

Responses to Frequently Asked Questions

The following section provides answers to commonly asked questions from the open house.

1. Why is the Regional Roadway System Visioning Study (RRSVS) Update needed?

The original RRSVS study was completed in 2010. Several changes have occurred since that time along with updates to city plans and roadway projects:

- *Development has occurred in the Viking Lakes area and in northwest Inver Grove Heights,*
- *The cities of Eagan, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights, and Sunfish Lake have prepared 2040 Comprehensive Plans for each community. In some cases, the cities' land use plans now show land uses that would generate less traffic than what was shown in the 2030 Comprehensive Plans.*
- *Traffic volumes have grown more slowly than what was anticipated by the original RRSVS study.*
- *Transportation improvements identified in the original RRSVS study have been or are in the process of being implemented.*

Dakota County and its partners have completed the RRSVS Update to reflect these changes and create a comprehensive, unified vision for the transportation system in the study area. Some of the recommendations from the previous study have been confirmed and other recommendations have been revised or removed from the plan.

2. How is the RRSVS Update related to the current construction on 70th Street/Lone Oak Road (CR 26) and Argenta Trail (CR 63)?

The construction work in this area is consistent with the original Regional Visioning Study and more detailed study assessment and design work. More information about the construction project can be found on the county's website: [Lone Oak Road/70th Street W \(County Road 26\) & Argenta Trail \(County Road 63\)](#)

3. Are the recommendations prioritized? When will the recommendations of the RRSVS Update be implemented?

Generally higher priority work was shown at the top of the list. However, the need for and prioritization of specific recommendations from the RRSVS Update will be largely driven by development and rate of traffic growth. Large transportation projects can take 5 years or more from the planning stage through construction. Some of the recommendations in the RRSVS Update may not be needed until 2040 or beyond.

4. How do I know if my property will be impacted by a future roadway project?

The RRSVS Update is a planning study that identifies future roadway needs. The design of those improvements, including impacts to private property, would be identified during preliminary engineering for specific highway

projects. Some improvements may not be needed for a number of years or decades. This study focuses on future needs of the transportation system at a high level and does not identify specific project timelines.

5. What is the process for building city collector streets? What would happen if the recommended city collector streets were not built?

Planning for a future city collector road in this area would be determined by the City of Inver Grove Heights. The ~~need~~ specific alignment and timing for any actual roadway improvements of collector roadways, such as the 65th street extension and a collector street in the vicinity of Averno Avenue would be driven by area development and led by the City.

If the recommended city collector streets, such as the 65th Street extension and a collector street near Alverno Avenue, were not constructed, the RRSVS analysis collector streets are key to providing safety and mobility of the residents living in the new neighborhoods because they provide the link between neighborhood streets and the highway network. Without the recommended local connections, residents will see higher traffic levels on residential streets which is often seen as less safe, typically brings concerns from residents regarding speed, noise, and traffic levels. The county and state roadway improvements do not change based on the collector roadways recommended through the study work.