

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Public Open House (4/16/26)

### 1. Q. What are the goals of the project?

A. The main goal of this project is to modernize the infrastructure on County Highway (Hwy) 42 between Redwood Drive and Pennock Avenue. The replacement of infrastructure also provides opportunities to improve safety in the mostly residential area by adding or updating traffic signals, turn lanes, and routes for pedestrians and bicyclists. Our goals are to implement intersection and roadway designs to improve travel efficiency and manage traffic speed while keeping Hwy 42 at four through lanes, thus limiting the need for road expansion.

### 2. Q. Is this project related to the Redwood Park area project?

A. This project is not directly related to the City of Apple Valley Redwood Park Project. However, design of the Hwy 42 project is coordinated with the City's Park project which started construction in 2025. For example, the Hwy 42 project will add a pedestrian tunnel to cross under the roadway to each side of Redwood Park near Elm Drive. Redwood Park south of Hwy 42 will also be changed to provide a more passive recreational trail area with ponds and natural vegetation.

### 3. Q. What is changing at the County Highway 42-Garden View Drive intersection?

A. The project will modernize all infrastructure at the intersection, including new signals, new or improved through and turn lanes, and additional sidewalks and road-crossing features to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. The design will also add short medians on both Garden View approaches, including a mountable median end to allow large trucks to maneuver through the intersection. The approach medians are needed to reduce traffic conflicts between Hwy 42, the frontage roads, and Garden View Drive while limiting the need for expansion. Many other Garden View Drive intersection alternatives were considered early in the design process and are available online for review.

### 4. Q. Are the frontage roads changing?

A. Based on feedback we've heard on many concepts, the final design for all frontage roads is for them to be reconstructed at existing widths for continued operation of two-way traffic. The reconstructed frontage roads will include signs and pavement markings to indicate that motorists are to share the frontage road with bicyclists. Sidewalks will be added to the north-side frontage road, and existing sidewalks replaced on the south-side frontage road. Additional improvements to the south frontage road will include reconstruction of the Hayes Road intersection timber retaining wall, with the use of a formed concrete wall (see wall visualizations on display at the open house or online). The new concrete wall will extend from Kent Lane to 147th Street. The final design now includes keeping the Kent Lane opening to Hwy 42, based on County and City staff reviews and other input received on the option to close that opening. Safety improvements will be included for the frontage road opening at 147th Street including a redesign of the Hwy 42 median to manage left turns.

- 5. **Q. How can I get help with questions on property impacts and the right-of-way process? What's planned for properties directly impacted by the roadway and utility construction work?**
  - A. Property owners for whom the County and City have identified construction impacts and right-of-way needs should refer to letters sent in November 2025 and direct their questions to Dakota County real estate specialists. In the next couple months, owners can expect to receive appraisal information and offer packets for easement acquisition. The construction contractor will restore turf using sod and restore driveways with in-kind materials where necessary.
  
- 6. **Q. When will construction begin? How can I stay informed?**
  - A. The final design and right-of-way acquisition process will continue through 2026. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027 and conclude in 2028. Additional information on the construction work will be provided to owners adjacent to the project and to all who wish to be informed with email updates.

## For More Information



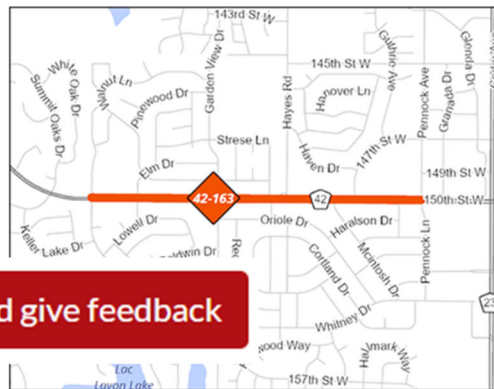
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### 150th Street W. (County Road 42) Road Improvements

#### County Project 42-163

Dakota County and the City of Apple Valley are designing improvements to County Road 42 and the city's utilities. The project is from from Redwood Drive to Pennock Avenue. The project's design is being finalized in 2026. It's based on discussions with the community since we completed the [County Highway 42 Management Plan](#).



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