



Applicant, Location, &

Route: Anoka County, U.S. Highway 10 and Ramsey Blvd. within the City of Ramsey



Application Category:

Roadways including Multimodal Elements - **Roadway Expansion**



Funding Information:

Requested Award Amount:
\$10,000,000
Local Match: \$19,300,000
Project Total: \$29,300,000



Match \$ Sources:

- Anoka County
- City of Ramsey
- MnDOT
- BNSF Railway
- **\$3.5M in awarded State Legislative Bonding Funds**



Corridor Fast Facts:

- **55,000 vpd** (1,650 trucks)
- Higher crash rate than state avg; 51 crashes in last 5 years
- 3 fatal ped crashes on Hwy 10 within Ramsey in last 10 years, **1 fatal ped crash at Ramsey Blvd**
- Backups anticipated to reach one-mile by 2025 and almost 4-miles in 2045
- Significant commuter/freight corridor between MSP, NW-MN, and North Dakota
- **Busiest BNSF rail line in Minnesota** with 57-81 freight trains and 14 transit trains
- Regional gateway to northern MN Lakes and outdoor tourism industry

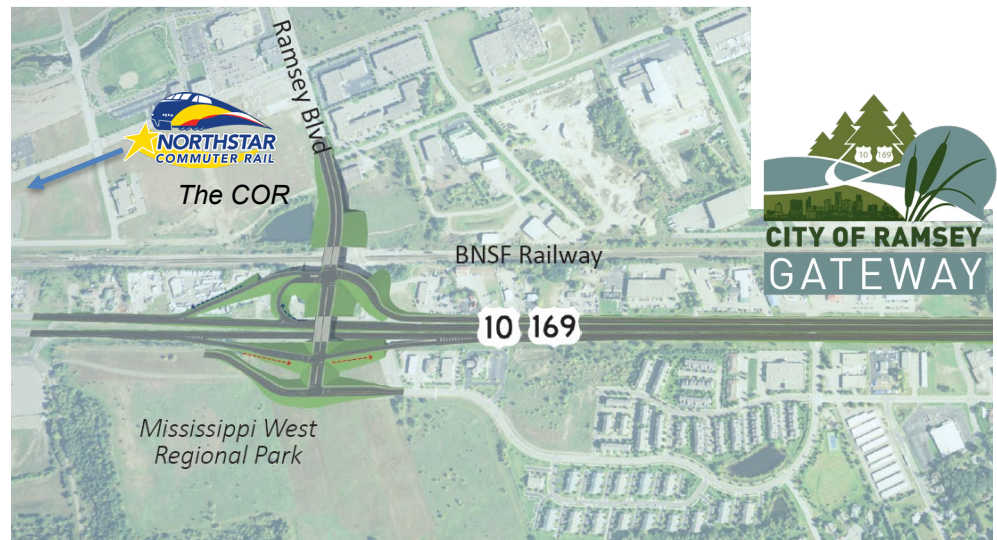
Project Description

This project will remove the traffic signal at Ramsey Blvd and Highway 10 and replace it with a grade-separated folded tight-diamond interchange including a grade-separated railway crossing and frontage road connections. ADA accessible and continuous pedestrian and bicycle facilities are included throughout.

The current Highway 10 corridor within the City of Ramsey is plagued with significant crash and congestion issues, for vehicles, trucks, pedestrians, and trains alike, and is impacting the movement of goods and people between Minneapolis/St Paul and northern Minnesota. In addition, the busiest BNSF railway within the state parallels the highway blocking Ramsey Blvd for two to three hours per day while causing northbound backups onto Highway 10. This is a highly expressed public concern and documented issue for emergency response vehicles responding to common crashes on Highway 10 (watch emergency vehicles blocked by train: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VruXJvrt-g>).

Project Benefits

Ramsey Blvd serves as the primary connection to the COR (Center of Ramsey) development, a 400-acre area including residential, commercial, retail, educational, and recreational land uses intended to serve as the downtown of Ramsey, located just northwest of the proposed interchange. Integral to this development is the Northstar Commuter Rail line, of which ridership and operations will benefit greatly from the proposed project. The proposed improvements will increase corridor safety, address congestion and operational issues, eliminate delay from the railroad crossings, and provide safe pedestrian/bicycle crossing of Hwy 10.



The Time is Now

Beginning in 2022, fully funded projects in Anoka and Elk River will transition Highway 10 into a freeway on either side of Ramsey. Ramsey will become the bottleneck, with increased crash and congestion issues at the two remaining at-grade signalized intersections on Highway 10 in the metro area. Improvements to the Ramsey Blvd intersection with Highway 10 are the highest priority in the Ramsey Gateway Project – and is so reflected in this application - which also includes the construction of another interchange at Sunfish Lake Blvd. Improvements in Ramsey will complete the regional vision of converting Highway 10 into a freeway corridor.