

County Highway 10, 17, and 17B Intersection Improvements



Washington County requests **\$2 million in state funds** to design and construct improvements at the intersection of County Highway 10, County Highway 17, and County Road 17B.

Issue At-A-Glance

- Washington County, in partnership with the City of Lake Elmo, is planning an improvement project for the intersection of County Highway 10 (10th Street North), County Highway 17 (Lake Elmo Avenue North), and County Road 17B (Lake Elmo Avenue North).
- The construction of a new elementary school in the northwest quadrant of the intersection will result in a significant land use change. The school's anticipated traffic volumes require the county transportation system to be improved.
- A temporary traffic signal is being installed at the intersection as part of school construction, but is a stop gap measure and further investment is needed to meet the long-term needs of the community.
- This project will focus on new pedestrian and bike paths near the intersection to connect the new elementary school to surrounding neighborhoods, including Cimarron Park, a highly diverse manufactured home community. There are multiple nearby destinations, including Lake Elmo Park Reserve, a regional park with over 530,000 annual visitors, and Oak-Land Middle School. This project will include analysis for future connections to these destinations. Proper infrastructure is key to ensuring pedestrian safety, including the safety of children walking to school.
- Washington County is leading preliminary design on this project and has invested \$365,000 to date.

Support

- City of Lake Elmo
- Stillwater Area Public Schools

Previous Considerations

No previous consideration.

No Action

If state funds are not provided, the county will be limited in what improvements can be made to pedestrian connectivity and safety outside of the intersection itself.

Financial Implications

- Washington County: \$1.75 million
- City of Lake Elmo: \$400,000
- **State of Minnesota: \$2 million**

Total estimated project cost: \$4.15 million

