

What are some of the corridor issues?

Project Issues and Opportunities



Legend

- Municipal Boundaries
- XXX/XXX = 2006/2030 Forecasted Volumes
- Regional Trails
- Lino Lakes Trails

0 800 1,600 Feet

Focus Group Comments:

Spirit Hills Mall Businesses

- Intersections with perceived safety, traffic, and operational issues include CSAH 34/Hodgson Road, CSAH 34/Ware Road, and CSAH 34/West Shadow Lake Drive
- There is a general interest in widening CSAH 49 into a 4-lane facility (currently 2-lanes)
- No turns on red at the intersection of CSAH 49/CSAH 34 would be helpful
- Peak times for Spirit Hills Mall businesses typically coincide with peak periods on CSAH 34 (weekday evenings)
- The Spirit Hills Mall has approximately 1,000 visitors per day. During peak hours, traffic limits access to the mall area
- There is a safety concern with pedestrians (especially children) crossing CSAH 34
- Due to the right-of-way (ROW) impacts, there may be opposition to widening CSAH 34
- Planned commercial development at the southeast corner of the CSAH 49/CSAH 34 intersection may be problematic due to access issues
- Participants expressed frustration over the challenging political environment
- Trucks move westbound on CSAH 34 frequently, adding to traffic issues

Property Owners

- A major concern of property owners at the east end of the corridor is high traffic volumes and related traffic backups at the CSAH 34/CSAH 21 intersection
- The eastern segment of CSAH 34 is not wide enough to accommodate farming equipment
- There is a perceived safety issue regarding speed and crashes at the s-curve
- There is concern regarding the high volume of trucks on CSAH 34
- Centerville police frequently travel on CSAH 34 at high speeds, raising safety concerns
- The turn lanes at Pheasant Hills Drive can be confusing to drivers
- Pavement markings are difficult to see at night and in the winter

Police and Emergency Responders

- Intersections with perceived safety, traffic, and operational issues include CSAH 34/Centerville Road and CSAH 34/20th Avenue
- In the past, Lino Lakes Police have recommended widening CSAH 34 to a 4-lane facility and adding medians in order to increase public safety
- Parents of Rice Creek Elementary students park in the cul-de-sac at Prairie Flower Road (south of Rice Creek Elementary) near the pedestrian underpass, in order to avoid driving on CSAH 34 to pick up/drop off children
- The pedestrian underpass is poorly lit, can flood, and is out of the sight of the school and nearby homes
- Vehicles on CSAH 34 frequently pass on the shoulder
- A traffic signal should be considered as a possible improvement for the Ware Road intersection.
- The traffic circulation pattern at Rice Lake Elementary School does not work
- CSAH 34 is not wide enough for vehicles to pull out of the path of emergency vehicles
- Turn lanes at the intersection between CSAH 34/Ware Road and CSAH 34/Black Duck Drive would be helpful

Schools

- The Rice Lake Elementary School start and stop times coincide with peak periods on CSAH 34
- When turning right out of Rice Lake Elementary School, the school zone sign and lights are not visible
- CSAH 34 is a primary artery for the east end of the school district
- Congestion on CSAH 49 has caused late bus routes
- Buses make regular stops on CSAH 34, but kids are not allowed to cross CSAH 34
- In some instances, people have passed buses in the right shoulder while the bus is dropping off kids
- Lowering the speed limit on CSAH 34 may increase safety
- After-school events and programs cause parents to park on CSAH 34
- The protected/permissive phasing of the traffic signal on CSAH 49 can be confusing to drivers
- Left turns into the Rice Lake Elementary School (from CSAH 34) cause traffic backups. Left turns out of the school onto CSAH 34 are also very difficult
- The traffic signal at CSAH 49/CSAH 34 has helped

Environmental Agencies

- County Ditch 25 is a good wetland restoration area and any corridor improvements should not reduce capacity of the ditch
- There are additional opportunities for wetland restoration around the lakes in the area
- There is an opportunity to provide deer/pedestrian crossings along the corridor

Key Issues/Opportunities

- Wetland and Lake Impacts
- Public/Private Access Spacing
- High Crash Corridor
- Key East/West Arterial through the City of Lino Lakes
- Pedestrian Crossing of CSAH 34
- Corridor Aesthetics
- Mobility
- Trail Connectivity
- Interjurisdictional Cooperation
- Continued Development
- Parallel Local Street Discontinuity
- Utilities in Right of Way

