

The City of Lake Elmo

2026 Legislative Priorities



Funding the Interchange at Trunk Highway 36 and Lake Elmo Avenue

Issue At-A-Glance

- A \$5 million grant from state bond proceeds would help fund the interchange project at Minnesota State Trunk Highway 36 and Washington County Road CSAH 17 (Lake Elmo Avenue).
- This project area is a vital transportation link between the Twin Cities, the East Metro, and Wisconsin.
- Lake Elmo's general fund budget is just under \$9 million, and the city is being required to pay \$5 million for this project.
- Lake Elmo is extending the turn lane at Hwy 36 and Keats at a cost of \$80,000.
- Lake Elmo will be responsible for maintaining the added frontage road.
- In summary, funding this project would allow the city to focus on critical needs of our growing community.

Support

- Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT)
- Washington County
- Cities of Lake Elmo and Grant

Considerations

- This project began in 2021.
- During the last 10 years this intersection has had more than 200 crashes, including 4 fatalities.
- The project will improve safety, mobility and traffic capacity needs along this critical east-west corridor.

