



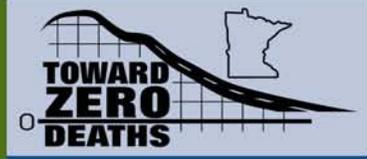
Corridor Partners:



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Freeway Partnership



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MOVING TOWARD OUR GOAL

■■■■■■■■ A MODERN HIGHWAY 52 FREEWAY

The Highway 52 Freeway Partnership is a collaboration between Dakota, Goodhue and Olmsted Counties in association with Mn/DOT to advocate upgrading Highway 52 to a freeway design.

We are pleased to report that progress has been made in achieving the vision of a modern Highway 52 freeway facility between Rochester and the Twin Cities. **Five interchanges and two overpasses** have been constructed or are under construction. However, we still have a long way to go in order to make our vision a reality for the travelers and business people who rely on this important interregional corridor to get their goods to market and their employees to work.

Background Information

Highway 52 is a **High-Priority Interregional Corridor** connecting Rochester to the Twin Cities and Interstate 494 to Interstate 90.

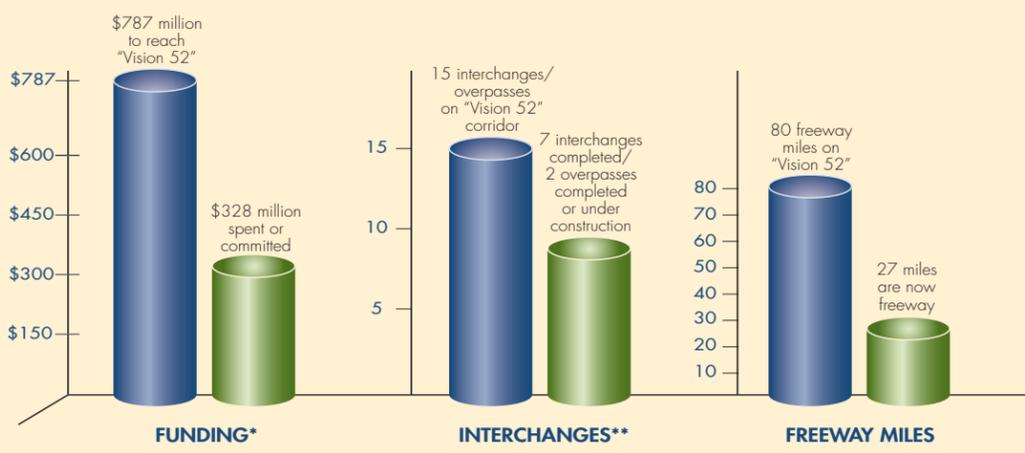
Highway 52 is the **Only Corridor** in the state of Minnesota that links a major* city (Rochester) to the Twin Cities and is **not a Freeway**.

Highway 52 is a **Corridor "at Risk"** of not meeting its performance goals in the future. The corridor is at risk for signal proliferation, safety and congestion, caused by increasing levels of traffic and unmanaged access to roadside development.

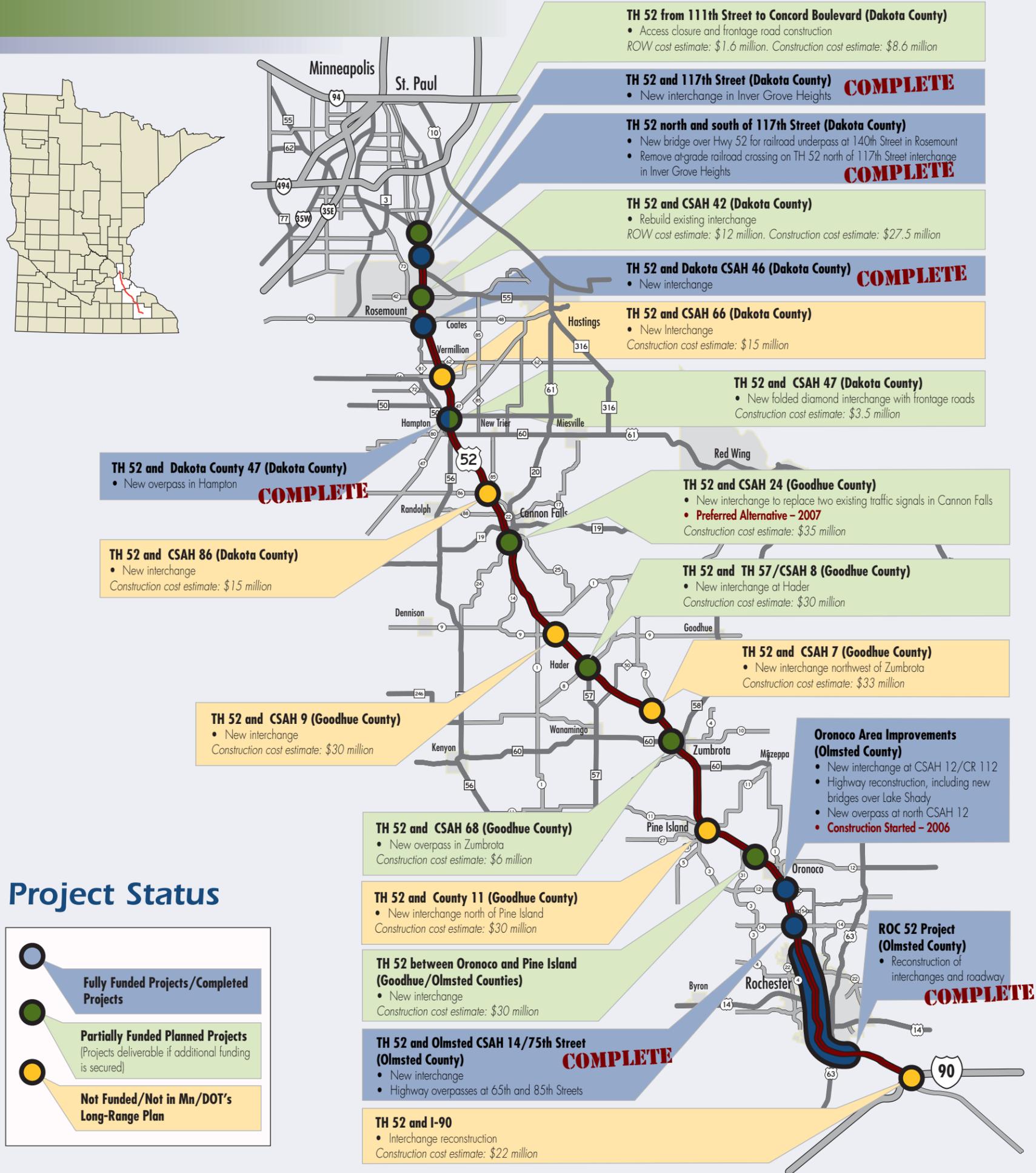
Results of the safety audit conducted by Mn/DOT in 2002 concluded that the two biggest issues contributing to crashes on Highway 52 are a lack of acceptable gaps for merging and high vehicle speeds.

* Defined as a Level One Regional Trade Center by the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs.

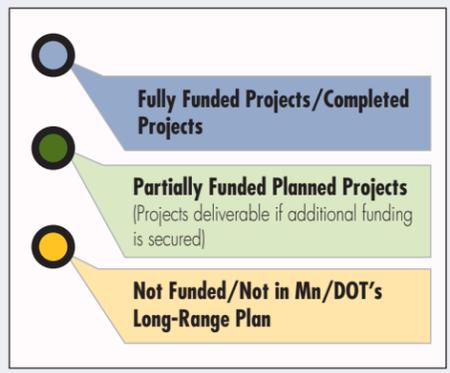
How Far Do We Have to Go?



* Includes \$232 million for ROC 52 project. Estimated cost in 2007 dollars.
 ** New interchanges/overpasses in addition to the ROC 52 interchanges/overpasses.



Project Status



Safety on Highway 52

Between 1996 and 2005, there were **63 fatalities on the corridor. That is 63 fatalities too many!**

Highway 52 has been **designated a "Toward Zero Deaths Corridor (TZD)."** TZD is a Minnesota interagency partnership with the mission "to move Minnesota toward zero deaths on our roads, using Education, Enforcement, Engineering and Emergency Services." In terms of public recognition, "Highway 52 is the most infamous corridor in the TZD program." Achieving the Highway 52 Vision will help accomplish this important goal.

There are six intersections on Highway 52 identified in Mn/DOT's "Top 200" intersections by crash rate:

- **County Highway 46** in Dakota County **COMPLETE**
- **117th Street** in Dakota County **COMPLETE**
- **Highway 57/County Highway 8** in Goodhue County (planned for interchange construction/no funding currently identified)
- **County Highway 24** in Goodhue County (partially funded as an interchange)
– **Preferred Alternative 2007**
- **County Highway 14** in Olmsted County **COMPLETE**
- **County Highway 9** in Goodhue County (planned for interchange construction/no funding currently identified)

In partnership, we can accomplish great things. The Highway 52 Freeway Partnership looks forward to working with you!

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Making Progress

A multi-agency Speed Enforcement Project involving the State Patrol; Dakota, Goodhue & Olmsted County Sheriff's Offices; and Zumbrota & Cannon Falls Police Departments has resulted in:

- **Significant Reduction in Crashes**
- **20% Reduction** in number of vehicles travelling more than 10 mph above the speed limit

