What is the County Road (CR) 26 Improvement Project?

Dakota County and the Cities of Inver Grove Heights and Eagan are proposing to improve CR 26 (Lone Oak Road in Eagan, 70th Street in Inver Grove Heights) from Trunk Highway (TH) 55 to TH 3 (Robert Trail) to support existing and future traffic demands (see map on next page). This project includes:

- Expansion of the two-lane rural highway section of CR 26 to a four-lane divided highway with trails along both sides from TH 55 to TH 3
- Intersection evaluation at 70th Street and County Road 63 for current and future development conditions
- Intersection improvements along the project corridor at all public road intersections

Why is the Project Needed?

County Road 26 traverses through one of the largest undeveloped areas adjacent to the I-494/I-694 beltway. Residential and commercial development is currently underway within the cities of Eagan and Inver Grove Heights. Currently, CR 26 is a two-lane rural roadway that does not meet design standards. The expansion of CR 26 will improve mobility and safety, accommodate existing and future development plans, and support regional transportation needs within this growing area of Eagan and Inver Grove Heights.

What is the Purpose of the Open House?

- Share project information, current issues, and preliminary CR 26 corridor layouts
- Discuss the 70th Street and County Road 63 intersection alignment options and implications of each
- Opportunity for the public to help in the assessment of the intersection alignment options.

Join Us for an Open House!

Join Dakota County and the Cities of Eagan and Inver Grove Heights at the first open house for the County Road 26 Improvement Project. You will be able to learn more about the project, ask questions, and provide feedback. Please stop by anytime between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. — There will be no formal presentation.

LOCATION:
Veterans Memorial Community Center
Community Room #1
8055 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077
**Project Goals**

- Improve safety and operations by bringing County Road (CR) 26 up to current design standards and improving the CR 63 intersection
- Provide capacity for future traffic consistent with the county’s long-range plan and both cities’ comprehensive development plans
- Identify stormwater and water quality infrastructure needs to meet City of Inver Grove Heights and Eagan standards; minimize impacts to wetlands and regional basins
- Provide a plan that will help facilitate coordination between development proposals and transportation needs

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### Issues and Opportunities

1. Significant intersection delay in peak hours
2. Lack of dedicated turn lanes
3. Difficult to see traffic due to vertical curves
4. Lack of shoulders
5. Future I-494/Argenta Trail (CSAH 63) Interchange
6. 65th Street improvements (2018 construction)
7. TH 3 improvements (2018 construction)
8. TH 3/CSAH 26 roundabout (2018 construction)
9. Future greenway grade separated crossing

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### Project Schedule

- **November 6th, 2017**
  - Open House #1
- **November 2017 – March 2018**
  - Design Development
- **March 2018**
  - Open House #2
- **May 2018**
  - 30% Design Complete

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### Questions or Comments?

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### Need More Info?

Information regarding this project is available at [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us) (Search ‘County Road 26’).

Information on Dakota County transportation projects can be found on the Dakota County website at [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us) under the “Transportation” dropdown.