

TOTAL INVESTMENT NEED

**\$ 40.1 M**

COMMITTED FUNDS AS OF DEC. 2023: \$4M



# Rice Lake Rd (CSAH 4) Corridor Project



Rice Lake Rd (CSAH 4) is a regionally significant roadway that serves the newly founded City of Rice Lake, acts as a key commuter and truck route for the Duluth metro area and connects to the communities of the East Iron Range which is a nationally strategic mining area. This project will support private investments in commercial and residential development to grow local jobs that are connected to places of community and while improving traffic capacity and operations of the Rice Lake Rd corridor. As a result, the new Rice Lake Rd will act as the downtown center of Rice Lake.



Rice Lake Rd

RICE LAKE

Martin Rd

W. Calvary Rd

Ridgeview Rd

DULUTH

W Arrowhead Rd

## LEGEND

- Reconstruction
- Separated Trail

- New City Street
- New Access Road

- Roundabout
- Left-Turn Lanes

## CONSTRUCTION COMPONENTS

- 1 Reconstruct Rice Lake Road, Martin Road and West Calvary Road as an urban corridor with roundabouts and other intersection improvements.
- 2 Construct a separated trail along Rice Lake Road and Martin Road.
- 3 Construct a city street to connect West Calvary Road and Martin Road.
- 4 Construct a road to access the tax forfeit properties managed by the County to support future marketing of these properties for residential and commercial development.

## BENEFITS

- Regional mobility improvements
- 58% Reduction in crashes
- New trails connecting to nearly 400 miles of existing sidewalks and trails
- Significant reduction in vehicle delay
- Increased traffic capacity

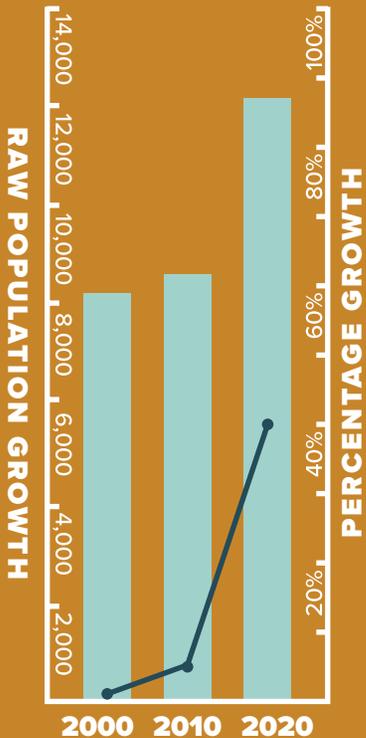


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<https://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/rice-lake-rd-corridor>

### POPULATION GROWTH

*In Project Area*



■ - Raw Growth  
● - Percentage Growth

## ANTICIPATED PROJECT TIMELINE



## IMPROVEMENTS



Pedestrian & Bike Improvements



Roundabout Intersections



Regional Mobility Improvements through Access Management

## LAND USE



**13%** Below federal poverty level



**27%** Cost-burdened households



**10%** Have a disability



**2/3** Of census tracts located in areas of persistent poverty



**58%** Cost-burdened renters



**11%** Walk or bike to work\*

*\* Or work from home*



**100%** Of project area is located in non-urbanized area



# Project Moves Forward with the Community

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## 2013

Duluth/Superior MIC conducted an Intersection Control Evaluation for Rice Lane Rd and Martin Rd



*Evaluation was covered in the newspaper and generated public interest.*

## 2014

Rice Lake Township passed resolution prohibiting roundabouts in Rice Lake

## 2017

Developers request additional access to Rice Lake Rd from St. Louis County. These request are denied because Rice Lake Rd is a controlled access corridor.

*St. Louis County proposed to meet with the City to discuss a potential planning study for the Rice Lake Rd corridor.*



## 2015

Rice Lake is incorporated as a city



## 2018

St. Louis County met with the City Council in October 2018 to propose a joint planning effort for the Rice Lake Rd corridor.

## 2019

St. Louis County and City met several times to discuss the planning study but did not proceed at that time.

## 2022

Intersection Control Evaluation Study completed at four intersections including recommendations and concept layouts.

- *City was key partner and served on the Project Management Team.*
- *Feb. 7 Presentation of recommendation to the city council generated questions by council and public.*
- *March 22 City Council meeting included a more in depth discussion of issues and sought public input.*
- *Sept. 25 Another public meeting was held to seek public input on layout.*



## 2021

May 2021 Meeting between St. Louis County and Rice Lake Mayor on another topic leads to conversation about a desire to re-engage on the Rice Lake Rd corridor.

## 2023

Revised plan to develop a more comprehensive corridor that includes public investment in roads, utilities, trails, and sidewalks to support future growth while addressing capacity and safety issues.



*Robust Engagement | Website | Interactive Comment Map | Organic & Paid Social Media Mailings | Articles | Table Tents | Public Open Houses Pop Up at National Night Out Regular Project/Stakeholder Meetings | Meetings with Developers & Property Owners*

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