



Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting #1

Wednesday, June 19th, 2019

Teaching Classroom, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

3:00 – 4:30 PM

SUMMARY

Attendees: see attached sign-in sheet

1. Welcome and Introductions

Eric welcomed attendees to the first Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting for the Arboretum Area Transportation Plan. He noted the purpose of the meeting was to provide the SAC an introduction to the study, review technical analysis to-date, and gather input from stakeholders on issues, needs and opportunities within the study area.

A copy of the meeting presentation is attached to this summary.

2. Study Overview

a. Location

Eric reviewed the study area which is in north central Carver County, covering portions of the cities of Victoria, Chanhassen and Chaska. The main corridors in the study area include: Highway 5, Rolling Acres Road, Bavaria Road, 82nd Street West, and Highway 41.

Eric also reviewed a slide showing priority corridors in the 2017 Carver County Transportation Tax Plan. The priorities and numbers shown on this map indicate there is a focus on the study area in terms of identified needs for future investment. However, this map was generated in 2017 only as an illustration of where transportation tax dollars could be spent in the future. The Arboretum Area Transportation Plan will take this further by developing additional details on recommended improvements and priorities to implement in phases over time.

b. Purpose and Goals

Eric reviewed the purpose of the study:

- Engage communities to develop an area-wide transportation vision for the project corridors
- Develop locally supported transportation improvements that address traffic management, safety, and project phasing along the corridors
- Identify short-, mid-, and long-term transportation improvements along the project corridors.

Eric reviewed the project goals:

- Provide efficient and reliable vehicle mobility
- Safely accommodate all system users

- Provide a comprehensive network for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Provide infrastructure improvements that respect the environment
- Develop a financially responsible implementation plan

Angie reviewed a slide of big questions for the project. She noted for this complex area with multiple goals, the project team is asking itself some big questions. Finding answers to these will guide the choices and options moving forward. It will also ensure the solutions developed are responsive to the concerns of the community – both now and into the future.

3. Roles of Stakeholder Advisory Committee

a. Committee Makeup

Angie reported there was a lot of interest in the SAC with 35 applications submitted for the approximately 16 committee spots. She noted the project team took time to review and select committee members based on a mix of the following representation:

- Geographic –
 - Property owners near Highway 5, 82nd St W, Rolling Acres Road
 - Business owner in downtown Victoria
 - Victoria, Chaska and Chanhassen city council nominees
 - At-large members – do not reside in immediate study area but are Victoria, Chaska, or Chanhassen residents and travel through and/or visit study area often
- Interest –
 - Vehicle, bicyclist, pedestrian
 - Commuter
 - Property owner
 - Business owner
 - Arboretum visitor

Angie noted applicants not selected for the SAC were invited to participate in one of the other public involvement opportunities with the study including neighborhood meetings and public open houses.

b. Roles of the Committee

Angie reviewed the roles of the committee are to identify corridor-related issues, review project materials, and serve as project ambassadors to get others involved in public input opportunities.

c. Study Decision-Making Process

Angie reviewed the study's decision-making process graphic which shows the SAC will provide input to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which includes representatives from the cities, Carver County, MnDOT and Arboretum. Many other public input opportunities such as neighborhood meetings, public open houses, surveys, social media, website, etc. will gather public input for the TAC's consideration. The TAC will ultimately make recommendations to the city councils, county board and MnDOT for final approval and adoption.

Angie reviewed the study's timeline which includes about an 18-month process to get to final recommendations for corridor improvements. She noted the SAC will meet approximately 6 times throughout this process. The next meeting is scheduled for the fall of 2019. Angie said between now and this fall the project team will be working through a detailed traffic analysis and will begin drawing improvement concept ideas to share with the SAC at the next meeting. Following the second meeting, the SAC can expect to meet on a more regular basis of every 2-3 months.

4. Review Current Conditions and Needs

- a. Demographics
- b. Projected Growth
- c. Transportation Network
- d. Local Access and Connectivity Needs
- e. Capacity Needs
- f. Safety Issues
- g. Multi-Modal Needs
- h. Environmental Considerations

Angie reviewed a series of maps showing existing and projected conditions in the study area. Each map also included a statement identifying the needs to be addressed by this study.

5. Round Robin

Angie asked for SAC input on any additional issues, needs and opportunities in the study area that the project team should be aware of. The following summarizes the input provided:

- Rolling Acres Road –
 - speeds are excessive
 - safety is a concern
 - aggressive driving is common
 - mailboxes on west side of road only requires frequent crossing of corridor on foot
 - lack of turn lanes
 - safety at trail crossing, confusion on when to stop for trail users, sight distance concerns at crossing
 - should the trail be above (bridge) or below (tunnel) Rolling Acres Road
 - should the trail crossing have a pedestrian active light system that makes them more visible so drivers comply
- 82nd Street West –
 - when is this connection needed?
 - How much right-of-way is platted? Is this enough? Terrain is difficult to make this connection.
 - Topography makes sight distance at McKnight Road difficult. This intersection is dangerous
 - Would like to see Arboretum participate in neighborhood meetings.
 - Too much traffic on 82nd St W

- Traffic on 82nd Street W has increased over the last few years. Lots of school traffic including students and buses and people avoiding Highway 5 congestion. Traffic increases in the winter when gravel road is frozen. McKnight Rd intersection is dangerous. Delays on 82nd Street W from driveways & McKnight Road are common and do not appear to be fully reflected in the existing traffic conditions maps.
- Highway 5 –
 - Numerous previous studies on Highway 5 with nothing ever changing. What will be different this time?
 - Left turns onto Highway 5 are near impossible and unsafe. Many residents make a right and then find a space place to U-turn rather than waiting to make a left.
 - Crimson Bay Road was almost connected to 78th Street a few years ago but a deal could not be made with all property owners.
 - Homes, lake, wetlands, and Arboretum property near Highway 5 will make expansion of Highway 5 difficult.

6. Next Steps

- a. Subarea Meetings
 - i. 82nd Street/Arboretum Area – June 25, 5-6 pm at Arboretum
 - ii. Downtown Victoria – June 27, 7:30-8:30 am at Victoria City Hall
 - iii. Rolling Acres Road Area – June 27, 5-6 pm at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church
- b. Public Open House – July 16, 5-7 pm at Arboretum
- c. Next SAC Meeting – Fall 2019. Angie will send out a poll as the next meeting date approaches so all can make the meeting in person.



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In Attendance	First	Last	Agency
Phone	Ryan	Brellenthin	
x	Mike	Coon	
Phone	Jamie	Crannell	
x	John	Eiden	
	Tim	George	
x	Richard	Hanson	
x	John	Hayes	
x	Erica	Hunter	
	Cynthia	Kanner	
x	Debbie	Kraft	
x	Jason	Landstrom	
x	Kendra	Lettau	
x	Karen	McCauley	
x	Amy	Mortenson	
x	Kara	Thom	
x	Kevin	Wendland	
x	Joe	Leonard	
x	Diane	Langenbach	MnDOT
x	Angie	Stenson	Carver County
x	Cara	Gehren	City of Victoria
x	Kevin	Ringwald	City of Chaska
x	Eric	Johnson	Bolton & Menk
x	Angie	Bersaw	Bolton & Menk

Arboretum Area Transportation Plan

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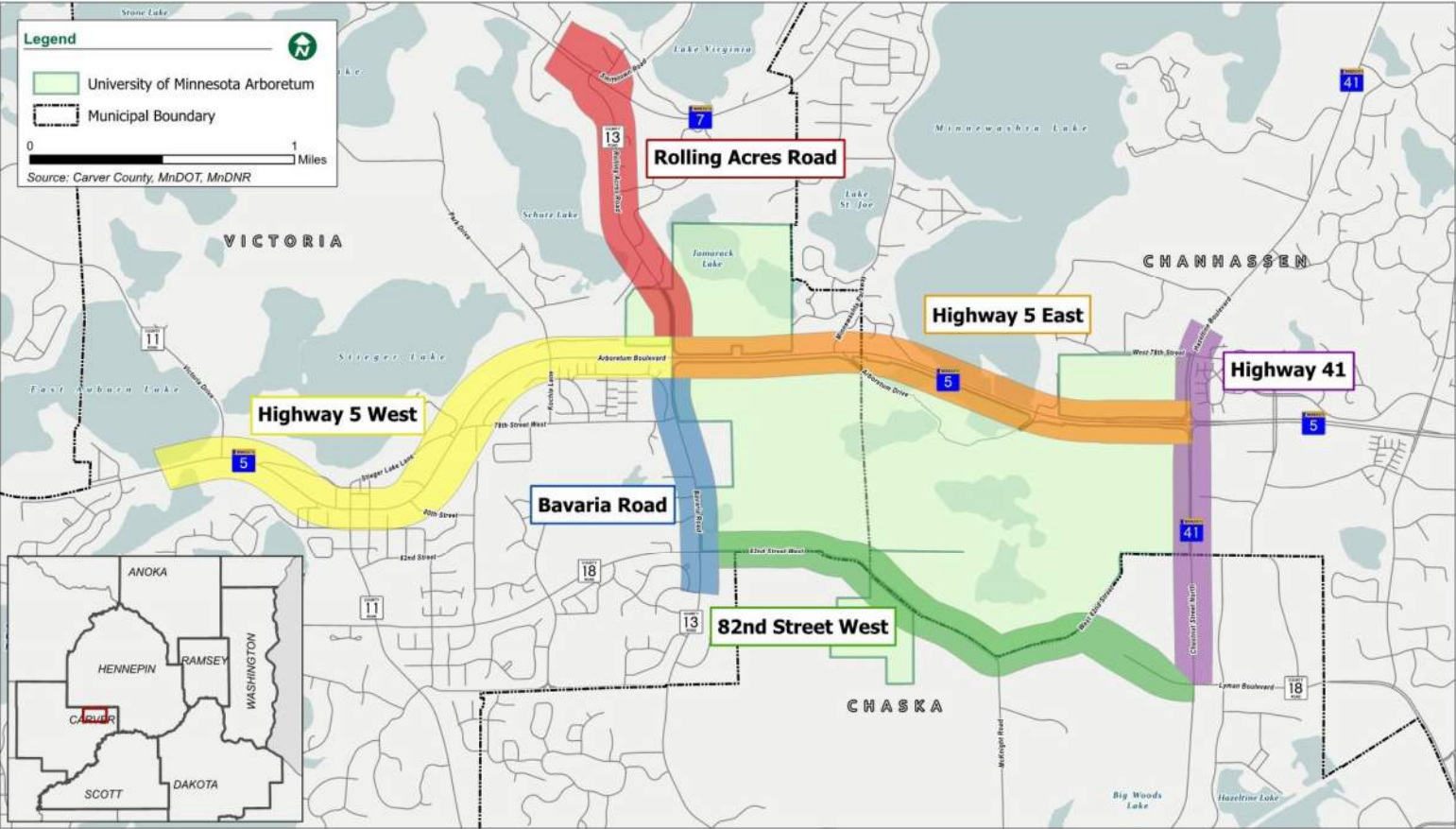


Overview

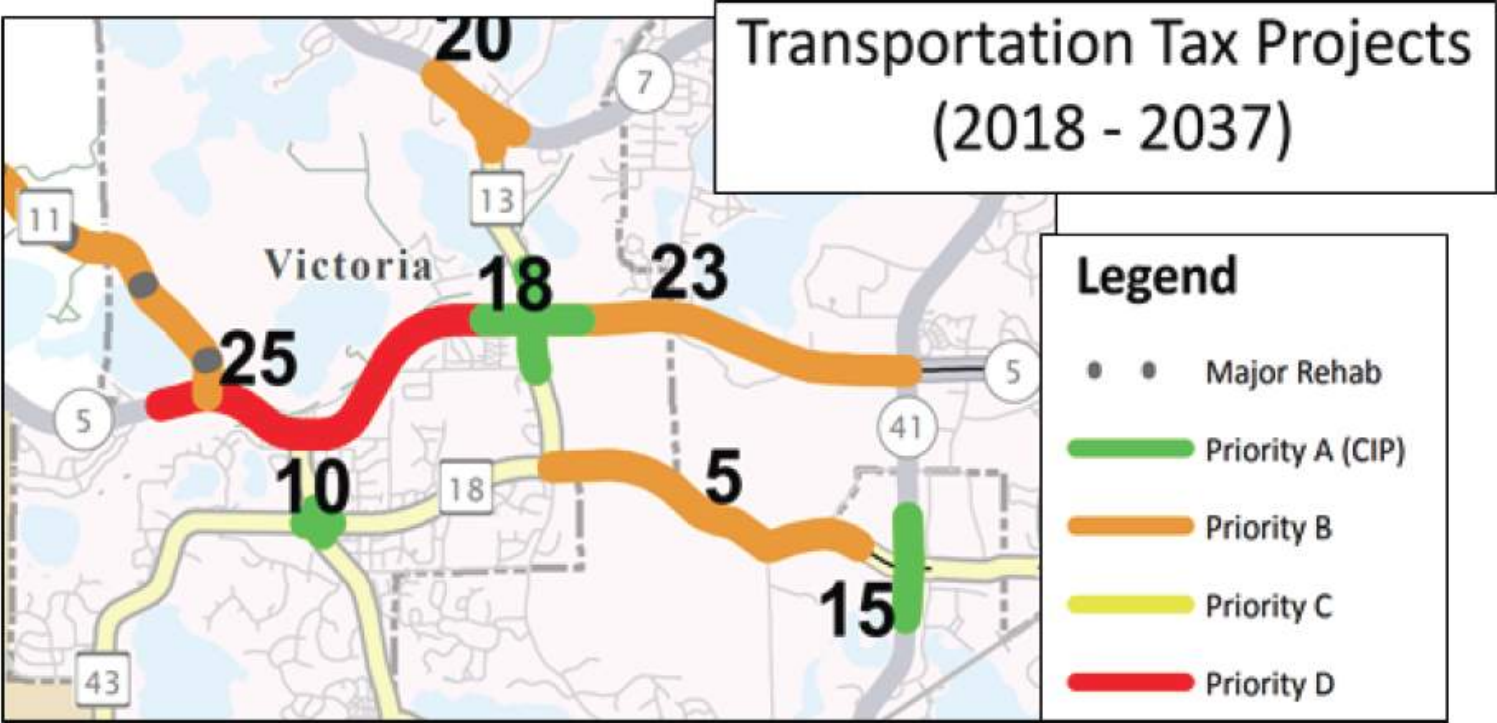
- Welcome and Introductions
- Study Overview
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee Roles
- Current Conditions and Needs
- Round Robin
- Timeline and Next Steps



Study Area Location



Carver County Sales Tax



ALL STUDY AREA ROADWAYS ARE PRIORITY CORRIDORS AS IDENTIFIED IN THE CARVER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX PLAN WHICH CALLS OUT SIX PROJECTS IN THE STUDY AREA.



Purpose

Study (the process)

- **Engage communities** to build roadway visions
- **Develop recommendations** with local support
- **Identify projects** for the short-, mid-, and long-term

Projects (the product)

- Serve all system **users**
- Accommodate both local and regional **travel needs**
- Maintain reasonable and convenient **access**
- Improve safety, reliability, and operations
- Support **economic development**, responsible growth, healthy communities
- Accommodate **Arboretum and Downtown Victoria** access needs



Project Goals



Vehicle Mobility



Safety for All
Travelers



Pedestrian and
Bicycle Access



Environmental
Considerations



Financial
Responsibility



Big Questions for the Project

“How can this system handle growth? It’s already over capacity.”

“How will new planned connections help?”

“What are the biggest safety concerns, and what can be done about them?”

“How should the project respect the area’s many environmental assets?”

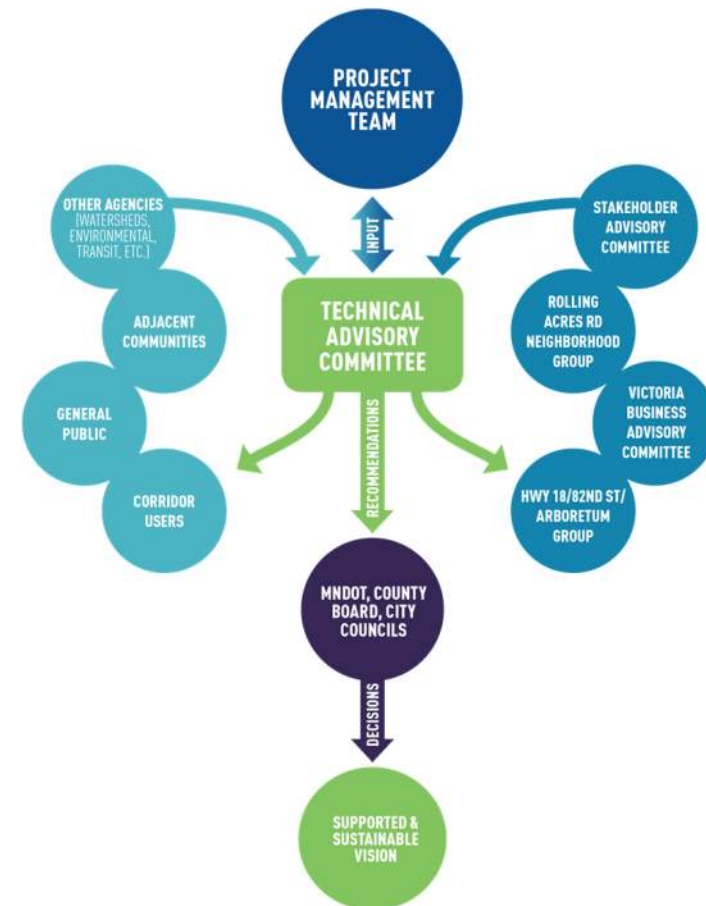
“How should this system accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians, and other modes?”

“Especially in Downtown Victoria and to the Arboretum, how is local access and connectivity maintained?”

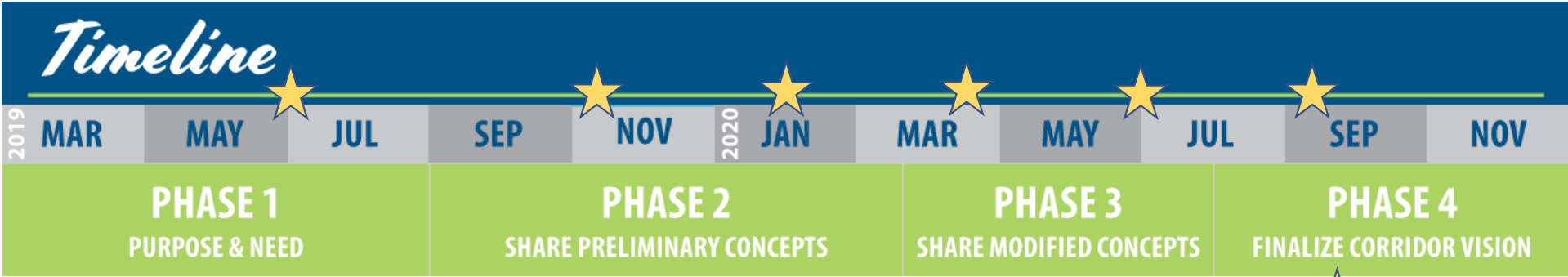


Stakeholder Advisory Committee Roles


- Identify corridor-related issues
- Review project materials
- Serve as project ambassadors



Project Timeline

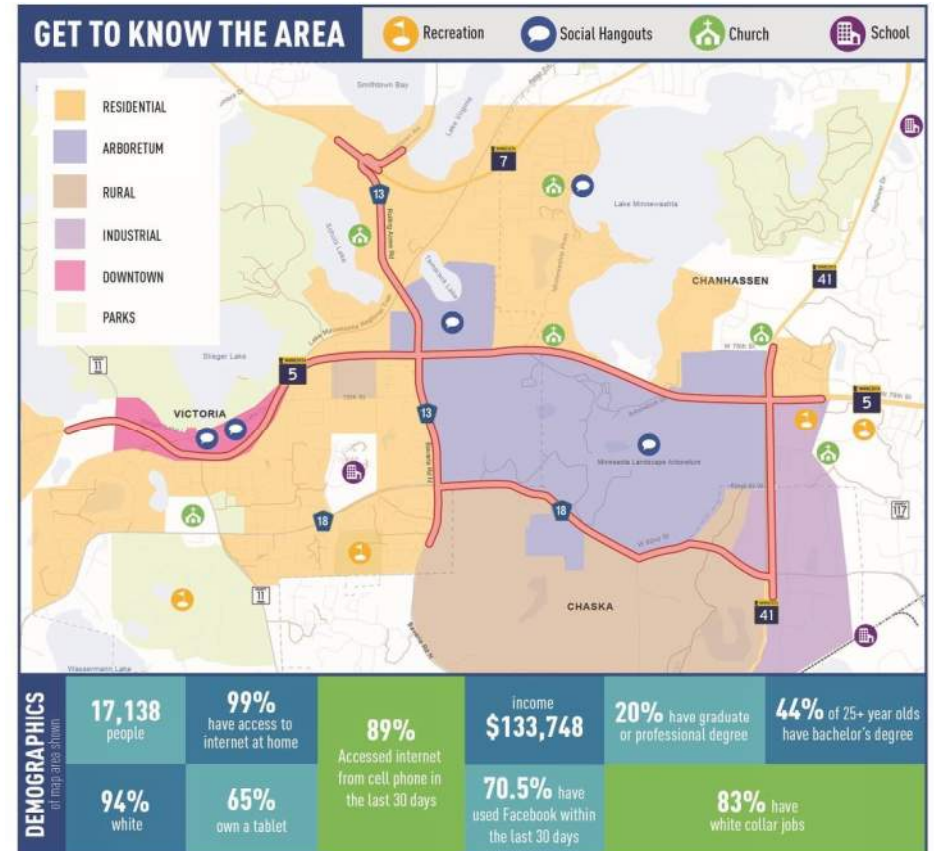
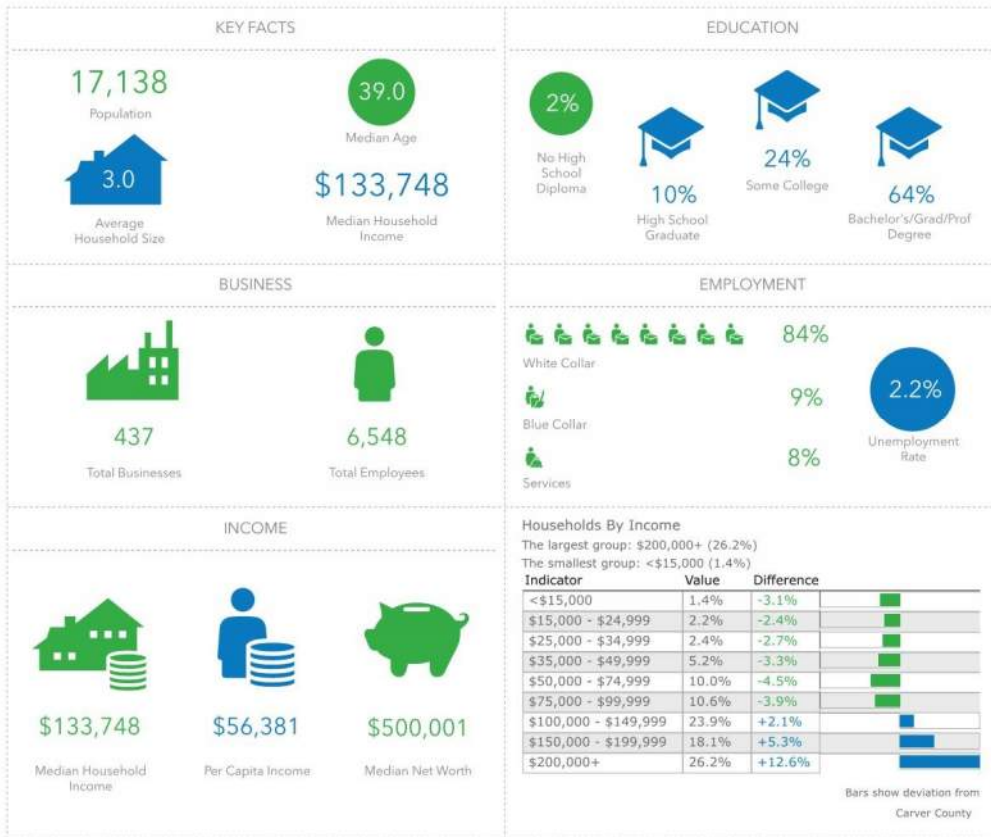



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 SAC Meetings



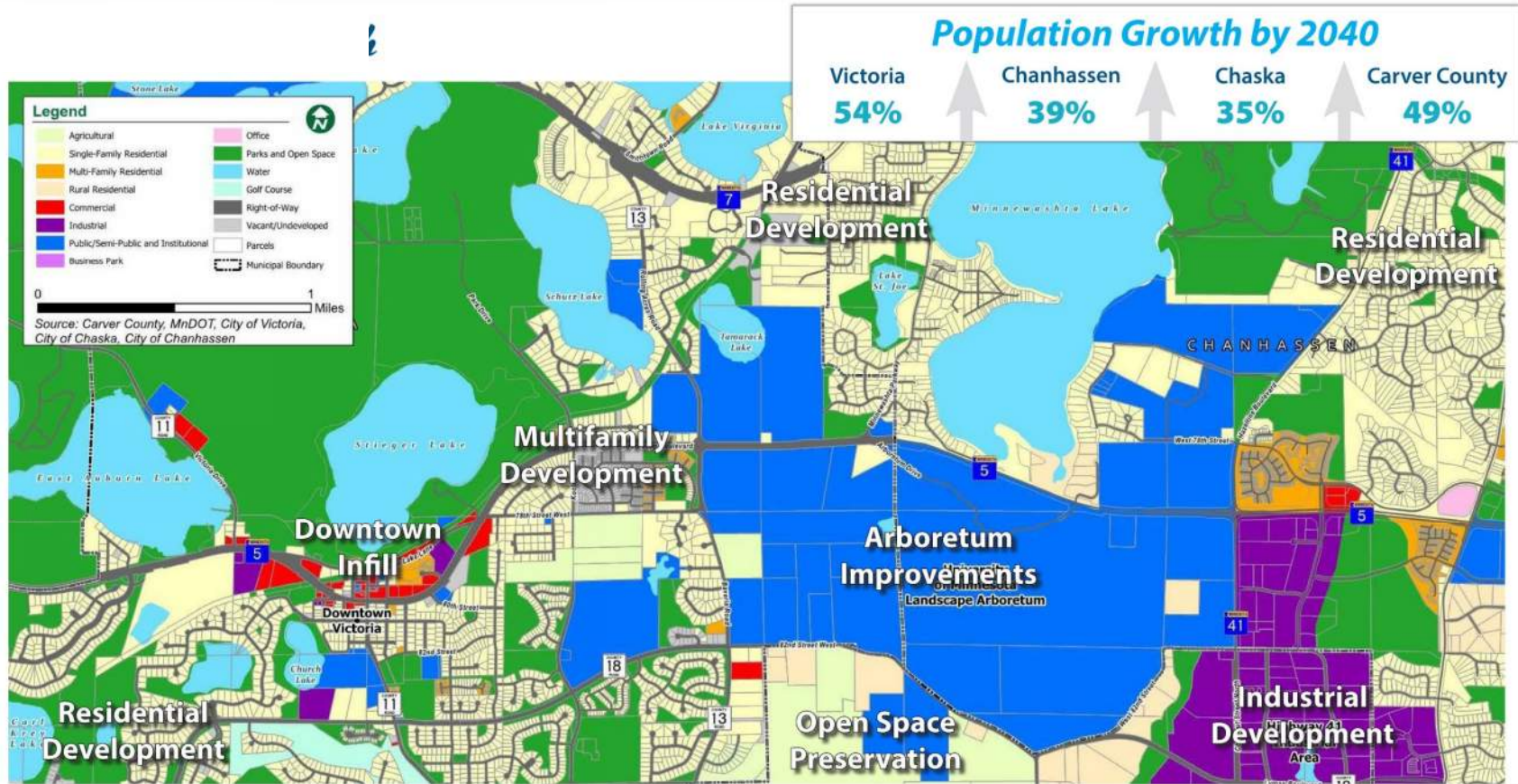
Understanding the Study Area



The project will need to serve the population of the study area, as well as commuters from the broader region.



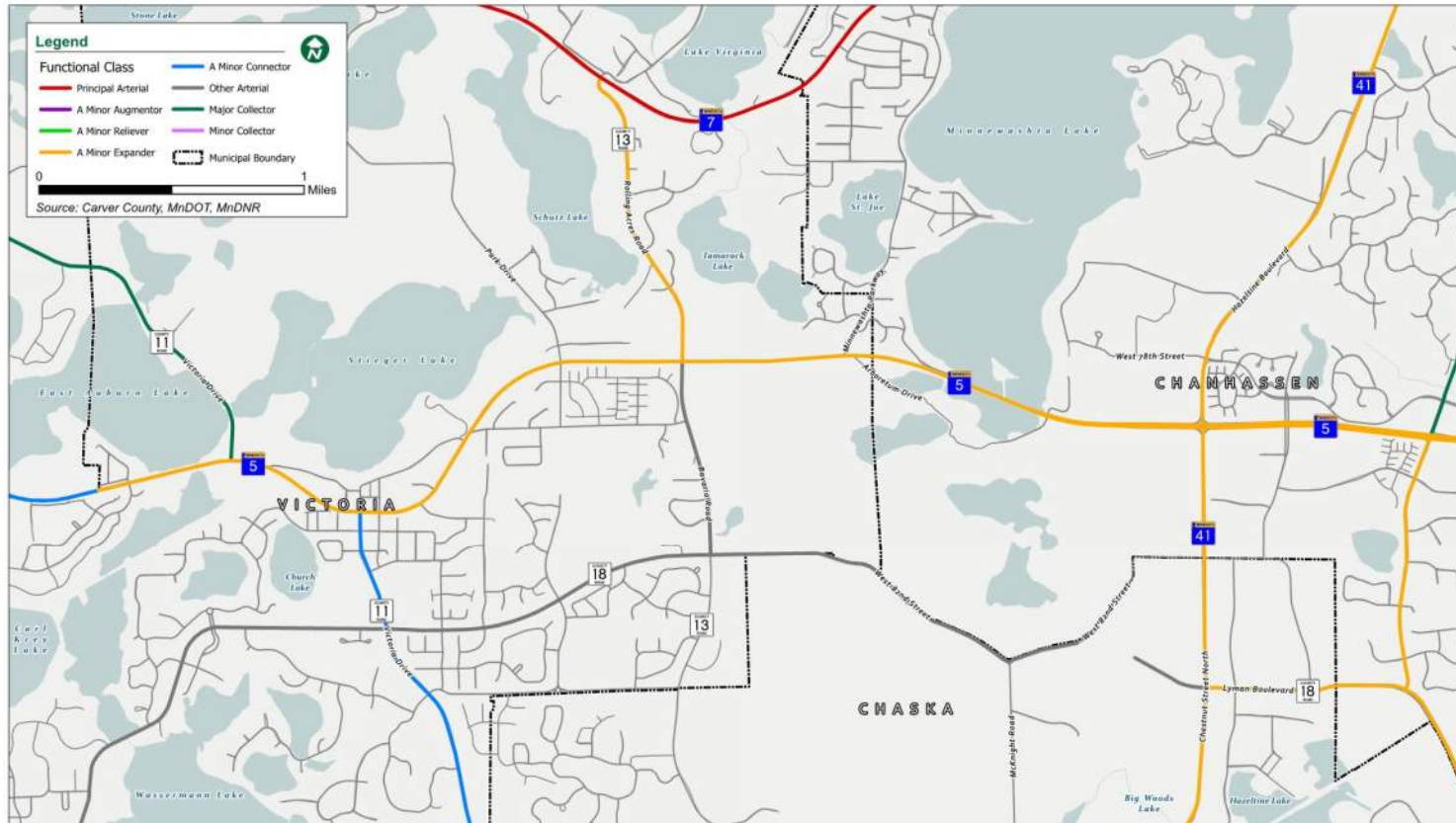
Accommodating Growth



The area is growing rapidly in terms of people, households, and jobs – increasing demands on the transportation network.



Supporting the Network & Community Connections



Need to understand how improvements impact the system and individual linkages for local trips and regional commuters.



Increasing Capacity: Current Needs



AM Peak Hour Operations



PM Peak Hour Operations

The transportation network has significant delays due to congestion at peak hours.



Increasing Capacity: 2040 Needs



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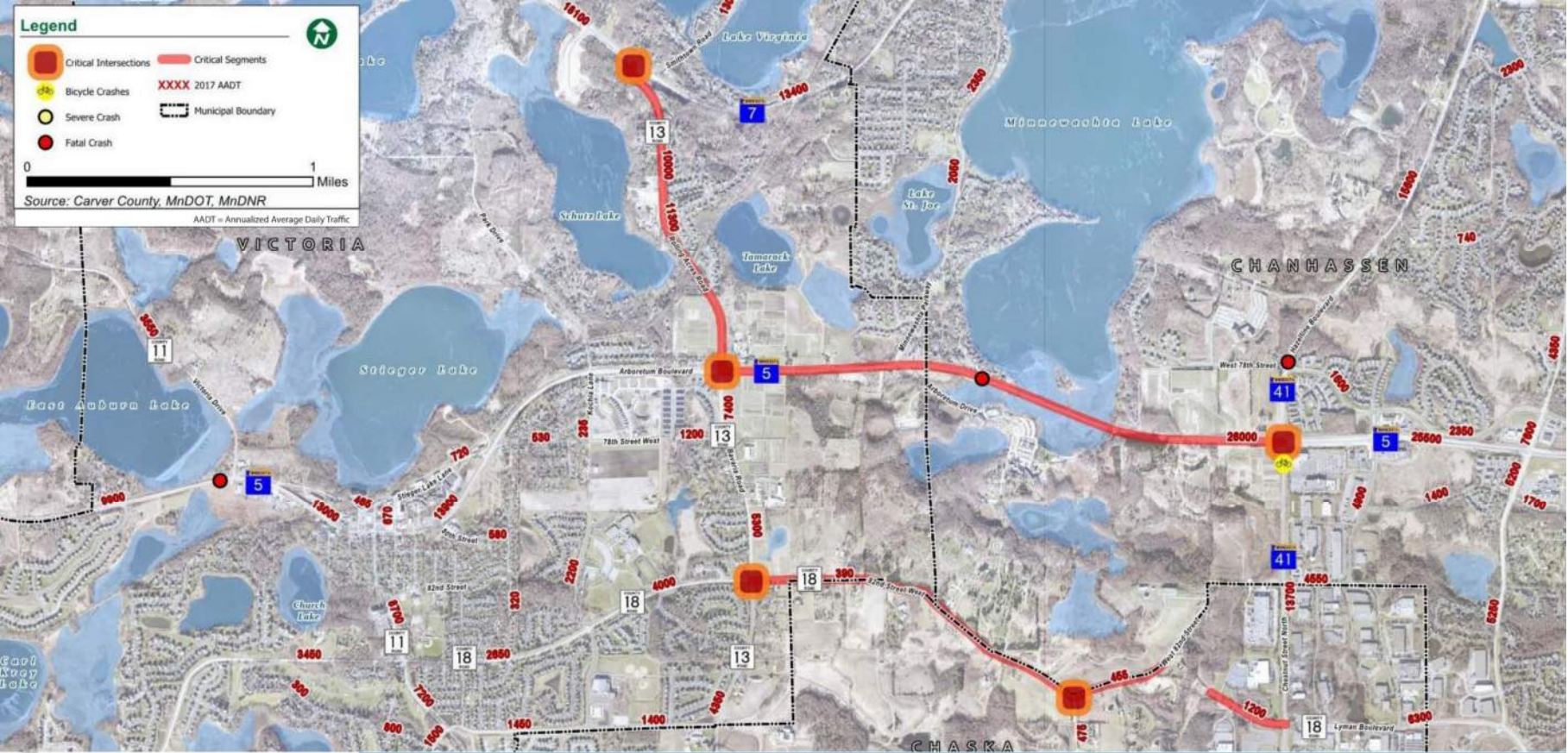


PM Peak Hour Operations

Delays and congestion will worsen in the future without improvements.



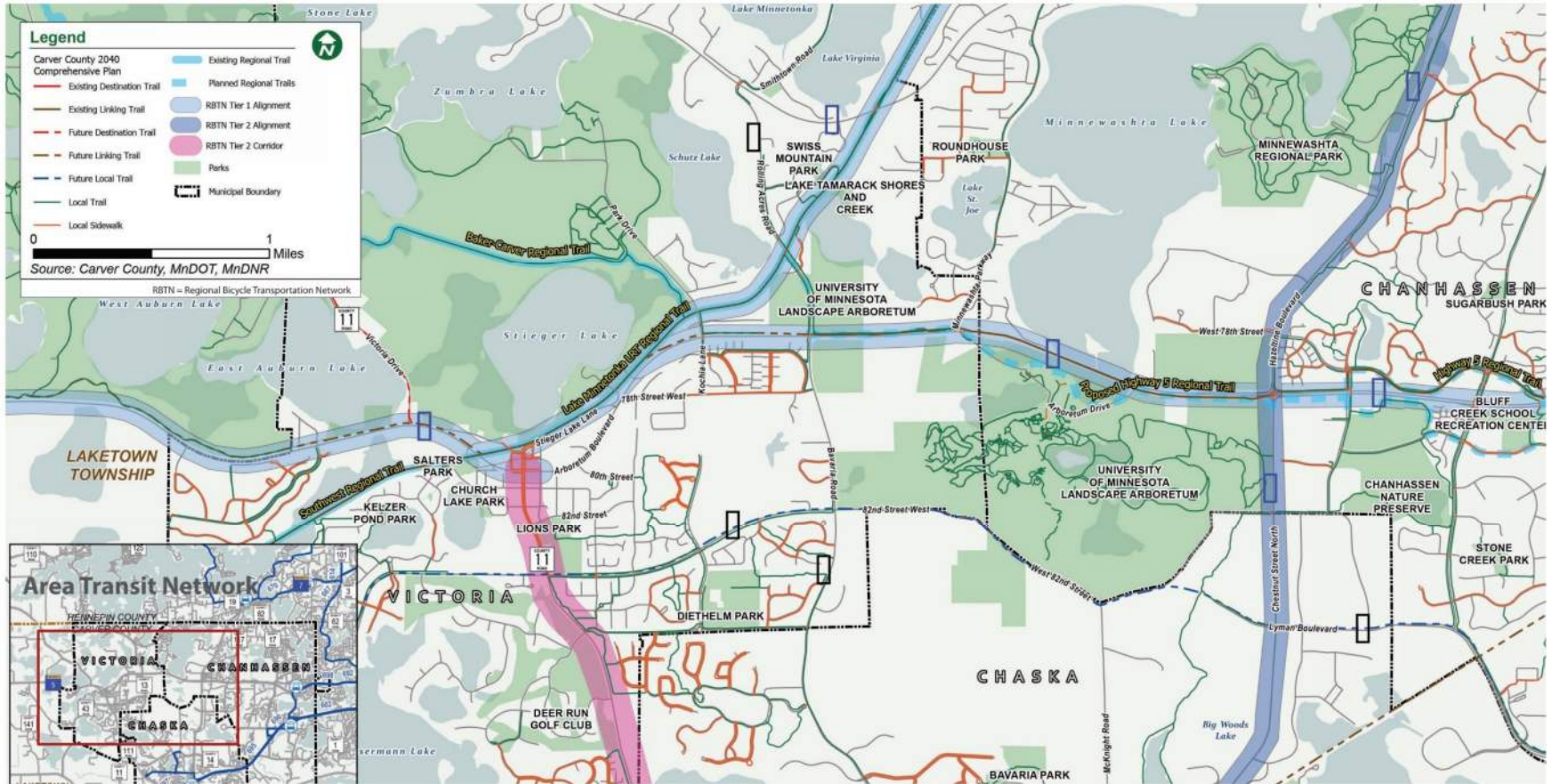
Enhancing Safety



Intersections and roadway segments in the study area have above average crash rates that need to be addressed.



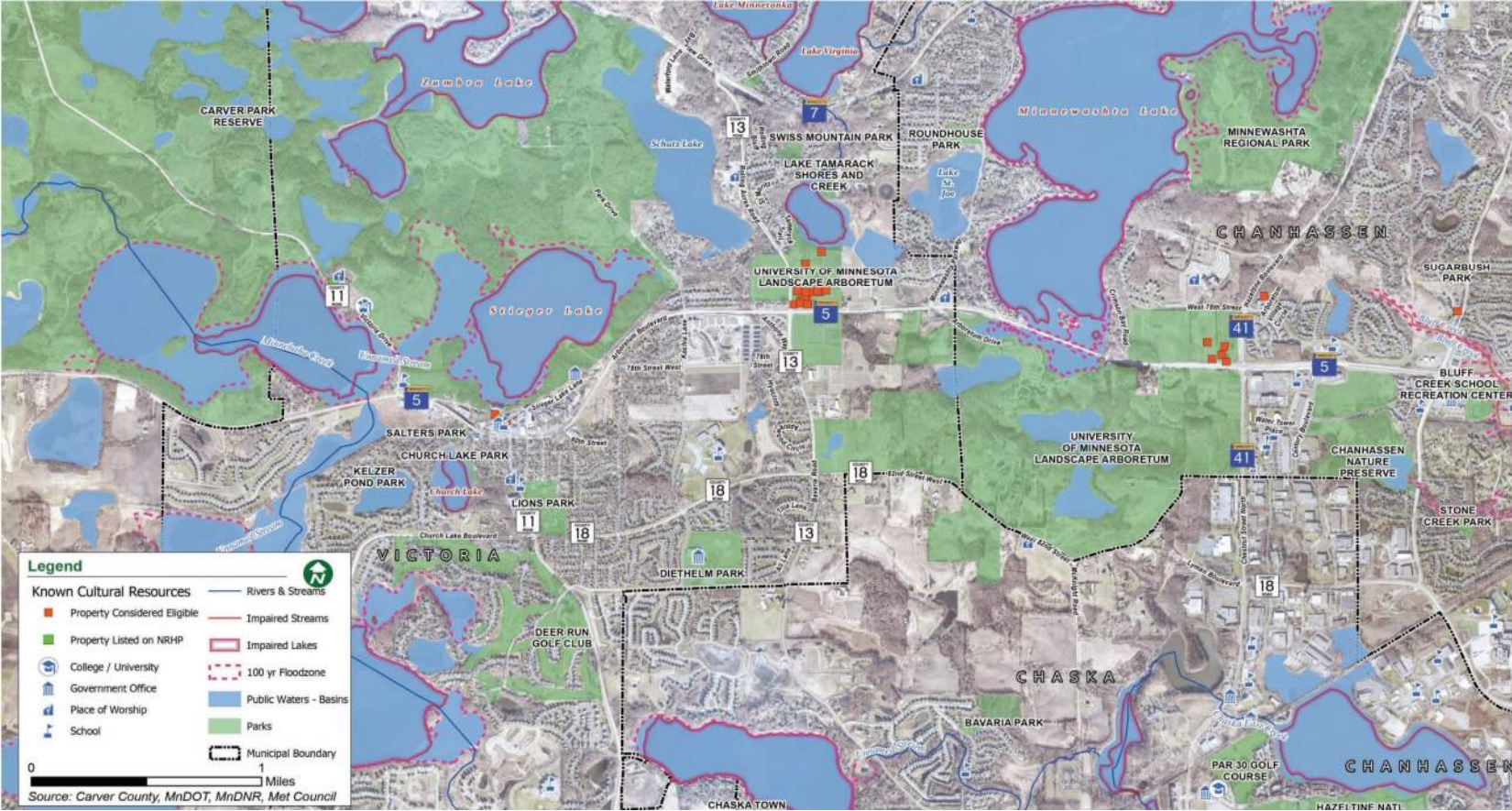
Supporting Multi-Modalism



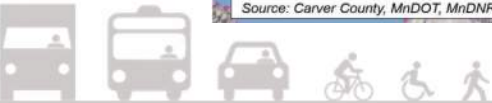
The bicycle and pedestrian network is well used, but gaps and safety concerns remain.



Respecting the Environment



The study area is rich with natural, historic, and cultural resources. These will need to be respected.



Planning for 82nd Street Connection



The old rural roadway network needs to transition to meet the needs of a developing community.



City of Victoria - Draft 2040 Comp Plan



City of Chaska - Draft 2040 Comp Plan



Carver County - Draft 2040 Comp Plan



The plans for Carver County and the cities of Chaska and Victoria all show 82nd Street West as a future arterial with connectivity to the rest of the system.

Implications for 82nd Street

- When is this connection needed?
- What will the corridor look like?
- What bicycle and pedestrian facilities should be included?
- How will access and crossing be handled?



Observations

Growth

- Rapidly growing area, among the fastest in the region
- Used by a broader commute-shed through county and beyond

Capacity

- Current capacity constraints, especially at major intersections
- Expected to worsen over time, if there are no system upgrades

Safety

- Multiple intersections are at or above critical levels for crashes
- Community identified needs regarding specific crossings

Multimodal

- Bicycle/pedestrian facilities well used, but significant gaps remain
- Opportunity to explore ways to accommodate future modes

Environment

- Multiple environmental, historic, and cultural resources nearby
- Protected parks and open space accommodate many of them

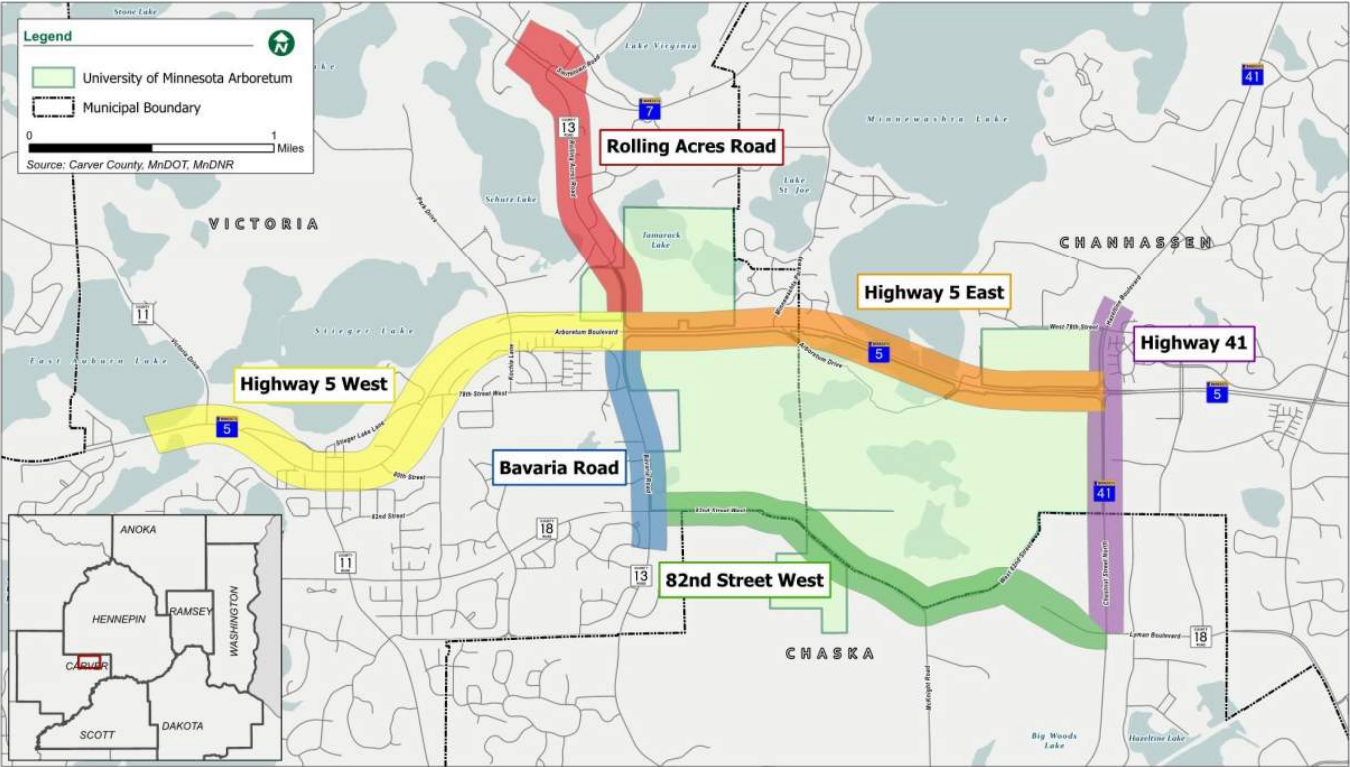
Connectivity

- Downtown Victoria & Arboretum present unique issues with local connectivity
- Access issues exist throughout study area, especially driveways



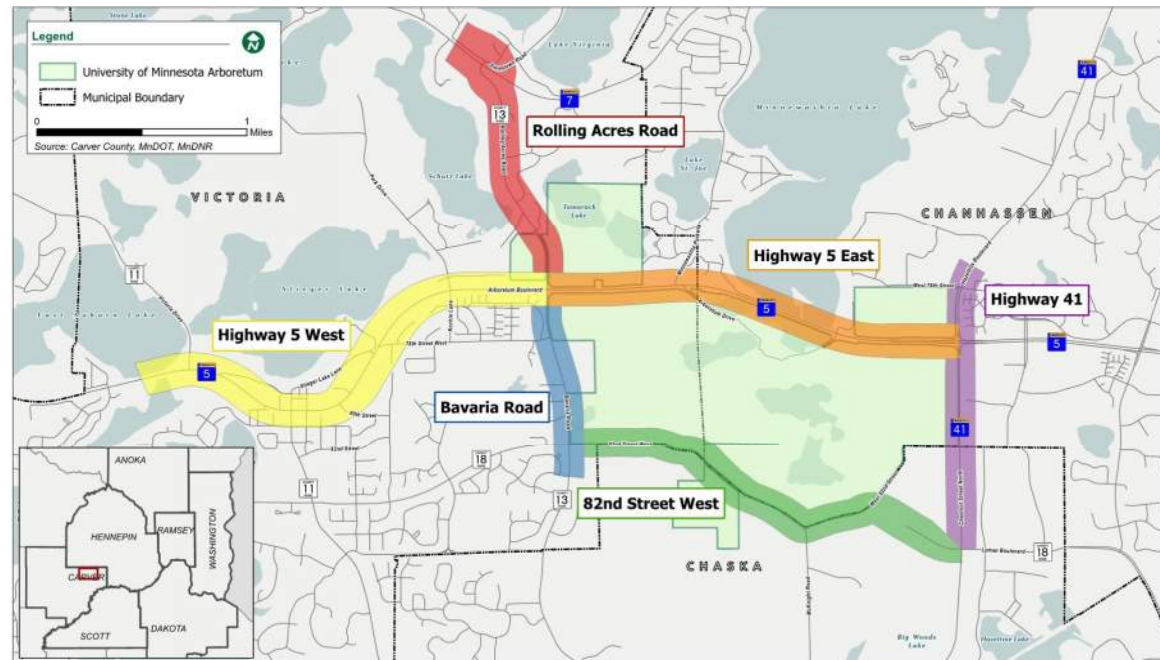
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- What are your Big Questions?
- What are your Observations or Experiences?



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Questions?

Project Website

co.carver.mn.us/ArboretumAreaTransportationPlan

