

County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 3 (Norell Avenue North) Improvement – Update

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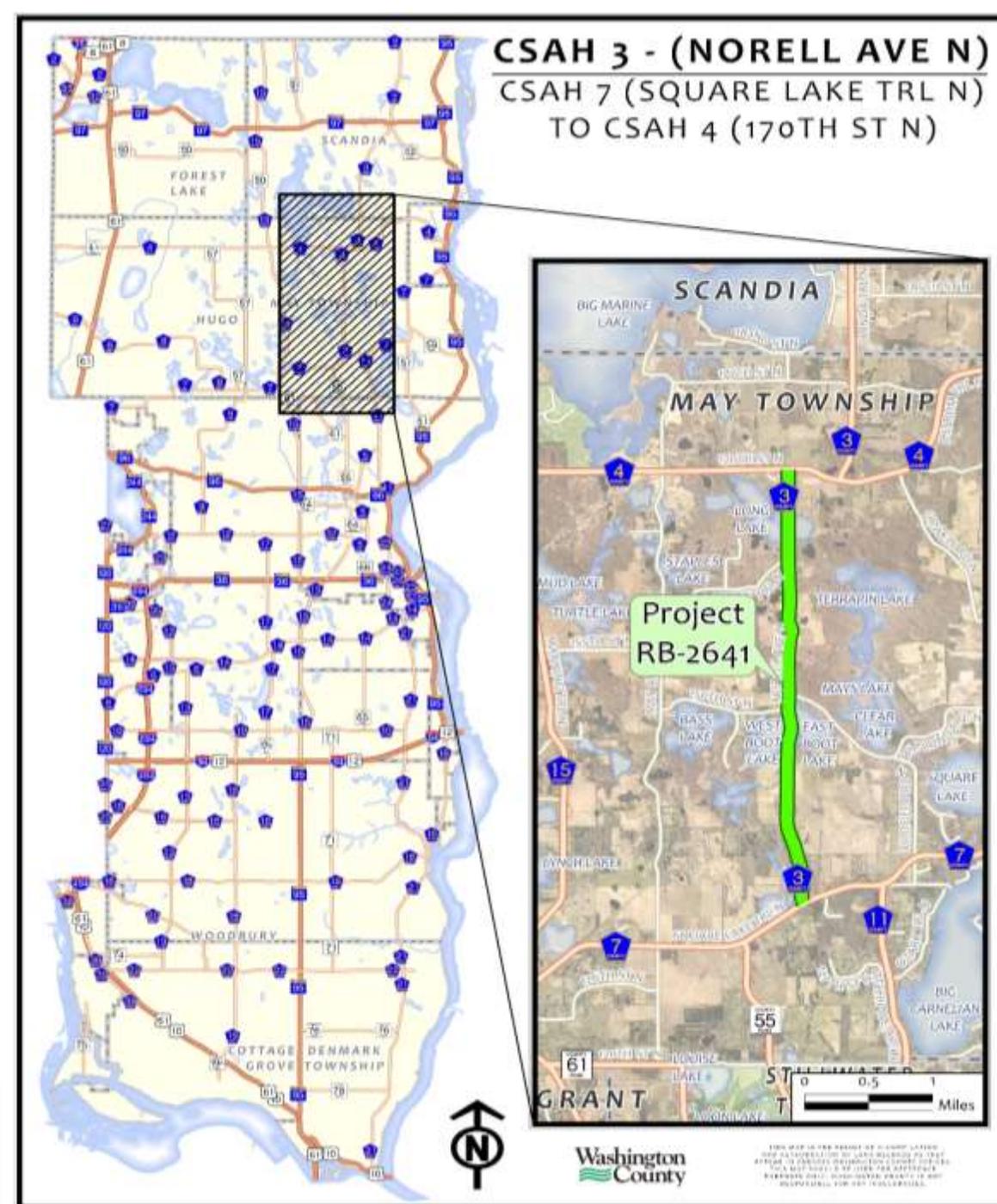


Presentation Topics

- Background
- Public Engagement #1 Review
- Goals
- Next Steps

Background

- County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 3 (Norell Avenue North) from CSAH 7 (Square Lake Trail North) to CSAH 4 (170th Street North)
- 2023 Construction





Background

- 1989 – Reconstruction
 - Roadway Paved
- 2002 – Boot Lake Culvert Failure
- 2002 – Railroad Crossing Improvements
- 2015 – Pavement Preservation
 - 1.5" Mill and Overlay
 - Remove and Replace Bituminous Curb





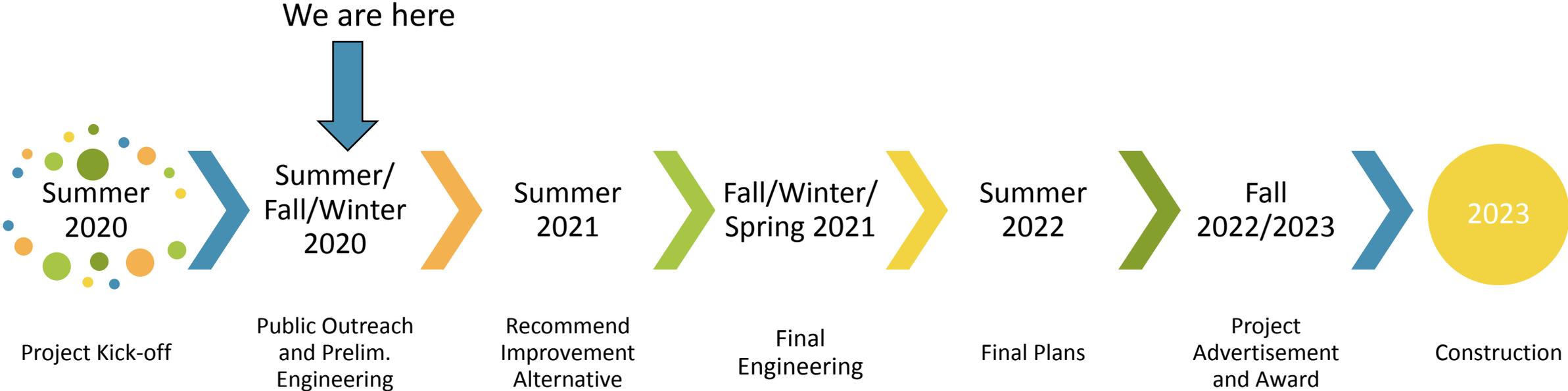
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Process





Process - Outreach Strategy

- Township Board Meetings
- Railroad
- Carnelian Marine St. Croix W.D. Coordination
- Community
 - Website
 - Newsletters
 - Design Open Houses (x3)
 - In Person & Online
 - One-on-One Meetings
 - Pre-Construction Open House

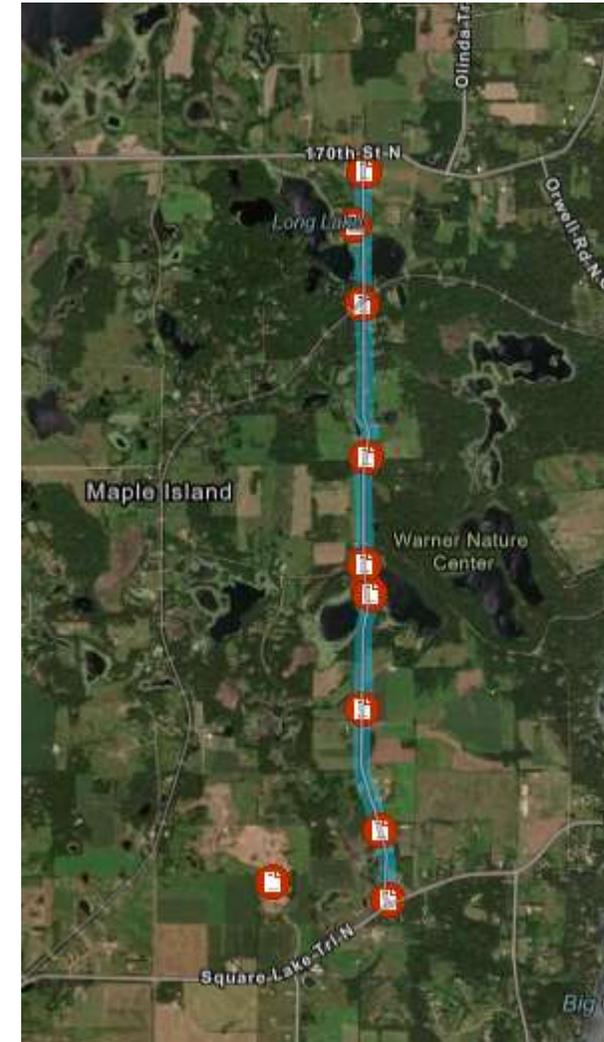
Public Engagement #1

- Online Engagement – 7/29/20 to 8/12/20
 - Introduction Video
 - Digital Scrolling Boards
 - Project Questionnaire
 - Online Comment Map
- In-person Open House - 7/29/20
 - Blank Comment Map
 - Project Boards
 - Comment Cards



Public Engagement #1

- 18 in-person attendees
- **687 visits to Online Engagement**
- **127 Online Survey responses**
- 27 Online Comment Map comments
- 3 In-Person Comment Cards
- 3 Mailed Letters
- 1 Phone Call
- 10 Emails
- **300 Categorized Comments**



Public Engagement #1– Common Themes

- **Minimized Impacts**

- “Keep the corridor narrow and intimate.”
- “We want any work done to prioritize the preservation/protection of the unique environmental and scenic characteristics of this route.”

- “Main concern is bike safety. I love this road for its beauty, but it is unsafe to bike. Request a bike trail alongside.”

Public Engagement #1– Common Themes

- **Bicycle and Pedestrian**

- “This is an important bicycling link between Pine Point Park and Olinda Trail north into Scandia. A wider shoulder for bicycle safety would be a great addition.”
- “Main concern is bike safety. I love this road for its beauty, but it is unsafe to bike. Request a bike trail alongside.”
- “I would like to discourage the bicycles.”

Public Engagement #1– Common Themes

- **Safety**
 - “I have lived on Morris Trl N just west of Norell since 1993 and have nearly been hit several times while turning from my road onto Norell because vehicles seldom stop and sometimes do not even slow down at the rail crossing.”
 - “The lack of shoulders is especially dangerous when bike-a-thons decide to use this route.”

Original County Goals

- Utilize a comprehensive agency and public engagement process
- Analyze the existing corridor to understand safety, operational, multi-modal, and maintenance improvement opportunities
- Implement responsible long-term solutions
- Achieve community and agency acceptance
- Maintain the project schedule allowing for construction in 2023
- Provide accurate and appropriate total project cost estimates at project milestones
- Promote the long-term transportation goals of Washington County and May Township

Community Driven - County Goals

- Maintain vertical and horizontal alignment of County Highway 3 - do **not** flatten curves
- Install 11-foot travel lanes
- Evaluate shoulders for minor widening – **if feasible**
- Complete a long-term reconstruction of sloughing area
- Review opportunities for future railroad crossing improvements
- Review areas for responsible Stormwater treatment

Next Steps

- Develop Alternatives - Focus on Goals
- Evaluate sloughing area
- Drainage analysis
- Monthly Project Management Team Meetings
- Public Open House #2 – Present Responsible Alternatives



Questions?

