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Hwy 47 and BNSF Railroad Crossing project update

Hello. You're receiving this message because you've subscribed to an email list for updates on the Hwy 47 (Ferry St.) and BNSF railroad crossing in Anoka. This work will now be moving forward, so you can expect more frequent updates in the months ahead. For the latest information, [visit and bookmark the updated project webpage.](#)

We want to hear from you

Your feedback is important. Please [complete this survey](#) to share your issues, concerns, experiences and priorities.

What is the Hwy 47 (Ferry St) and BNSF railroad crossing project?

- Redesigning the crossing by constructing a bridge to take the highway over or under the train tracks.
- Exploring surrounding intersections and conditions that need improvements.

How did we get here?

In 2016, MnDOT completed a study of safety issues at the crossing of Hwy 47 and BNSF railroad, between Pleasant St. and Garfield St. W in Anoka. With guidance from the community, the study recommended constructing a bridge over the railroad for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles.

In 2020, the Minnesota Legislature awarded bonding funds that allow this crossing project to move forward into the design phase. The next step is to review the recommendations from the 2016 study. We'll be asking for additional input from Anoka residents, businesses, commuters, stakeholders, and others, so we can understand the current problems, concerns, experiences, and priorities for this crossing and make any necessary updates.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation Railroad Administration, this crossing was deemed one of the highest needs for improvements in the state of Minnesota because of:

- Lots of vehicle and train traffic.
- Trains traveling as fast as 75 mph.
- Major property damages.
- Serious injuries and fatalities.

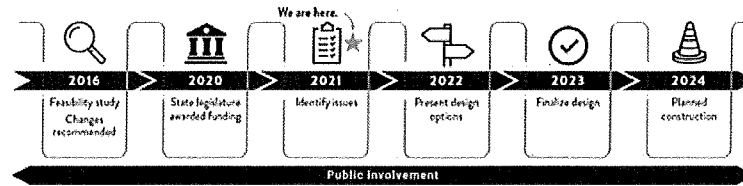
What's going to change?

- Hwy 47 will go over or under the railroad.
- Safety will improve for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and trains.
- Drive time will improve. There will be no more waiting for the train.

- Emergency vehicles will be able to flow through the area faster.
- A multi-use trail will be installed on the bridge for pedestrians and bicyclists.

When is this happening?

Before we move forward, we want to make sure we get it right. Here's the timeline:



How do I stay in the loop?

- Visit and bookmark the [updated project webpage](#).
- [Sign up for emails](#) to be the first to know about project updates.
- Watch for mail. Postcards will be sent to nearby residents.
- Look for information on local media sources.
- Feel free to [contact the MnDOT Project Manager](#), Mark Lindeberg

More about this project

We're working to improve Hwy 47 (Ferry St.) at the BNSF crossing in Anoka. In 2016, MnDOT completed a study of safety issues at this crossing. The study recommended separating the highway and railroad crossing by constructing a bridge over the train tracks. In 2020, the State Legislature awarded bonding funds to make safety improvements. MnDOT can now move the project forward; the next steps will be: Identify and confirm the project's issues and limitations (fall 2021), provide alternatives to address the issues and concerns (spring 2022) and present an approved layout and final report (winter 2022).

For more information, [visit the Hwy 47 and BNSF Railroad Crossing in Anoka project webpage](#).

MnDOT invites and encourages participation by all. If you need an ASL, a foreign language interpreter, or other reasonable accommodation, or need documents in an alternative format (such as braille or large print), please email your request to Janet Miller at ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us or call 651-366-4720.

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