



# County Road 54 (Ravenna Trail) Reconstruction

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## Open House #1 Summary

*Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.*

*Ravenna Township Hall, 20425 Red Wing Blvd, Hastings, MN 55033*

Attendance: Approximately 60 attendees

Format: Informal drop-in to view project information boards and speak with project staff

Comment summary/themes:

- Roadway design
  - Road maintenance and pavement improvements are in need
  - Concern that road widening will increase usage and therefore traffic and speeds
  - Desire for curved roadway design
  - Desire for more turn lanes throughout the corridor
  - Desire for roadway shoulder improvements
- Bike path
  - Concern that bike path will negatively impact traffic and adjacent properties
- Community impacts
  - Concern that the project may impact the community's rural character
  - Concern that the proposed roadway design will impact property owners
  - Noted expected increase in traffic if Ravenna Trail is improved
- Safety
  - Desire for more law enforcement patrol on Ravenna Trail
  - Desire for decreased speed limits
- Stormwater
  - Desire for stormwater improvements south of Mud Hen Lake and Glendale Rd

Layout post-it comments:

1. 185<sup>th</sup> St E area
  - a. Trees planted by Boy Scouts in early 60's
  - b. Curb ends here – water then flows into a large container holding sand to restore the water flow. I was told 15 years ago by County staff it needs repair or replacement
2. Glendale Rd area
  - a. Septic system drain field will be impacted

- b. Super steep driveways
  - c. Homes are already very close to the road, and it is loud. Do not want to move road further into yards
  - d. Swampy and floods
  - e. Cars drive way too fast in area
3. Polk Ave area
  - a. Want turn lanes along the corridor
4. County Road 91 intersection
  - a. Flashing stop sign? People do not stop here

Online survey responses:

- Opinion that CR 54/CR 68 intersection is not busy enough for a roundabout
- Suggestion that a bike path along CR 54 should connect to Red Wing Blvd

Event photos:



*Figure 1: Image of open house attendees viewing project design layouts with staff*



*Figure 2 Image of open house attendees viewing project information boards*



**County Road 54 Reconstruction  
and Mississippi River Greenway Extension Project**

# WELCOME

to the **OPEN HOUSE**

**JUNE 18th, 2024 // 4:30-6:30pm**

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## PROJECT PURPOSE

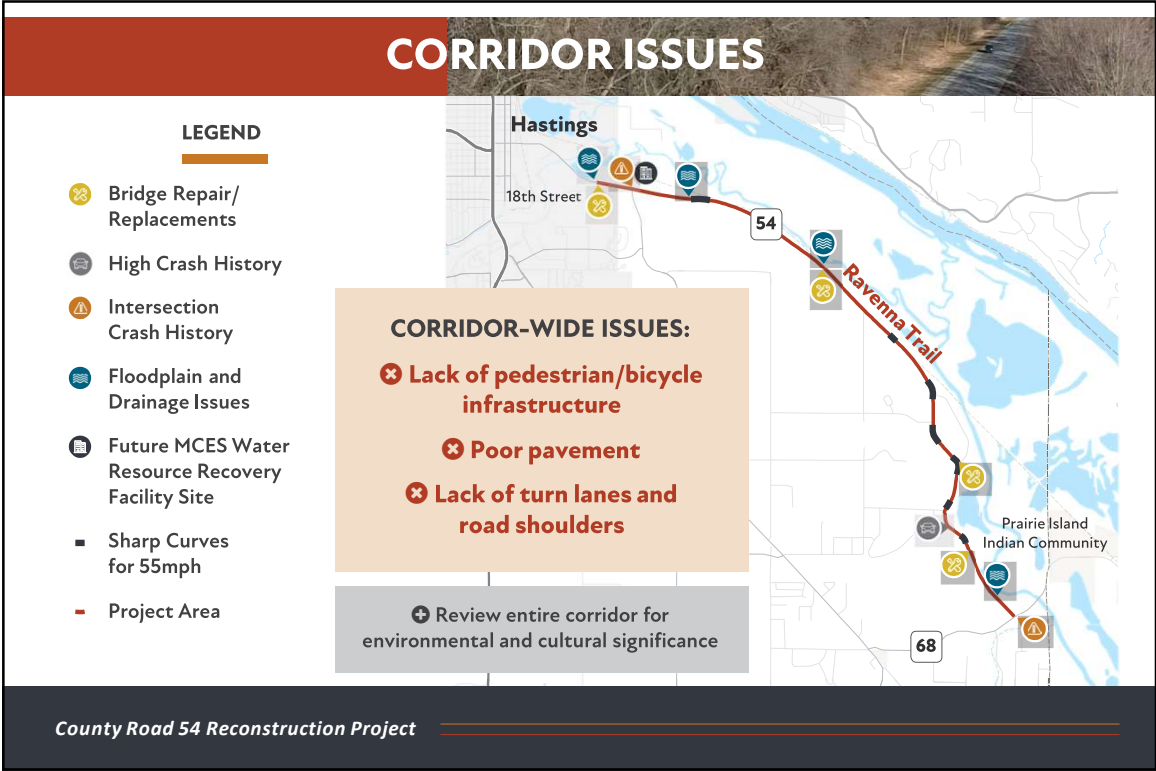
County Road 54 is a high-speed, two-lane highway connecting Hastings to Prairie Island. The road has a documented crash history and lacks turn lanes and standard shoulders, limiting pedestrian access. Reconstruction of County Road 54 will replace aging infrastructure, enhance multi-modal opportunity, increase traffic safety, and improve access to the public and to the Prairie Island Indian Community. The project will review the feasibility of incorporating an extension of the Mississippi River Greenway along the corridor as part of the reconstruction.

			
Intersection, sight lines, and roadway curve improvements	Stormwater management and floodplain mitigation	Environmental and cultural resource protection	Potential Mississippi River Greenway extension

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# MISSISSIPPI RIVER GREENWAY CONNECTION

The proposed reconstruction project will review the feasibility of including an extension of the Mississippi River Greenway trail corridor along County Road 54. Incorporating the greenway trail would improve multi-modal access and create new recreation and economic opportunity for the region, including the Prairie Island Indian Community.



*Mississippi River Greenway (MRG) to Red Wing, Prairie Island*  
*(The trail routes in this graphic were identified in the Hastings - Red Wing Trail master plan report completed in 2009)*



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# TRAIL TYPICAL SECTION OPTIONS

RURAL TYPICAL SECTION



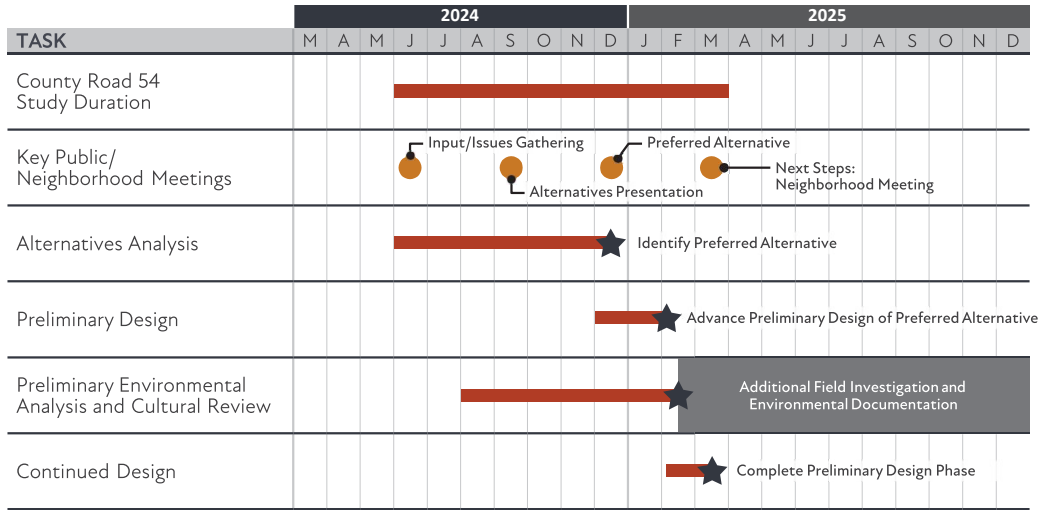
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# PROJECT SCHEDULE/NEXT STEPS



★ Future phases will include final design, right of way and construction. Construction is tentatively planned for 2027 or 2028, pending funding. Construction estimate is \$35 million.

● Public Meeting    [Red bar] Study Duration    ★ Project Milestone

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# ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Many areas along the County Road 54 corridor include protected natural resources and areas of tribal interest. To make sure these resources are appropriately considered and respected in project design, Dakota County will:

- 2024** Complete initial inventory and assessments of archaeological, environmental, and tribal resources in the general work area and identify areas that need additional testing. This information will inform the alternatives analysis.
- 2025** Conduct field investigations on a preferred alternative and prepare reports that will be reviewed by resource agencies and the Prairie Island Indian Community. This will inform environmental documentation.
- Late 2025** Complete environmental documentation based on environmental and archaeological findings.
- 2026** Finalize design.



Image from the Vermillion Greenway-Hastings Segment 2023 Natural Resource Management Plan

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**Open House Comment Cards - Dakota County CSAH 54 Open House June 18, 2024**

Comments
Open to necessary fixes to Ravenna for safety. Such as fixing the shoulders. Not open to creating busier road on the way to Treasure Island. 316 is already constructed for the traffic. Ravenna Trail is a rural community and should remain. Not interested and against the trail!
The Casino needs to pay for extra patrols on Ravenna Tr and 316 - their customers are causing problems. How many cars pass through the intersection of 200th St E and Ravenna per day??? Will 316 be able to handle all the extra traffic?
No roundabout. Make it a dead end. Do something better with our money. No bike path.
Speed limit needs to be reduced. Against a bike trail being put in front of my house. This will increase traffic on an already dangerous road. Too many drunk drivers. People drive too fast. 55 mph is too fast for curves even with wider shoulders. Lots of wildlife. 316 is made for the Casino traffic not Ravenna!! My yard is full of liquor bottles
No to bike trail on 54
We are not in support of a bike trail being in front of our house (West side of Ravenna). Concerns for wildlife - tons of deer. #1 issue with Ravenna is drugs and alcohol. Need increased patrols - speed limit is 55 and most traffic goes significantly faster than that. Assumed casino traffic is already a nightmare. Increasing this traffic is only going to make it worse, even if safer roads exist.
Bike paths are not needed here! Increase law enforcement to cut down on accidents
Keep traffic at current or lower. Consider using curves vs straightening road. Don't widen - first improve safety of shoulders? Bike path on road vs. along side/seperate path lower cost, lower land owner anger, but allow for fairly safe walking/biking
Road maintenance is a good idea however I was told that widening the road will slow traffic down?? Widening the road will increase the traffic numbers. Why do the people who live in the country have to accommodate a bike path?? People can drive bikes anywhere in the city. Why bring the city to the county? Most of the auto accidents are caused by drunk drivers. Is widening the road going to make them drink less? I think that a roundabout at a T intersection is unnessessary. i don't want to lose any of my trees to widen the road. Of all my concerns, the bike path is the least favorable., Hwy 316 should be explored as a bike path route. It is wider and straighter and will impact less property owners.