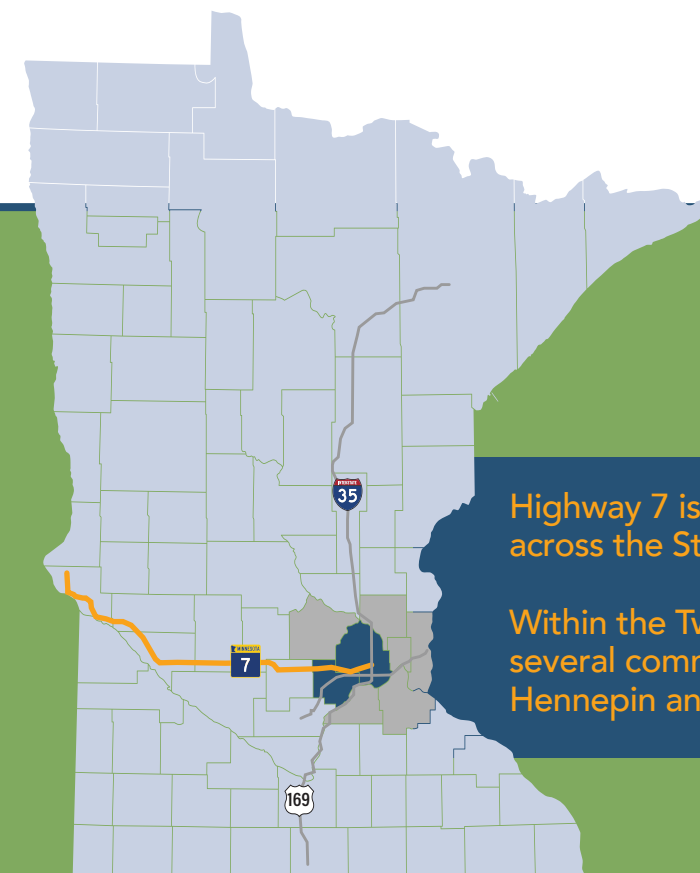
**Mission:** Create a **safer** Highway 7 for everyone in the corridor by reducing crashes, easing congestion, and building a culture of awareness that **connects communities** and **strengthens daily life**.

### Stakeholders

- Chanhassen
- Deephaven
- Excelsior
- Greenwood
- Minnetonka
- Minnetrista
- Shorewood
- St. Bonifacius
- Tonka Bay
- Victoria
- Eastern Carver County Schools (ISD 112)
- Hopkins Schools (ISD 270)
- Minnetonka Schools (ISD 276)
- Waconia Public Schools (ISD 110)
- Westonka Public Schools (ISD 277)

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Highway 7 is a vital east-west corridor across the State of Minnesota.

Within the Twin Cities metro, it serves several communities in the fast-growing Hennepin and Carver Counties.