

Open House #2 Summary

HIGHWAY 40 PROJECT



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1. Introduction

This report summarizes the second open house held for the Highway 40 Project (CSAH 40 between TH 25 and CSAH 11). The open house was held in person and online in May 2022.

1.1 Open House Purpose

The purpose of the second open house was to solicit feedback on the proposed preferred layout for the segment between TH 25 and CSAH 52. Information was also presented regarding conceptual realignment options for CSAH 43 and CSAH 40 near CSAH 50. Carver County is moving forward with final design of a project to reconstruct CSAH 40 between TH 25 and CSAH 52 beginning as early as 2023. Future projects to improve additional segments of CSAH 40 between CSAH 52 and CSAH 11 are not yet programmed. Preliminary designs will be completed for segments between CSAH 52 to CSAH 50 and CSAH 50 to CSAH 11 to prepare for future final design and construction. Information presented at the open house included goals and schedule, proposed improvements, and the right-of-way process.

1.2 Advertisement

Advertisement for the open house included a postcard to property owners in the area, an email notification to subscribers, and social media advertisements. Images of these advertisement efforts are shown in **Appendix A**.

Three notices were posted on Facebook on May 6, May 11, and May 20. The Facebook ad reached 176 people on May 6, 379 people on May 11, and 329 people on May 20.

Emails were sent to the project subscriber list on May 6th (1116 recipients) to promote the in-person and online events and on May 11 (1117 recipients) and May 25 (1136 recipients) to promote the online event.

2. Open House Structure

This open house had both an in-person and an online component with the goal of reaching many members of the public and providing options that would allow people to engage in a way that worked for them.

2.1 In-Person Component

On May 11, 2022 an in-person open house was held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Carver County Public Works facility in Cologne, MN. Carver County staff and consultant staff attended to facilitate small discussions about the project goals, schedule, proposed improvements and Right-of-Way process. 30 people signed in at the open house.

Materials provided by the project team included informational boards, and large maps where participants could view the proposed improvements and place comments with markers or post-it notes where they had comments and concerns. In addition, a questionnaire was utilized to receive additional comments and demographic information.

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2.2 Online Component

Beginning on May 11, 2022, the online open house was launched and was live on the Carver County website through May 25, 2022 (approximately 2 weeks). The website had 189 views between May 11 and May 25, 2022. The online content included all the information that was provided on the display boards and maps at the in-person event.

There were multiple ways for the public to get involved during the online open house. They could respond to the questionnaire that was available on the open house website or contact the project manager, Cory Spanier, directly by email using a link on the site or by telephone.

The online content has remained viewable following May 25, 2022 with the questionnaire feature suspended. Members of the public may still contact the project manager by email or phone, which is listed on the website.

3. Public Comments

The sections below provide an overview of the public comments. All public comments (with private information redacted) are available in **Appendix B**.

3.1 Comment Options

There were multiple ways that the public could provide comments: a questionnaire, table-top maps, and direct contact with the project team.

3.1.1 Questionnaire

In the questionnaire that was available in person and online, participants were asked about how they use the roadways in the area and what questions or comments they have regarding the proposed corridor changes. There was also an optional section to provide demographic information which is discussed the Title VI section of this summary.

3.1.2 Maps

Participants had the option to provide location-specific comments on table-top maps with markers and post-it notes on large maps at the in-person open house.

3.1.3 Direct Contact with the Project Team

At the in-person open house, participants were encouraged to talk to project team members and agency staff. Participants could ask questions and discuss issues directly with the team and specific questions could be directed to subject experts.

Online, participants were encouraged to sign up for email updates and were provided with email and phone contact information for the Carver County project manager.

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3.2 Summary of Comments Received

At the in-person event, input was received from over 30 people, primarily via verbal comments and via the questionnaire. 3 people provided comments via the questionnaire including 2 people who filled out the optional demographic questions.

During the online comment period, 72 respondents filled out the questionnaire. Through the questionnaire, the project team was able to gain an understanding of how respondents use the roadways in the area. Of the 75 respondents:

- 30 commute to home/work daily
- 39 visit nearby businesses
- 28 visit nearby residences
- 20 recreational motorcycling
- 6 walking or biking
- 6 other

Respondents were asked to comment on which realignment option for Highway 40 and Highway 43 that they prefer. Of the 75 respondents:

- 8 prefer Option 1
- 8 prefer Option 2
- 4 prefer Option 3
- 56 prefer the current alignment

Across all commenting platforms, many participants had similar ideas. Key comments and concerns include:

- Speed (concerns about speeds along the corridor)
- Encourage safety improvements
- Concerns over truck traffic
- In favor of existing roadway curves
- In favor of curve improvements for safety reasons
- Intersection controls
- Enjoy the current scenic characteristics of the roadway
- Want better signage
- Like the road the way it is
- Enjoy the current ride
- Accident history
- Bicycle and pedestrian use along the roadway'
- Project costs

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4. Demographics and Title VI

To ensure compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Acts and ensure non-discrimination in the public engagement process optional questions related to demographics were included in the questionnaire. 32 out of 75 questionnaire respondents answered at least one of these optional questions. Of the 32 respondents:

- 21 were female and 10 were male
- 5 were 34 years of age or younger, 24 were between 35 and 54 years of age, and 3 were age 55 or older
- 28 were white
- 28 identified English as the language most frequently spoken in their house
- 9 listed their household income as between \$35,000 and \$100,000 and 15 listed their household income as over \$100,000 per year.

Appendix A

ADVERTISEMENT



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Mailer



HIGHWAY 40 PROJECT PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE:
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022
4:00-6:00PM
CARVER COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
11360 US-212
COLOGNE, MN 55322

ONLINE OPEN HOUSE:
MAY 11-25, 2022
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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER
 INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP FOR EMAIL
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Join us for this opportunity to learn about safety and traffic improvements on Hwy 40 between Hwy 25 and Hwy 52 (orange segment on map). We will also be presenting preliminary concepts for realigning Hwy 43 and Hwy 40 near Hwy 50 (pink area on map). You will have the opportunity to meet the design team and learn about the proposed improvements, project background, design process, and schedule. We welcome your input.

CARVER COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
 11360 US Highway 212 | Cologne, MN 55322
 952-466-5200 | co.carver.mn.us






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Email Notification – In Person Open House



**Highway 40 Project Open House
Communication**

Highway 40 Project Public Open House

Join us for this opportunity to learn about safety and traffic improvements on Highway 40 between Highway 25 and Highway 52 (orange segment on map). We will also be presenting preliminary concepts for realigning Highway 43 and Highway 40 near Highway 50 (pink area on map). You will have the opportunity to meet the design team and learn about the proposed improvements, project background, design press, and schedule. We welcome your input.

IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE:

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 | 4:00-6:00PM
Carver County Public Works | 11360 US-212 Cologne, MN 55322

ONLINE OPEN HOUSE:

May 11-25, 2022
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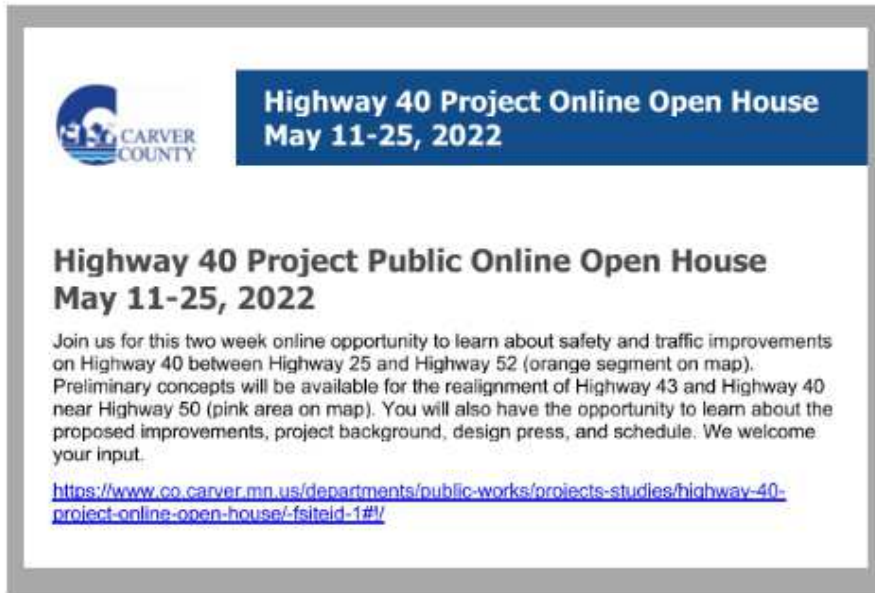
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Email Notification – Online Open House



**Highway 40 Project Online Open House
May 11-25, 2022**

**Highway 40 Project Public Online Open House
May 11-25, 2022**

Join us for this two week online opportunity to learn about safety and traffic improvements on Highway 40 between Highway 25 and Highway 52 (orange segment on map). Preliminary concepts will be available for the realignment of Highway 43 and Highway 40 near Highway 50 (pink area on map). You will also have the opportunity to learn about the proposed improvements, project background, design press, and schedule. We welcome your input.

<https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/public-works/projects-studies/highway-40-project-online-open-house/-fsiteid-1#/>



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Email Notification – Online Open House



**Highway 40 Project Online Open House
Reminder**

Online Open House Closes Today

You are invited to view this online open house to learn about safety and traffic improvements on Highway 40 between Highway 25 and Highway 52 (orange segment on map). You will see preliminary concepts for realigning Highway 43 and Highway 40 near Highway 50 (pink area on map). You will have the opportunity to learn about proposed improvements, project background, the design process, and the project schedule. We welcome your input.

ONLINE OPEN HOUSE:

May 11-25, 2022

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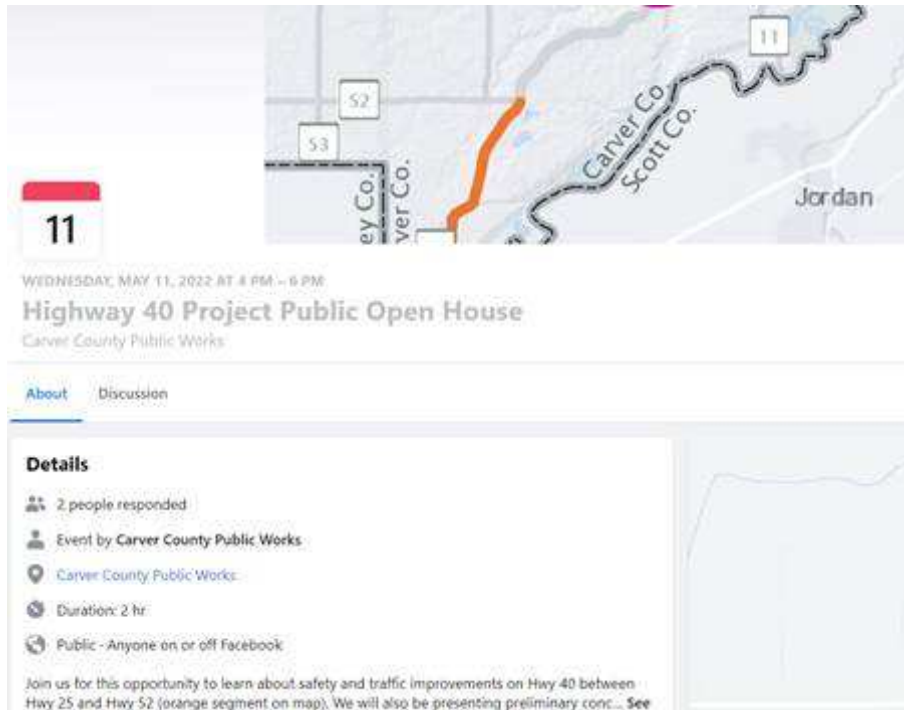
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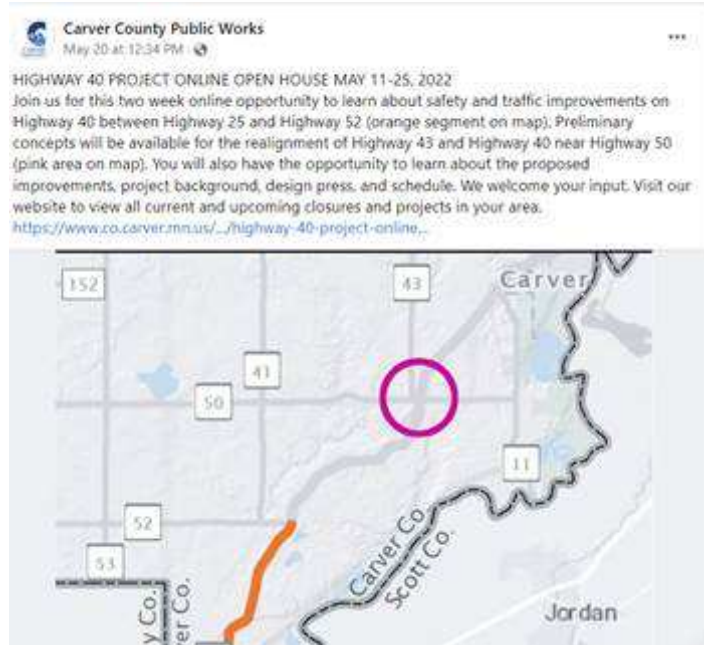


Facebook Ad – 5/6/2022



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Facebook Ad – 5/11/2022



Facebook Ad – 5/20/2022

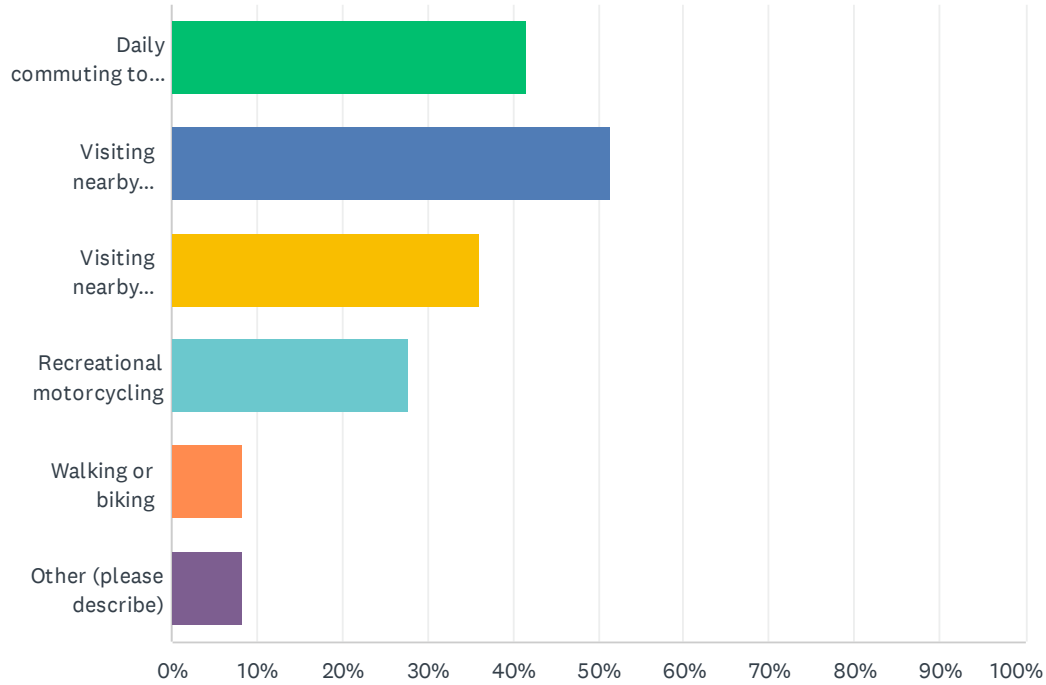
Appendix B

PUBLIC COMMENTS



Q1 What is your most common reason for using the Highway 40 corridor? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 72 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily commuting to home/work	41.67%	30
Visiting nearby businesses	51.39%	37
Visiting nearby residences	36.11%	26
Recreational motorcycling	27.78%	20
Walking or biking	8.33%	6
Other (please describe)	8.33%	6
Total Respondents: 72		

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	nice drive..views.....	5/25/2022 6:11 PM
2	I live on County Rd 40	5/25/2022 3:09 PM
3	recreational drive	5/25/2022 9:37 AM
4	Business transit	5/20/2022 9:00 PM
5	leisure driving and going to school	5/19/2022 9:33 AM
6	Recreational driving	5/17/2022 12:23 PM

Q2 What comments or questions do you have on the proposed corridor changes?

Answered: 72 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I enjoy the scenic nature of the road.	5/26/2022 8:17 AM
2	Prefer to have the best scenic route.	5/26/2022 8:12 AM
3	None	5/26/2022 7:31 AM
4	Keep the current road as is	5/26/2022 7:10 AM
5	None	5/26/2022 7:04 AM
6	None at this time	5/26/2022 4:29 AM
7	N/a	5/25/2022 11:32 PM
8	Keep the roads enjoyable for leisure driving	5/25/2022 11:14 PM
9	The destinations along highway 40 is what makes the journey worth it.	5/25/2022 9:24 PM
10	I love this road. I have grownup enjoying driving it and would hate to see it changed.	5/25/2022 9:23 PM
11	I travel out of state monthly to travel this road. Please keep it as is! It's journey and destinations are too precious to change	5/25/2022 9:21 PM
12	X	5/25/2022 9:07 PM
13	I like the current curves	5/25/2022 9:04 PM
14	Why is a social media post the first time I've heard about this change? Why isn't it in my Carver newsletter from the mayor? How are people supposed to know what's coming and voice their opinions?	5/25/2022 9:04 PM
15	I don't understand why it would need to change.	5/25/2022 8:59 PM
16	How will this affect the homes that are near the roads that will see construction. Will they lose yard are?	5/25/2022 8:56 PM
17	We love how it is!	5/25/2022 8:31 PM
18	No need for the change. It's fine where it's at. Don't ruin someone's existing out buildings to put in a new road.	5/25/2022 8:26 PM
19	All the options described appear to be far less efficient than the current alignment. It also does not disrupt lives and land is those in the surrounding area. 40 is heavily traveled and the pruposed changes look as though they would only lead to more congestion and longer commutes.	5/25/2022 8:25 PM
20	Why. The road is perfect where it is at	5/25/2022 8:17 PM
21	What is wrong with the current alignment that it has to be changed?	5/25/2022 8:16 PM
22	None	5/25/2022 8:15 PM
23	Would like to see current alignment maintained.	5/25/2022 8:10 PM
24	What has prompted this change? Traffic efficiently moves along this corridor.	5/25/2022 8:09 PM
25	NA	5/25/2022 7:57 PM
26	I would really like to retain this road alignment as this is a HUGE draw to Carver county for Thousands of car and motorcycle cruises that bring in So much business to our small town!!!	5/25/2022 7:57 PM

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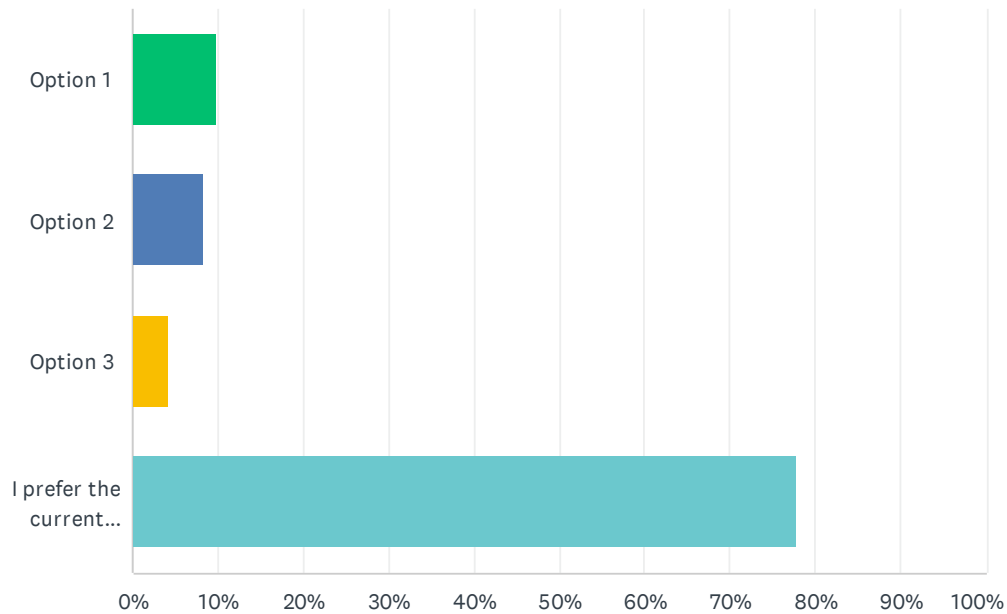
27	None	5/25/2022 7:39 PM
28	None	5/25/2022 7:37 PM
29	Please leave as is.	5/25/2022 7:19 PM
30	Please leave as is.	5/25/2022 7:05 PM
31	Please don't change the current riding experience!	5/25/2022 7:03 PM
32	None	5/25/2022 7:02 PM
33	Keep it scenic and curvy.	5/25/2022 6:39 PM
34	Na	5/25/2022 6:36 PM
35	N/a	5/25/2022 6:36 PM
36	I would be very much against opt. 4	5/25/2022 6:36 PM
37	Please preserve the design of the beautiful road currently, except for safety!	5/25/2022 6:27 PM
38	Don't take away the curves and the beautiful scenic views	5/25/2022 6:26 PM
39	None	5/25/2022 6:21 PM
40	None	5/25/2022 6:12 PM
41	don't move road, just repair	5/25/2022 6:11 PM
42	Do not change road alignment	5/25/2022 6:02 PM
43	How much will this cost me?	5/25/2022 6:02 PM
44	The project goal to "improve safety" is rather vague, and there is no indication of what problems exist, particularly with regard to the CR 40/43/50 intersection. Is there documentation available that discusses the specific challenges that are trying to be addressed with these changes? We live off CR50 near CR43 and have never noticed any significant issues, let alone issues that would merit such drastic changes. Each of the options seems very disruptive to residents in the area, particularly Option #3 which reroutes Nathan Road through my neighbors' septic field, practically bisecting their property.	5/25/2022 5:44 PM
45	Adding a bike path	5/25/2022 5:37 PM
46	N/A	5/25/2022 5:29 PM
47	Focus on the corner by the river. It's the most dangerous stretch. If you can't fix it right don't fix it.. save up to fix it. The plan you have now is a bandaid	5/25/2022 5:08 PM
48	Why isn't the road being designed to be safe to eliminate bad crashes which result in numerous deaths. As discussed at the Open house Cory Spanier said it was to expensive to fix the Bad corners the right way. I would recommend that every family that lost a loved one on this road get an explanation on that comment. Lets do it right the first time. If we dont spend the money properly now It appears like we are going to do it 3 times over Like Jonathon Carver Parkway in Carver. Please discuss and make a safe road that will last for the next 50 years without future major changes. please pass this info to the Commissioners as well.	5/25/2022 3:38 PM
49	Why do you want to realign Hwy 40/Hwy 43?	5/25/2022 3:09 PM
50	Were property owners who own property within the proposed change options supposed to have been contacted? Why not use current satellite imagery? The imagery used is from 2016.	5/25/2022 2:02 PM
51	Do them	5/25/2022 1:51 PM
52	Looks like a great project, current road needs improvements. Will improvements be made at TH 25/40 intersection?	5/25/2022 9:37 AM
53	To many trucks	5/24/2022 12:47 PM
54	Move gravel truck traffic to hwy 43	5/24/2022 12:42 PM
55	reroute the trucks that come from the gravel pit	5/24/2022 12:37 PM

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56	there are so many trucks from the new gravel pit - they make driving 40 in bad weather scary!	5/24/2022 12:33 PM
57	I don't want gravel trucks driving on Jonathan Carver Parkway.	5/24/2022 12:29 PM
58	traffic from the gravel pit and the new proposed mining need to be diverted away from the city of Carver. The trucks cannot climb the hill to 212 at the speed limit, slowing traffic. They do not navigate the roundabout well, and flying bits of gravel have caused many chipped windshields for Carver residents	5/24/2022 12:28 PM
59	Why? Why? Why? Why? Why such dumb options!!! None of those options are viable or make sense	5/20/2022 9:00 PM
60	why do we have to ruin it? many people take this route because of the turns and its beauty.	5/19/2022 9:33 AM
61	I hear about accidents on Hwy 40 by the corners at the bottom of the hill close to MN25 quite often. That should be the priority to get it done right and eliminate deaths. I never hear about accidents in East Union and I live close by and drive through there every day.	5/18/2022 1:30 PM
62	We love County Road 40 so much, we "adopted" two sections of it! It seems like widening the highway and adding safety features are good ideas. In my opinion, realignment is not: it would be a waste of taxpayer money and the destruction of one of the best driving sections on the Scenic Byway from Carver to Henderson. Businesses (including ours) that rely on motorcyclists and driving enthusiasts could suffer if their customers stop using the road. Questions: 1) What does the rest of the decision process look like? 2) What impact does public comment have on decision making? 3) When would the project start and end (estimate is fine)? 4) What is the likely detour route?	5/17/2022 12:23 PM
63	improvements are needed to ensure safety. Also, a designated bike path would be great. Many bicyclist use this stretch of road, very dangerous with no shoulders.	5/13/2022 1:11 PM
64	Option 3 seems to significantly reduce the number of driveways entering onto non-stop traffic lanes.	5/12/2022 9:22 AM
65	Realignment of hwy 40/43 is a waste of money	5/12/2022 5:59 AM
66	Leave it alone. Why would you stop the traffic on 40 when it is so busy? It works just fine the way it is. Spend the money elsewhere where it's needed. Dumbest idea ever!	5/11/2022 7:15 PM
67	I see no point in changing the 30mph curve to 35mph. In my opinion a 5mph change does not warrant cost to do so. I would rather see 45mph or 55mph curve	5/11/2022 5:04 PM
68	No change is necessary. Is there an explanation as to why it would need to be changed?	5/11/2022 4:28 PM
69	Do not take out the river bluff curves! It is such a great feature in the metro area	5/11/2022 4:18 PM
70	Why would you completely cut off 40, 50, and 43? What is root cause behind it? There are intersections similar all along 50, 40, 43 in Carver county. Why that intersection and why now?	5/11/2022 3:58 PM
71	This project is so crappy for the longtime residents who moved here for the character that is being destroyed in the name of safety. This is nothing but preparation for further development	5/11/2022 3:37 PM
72	What is the actual problem you're trying to solve? Nothing on this site explains the specific problem you're trying to address.	5/11/2022 3:32 PM

Q3 Which realignment option for Highway 40/Highway 43 do you prefer?

Answered: 72 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Option 1	9.72% 7
Option 2	8.33% 6
Option 3	4.17% 3
I prefer the current alignment	77.78% 56
TOTAL	72

#	PLEASE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS HERE.	DATE
1	Love how the road is now	5/25/2022 8:31 PM
2	All the options described appear to be far less efficient than the current alignment. It also does not disrupt lives and land in those in the surrounding area. 40 is heavily traveled and the proposed changes look as though they would only lead to more congestion and longer commutes.	5/25/2022 8:25 PM
3	Please leave the current alignment of 40/43. Changing the alignment will disrupt the flow of traffic on County Road 40 and disrupt those living near East Union.	5/25/2022 8:09 PM
4	Updated safety is important. But the curvy roads of Hwy 40 are a unique MN treasure and should not be flattened out.	5/25/2022 6:39 PM
5	It would be too much of a hassle and inconvenience to change	5/25/2022 6:02 PM
6	Note that the current state is presented as Option #1 in the diagrams, and the possible configurations are identified as Options 2 through 4.	5/25/2022 5:44 PM
7	Spend the money on the other bad corners to help stop the numerous deaths and bad crashes that happen yearly down on the south end by highway 25. The 40 and 43 should not be touched unless the highway is all changed to a 55 mph the entire stretch	5/25/2022 3:38 PM

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8	Option 1 and current alignment above are the same option. Options 2-4 will create additional travel time	5/25/2022 3:09 PM
9	I live in within the proposed area of change. Option 3, Nathan road option 3, proposes Nathan road crosses within feet of my newly built house, directly through my septic system, my drain field, my driveway, and splits my property in two. Obviously not a valid option. Regarding 40/43/50, I feel combining the traffic from both 40 and 43 would increase/confine the speed, traffic, and area road noise from motorists. Redirecting traffic from 40 to 43 seems to contradict the safety ambitions here since 40/11 connect to 212 via an overpass with ramps and 43 is planned for J turns. A full ramped overpass is a safer connection to 212. I am not at all in support of Option 3. Both Option 2 and 4 increase traffic on 43 which has a less safe connection to 212.	5/25/2022 2:02 PM
10	Make sure you add turn lanes at the intersection. Can you also get rid of the 35 mph speed limit thru East Union on CSAH 50? Why is it posted so low?	5/25/2022 1:51 PM
11	Unfortunately, the options do not seem to open on my computer. Appears they are supposed to open for easier viewing but do not work, at least on my browser.	5/25/2022 9:37 AM
12	Gravel trucks are too loud running right behind my neighborhood and backyard	5/24/2022 12:42 PM
13	The options here do not align with the option numbers on the "Highway Realignment Options" website, so I have chosen option 2 as when you rule out the current alignment as a numbered option, the numbers shift down one, making option 3 on the website option 2 here. To be clear, I prefer "realign Highway 40 to intersect with Highway 43 at 154th Street and realign Highway 43 to intersect Highway 40 south of Highway 50".	5/24/2022 12:28 PM
14	Who was the smarty pants that came up with those poor options	5/20/2022 9:00 PM
15	When going from Hwy 11/Hwy 212 intersection to Hwy 50/Hwy 43 intersection, the time difference between using Hwy 212 to Hwy 43 versus Hwy 11 to Hwy 40 to Hwy 50 is negligible. My wife and I often travel through there simultaneously and take separate routes for the fun of it and end up in East Union within 30sec of each other. Once the turnaround lane is added on Hwy 212, Hwy 212 to Hwy 43 will take longer.	5/18/2022 1:30 PM
16	The survey and graphic could present legal problems for the County. The options stated here (#1-3, with current alignment as LAST choice) do not agree with the options in the graphic (#1-4, with current alignment as FIRST choice). Unfortunately, this is confusing to the public and could easily corrupt the survey results. It's possible to add a graphic to a survey question with SurveyMonkey. In addition, the first question doesn't agree with the answer format: "What is your most common reason..." indicates a singular answer is possible. "Select all that apply" indicates multiple answers are possible. Question should read "What ARE your most common REASONS..." This stuff may seem minor, but it can greatly affect the way a survey is answered—especially by those who don't read questions carefully :)	5/17/2022 12:23 PM
17	improvements are needed to ensure safety. Also, a designated bike path would be great. Many bicyclist use this stretch of road, very dangerous with no shoulders.	5/13/2022 1:11 PM
18	A traffic circle at 40 and 50 would make that intersection a lot safer, especially for east west traffic.	5/12/2022 9:22 AM
19	Leave it alone! It's perfect the way it is. Why change something that works and is safe.	5/11/2022 7:15 PM
20	There is no great option without displacing families and removing the elementary school. Which in my opinion is not an option. The proposed options do nothing to add to safety or practicality.	5/11/2022 5:04 PM
21	Option 1 on the website is to leave it as is and there are 3 other options. I believe this question's options need to be adjusted.	5/11/2022 4:28 PM
22	There is no need to cut off roads or use tax \$ to purchase additional easements, construction time/labor, etc.	5/11/2022 3:58 PM
23	No need to change it. The residents don't want this.	5/11/2022 3:37 PM

Q4 Do you have any other improvement ideas or comments for the project team? Provide additional comments here.

Answered: 72 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No.	5/26/2022 8:17 AM
2	When driving on the road and seeing the scenery, it makes me happy I live here.	5/26/2022 8:12 AM
3	None	5/26/2022 7:31 AM
4	Resurfacing	5/26/2022 7:10 AM
5	No	5/26/2022 7:04 AM
6	Not at this time	5/26/2022 4:29 AM
7	N/a	5/25/2022 11:32 PM
8	Excited about the new development in downtown Carver!	5/25/2022 11:14 PM
9	Better signage and upkeep with vegetation	5/25/2022 9:24 PM
10	No	5/25/2022 9:23 PM
11	Maintain as far as sand and clear signage	5/25/2022 9:21 PM
12	X	5/25/2022 9:07 PM
13	Keep it the way it is	5/25/2022 9:04 PM
14	Please make the road safer. Those curves are lovely but can be hard to navigate at times.	5/25/2022 9:04 PM
15	None	5/25/2022 8:59 PM
16	No	5/25/2022 8:56 PM
17	Love the path and walking downtown	5/25/2022 8:31 PM
18	No need for re alignment.	5/25/2022 8:26 PM
19	Not at this time in regards to improvements, but is rather the changes suggested were not made.	5/25/2022 8:25 PM
20	Make sure there is a path for those that feel the need they have to ride on this hwy instead of the bike trails we as tax payers paid for!!!!	5/25/2022 8:17 PM
21	Please do not change the alignment such that 43 becomes the primary "through" road, forcing traffic to have to turn off onto 40. 40 is a more heavily traveled road.	5/25/2022 8:16 PM
22	None	5/25/2022 8:15 PM
23	No other improvements needed.	5/25/2022 8:10 PM
24	Please do not realign county Road 40. It is a beautiful, scenic drive and traffic flows well. Moving the 40-43 intersection would interrupt the flow of traffic on 40, which is a highly traveled roadway.	5/25/2022 8:09 PM
25	Na	5/25/2022 7:57 PM
26	None	5/25/2022 7:57 PM
27	No	5/25/2022 7:39 PM
28	No	5/25/2022 7:37 PM
29	We love the road!! We always take 40 over 169. Such a pretty drive!	5/25/2022 7:19 PM

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30	N/a	5/25/2022 7:05 PM
31	Safety is important. But the current alignment is MORE IMPORTANT!	5/25/2022 7:03 PM
32	No	5/25/2022 7:02 PM
33	Please keep the road scenic and enjoyable to drive.	5/25/2022 6:39 PM
34	Na	5/25/2022 6:36 PM
35	No	5/25/2022 6:36 PM
36	Roundabout at 40 and 50 would solve a lot of problems	5/25/2022 6:36 PM
37	No	5/25/2022 6:27 PM
38	Keep the curves and beautiful views	5/25/2022 6:26 PM
39	None	5/25/2022 6:21 PM
40	None	5/25/2022 6:12 PM
41	maybe you should ask everyone who lives on this corridor and not until the last minute ...too many decisions are made that are stupid, inefficient and not the best idea for those of us who live here	5/25/2022 6:11 PM
42	Add a rail	5/25/2022 6:02 PM
43	Just maintain the roads	5/25/2022 6:02 PM
44	N/A	5/25/2022 5:44 PM
45	No	5/25/2022 5:37 PM
46	N/A	5/25/2022 5:29 PM
47	Mine material out if the hillsides for county road 40 and fix the corner by the river correctly	5/25/2022 5:08 PM
48	This Road is full of very dangerous spots and it would be a shame to see more deaths due to saving money and ignoring the statistics of the crash areas. Please do it right the first time.	5/25/2022 3:38 PM
49	Widen shoulders and add tar shoulders.	5/25/2022 3:09 PM
50	From a safety perspective, flatten the hill on county 40, directly south of county 50 as to increase visibility and safety. Also, increase speed patrol on both 40 and 50 in this vicinity with the lower speed limits as too many speed on a daily basis.	5/25/2022 2:02 PM
51	I shared those at the first open house. Why are you not showing the planed improvements north of 52 in this open house?	5/25/2022 1:51 PM
52	The proposed MSE wall adjacent and above the river bank is interesting concept.	5/25/2022 9:37 AM
53	Trucks are to loud and to slow on the road going up the hill	5/24/2022 12:47 PM
54	Move gravel trucks to 43	5/24/2022 12:42 PM
55	no more gravel trucks going through town, PLEASE!!!!!!	5/24/2022 12:37 PM
56	make the hwy intersections so that it's a pain in the butt for the trucks to drive through Carver! I've had my windshield dinged up by the gravel flying out of them!!	5/24/2022 12:33 PM
57	No more gravel trucks on JCP!	5/24/2022 12:29 PM
58	divert the trucking traffic away from the city of Carver	5/24/2022 12:28 PM
59	Make improvements to existing roads and put an interchange of sort on the souh side of 50	5/20/2022 9:00 PM
60	bike lane	5/19/2022 9:33 AM
61	Option 1 is the first choice to focus on issues by Hwy 25. Option 4 with a roundabout at Hwy43/Hwy40 would keep traffic flowing and keep everyone safe.	5/18/2022 1:30 PM
62	We're thankful the County is exploring options to improve this section of County Road 40, which is a true local treasure. Its desirability to motorcyclists and driving enthusiasts is literally	5/17/2022 12:23 PM

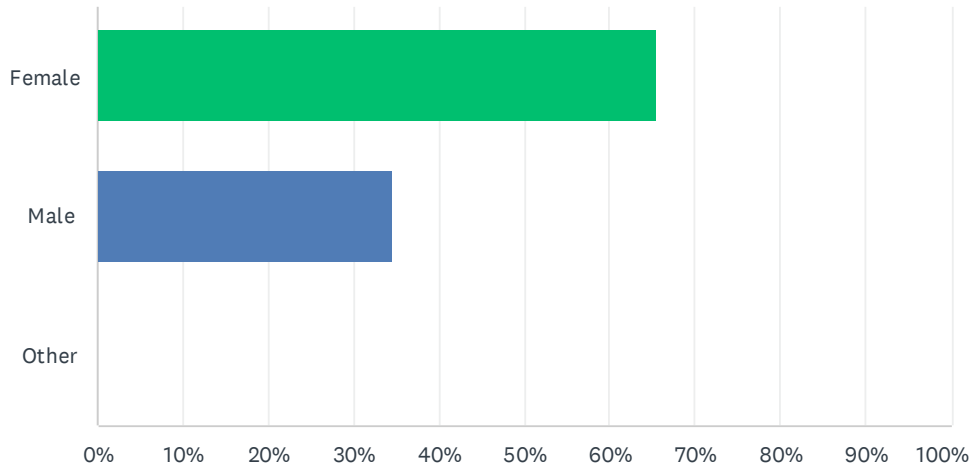
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one of the main reasons we chose to open a cafe in downtown Carver. We're hopeful that the decision makers will strike a balance, adding shoulders, rumble strips, and signage to improve safety while maintaining the beauty and driving variety the current road alignment provides. Other options to explore: Adding a stop sign or roundabout at problematic intersection(s), increasing speed enforcement, adding signage specific to bicyclists.

63	4 way stop sign intersection 40 & 50 dangerous intersection as drivers coming over the hill heading towards Carver. A few near misses as drivers coming racing thru that area disobeying the speed limit.	5/13/2022 1:11 PM
64	Will improvements go beyond the existing right-of-way in East Union residential areas (33ft from center line)?	5/12/2022 9:22 AM
65	Widening of the shoulders and other updates makes sense. But I'm not in support of realignment.	5/12/2022 5:59 AM
66	Spend the money on a bridge over 212 at 43 or a quicker way to Waconia from East Union. That will eliminate alot of traffic on JCP past Firestation. I really don't think CO Rd 40 needs any improvements. I'm a motorcycle rider and like the road. Nothing wrong with it.	5/11/2022 7:15 PM
67	Do the project once and do it right. Do not want to see a repeat of county road 11 where it needs to be redone/changed every 2 years	5/11/2022 5:04 PM
68	I like the curve correction and slope protection. That first curve coming from BP towards Carver is dangerous!	5/11/2022 4:28 PM
69	n/a	5/11/2022 4:18 PM
70	Place a signal or roundabout there if you have data that traffic is too heavy or dangerous. Knowing people living right there for years, I've never heard them complain about that intersection.	5/11/2022 3:58 PM
71	No need to change it. We don't want it.	5/11/2022 3:37 PM
72	Put in a stop sign on Highway 40 where it intersects Highway 50.	5/11/2022 3:32 PM

Q7 OPTIONAL, what is your gender?

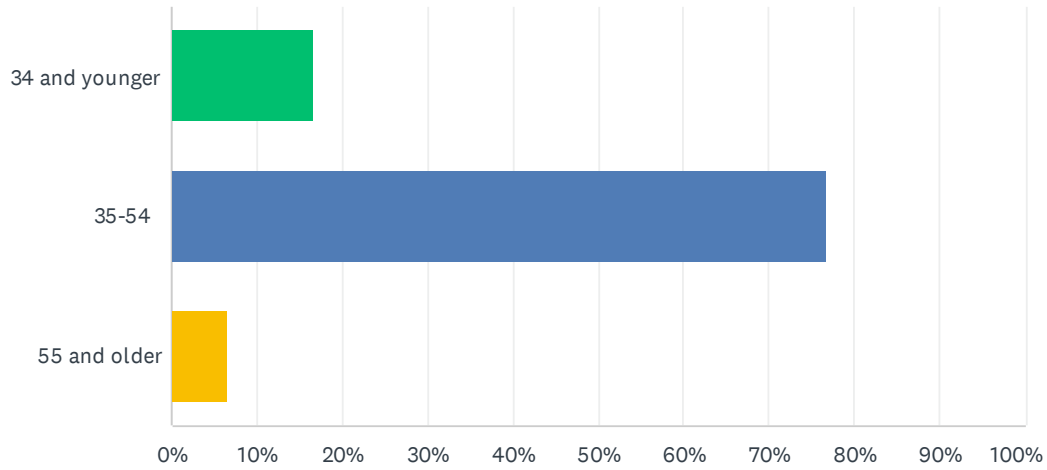
Answered: 29 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	65.52%	19
Male	34.48%	10
Other	0.00%	0
TOTAL		29

Q8 OPTIONAL, what is your age?

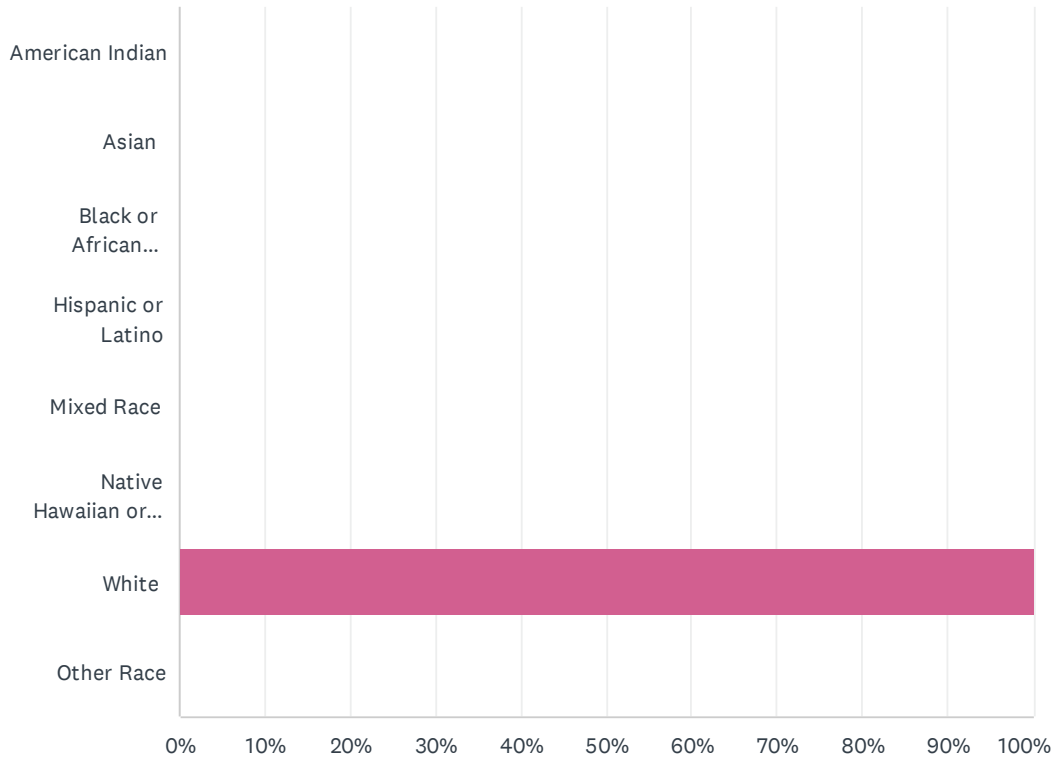
Answered: 30 Skipped: 42



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
34 and younger	16.67%	5
35-54	76.67%	23
55 and older	6.67%	2
TOTAL		30

Q9 OPTIONAL, what is your race/ethnicity?

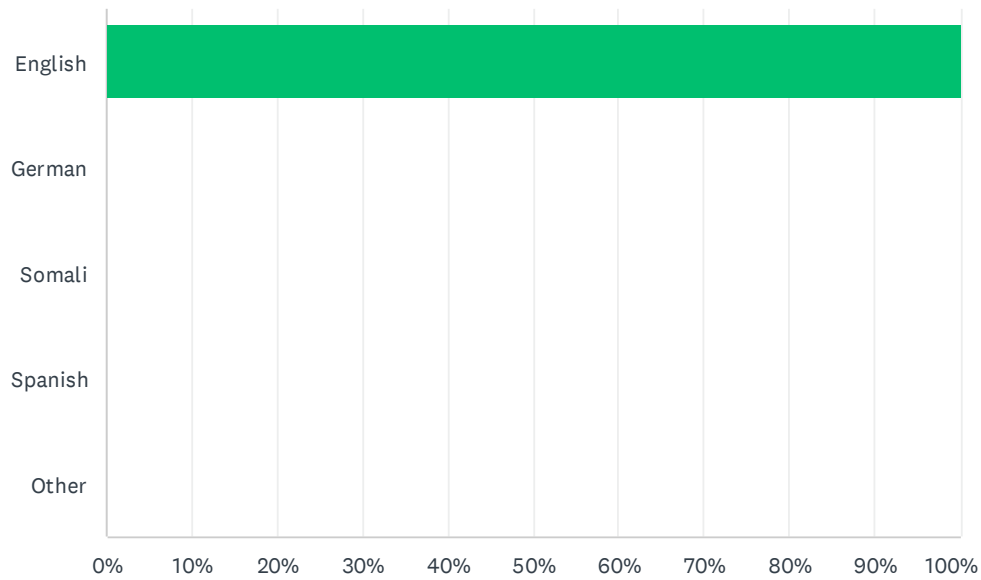
Answered: 24 Skipped: 48



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
American Indian	0.00%	0
Asian	0.00%	0
Black or African American	0.00%	0
Hispanic or Latino	0.00%	0
Mixed Race	0.00%	0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
White	100.00%	24
Other Race	0.00%	0
TOTAL		24

Q10 OPTIONAL, what language is most frequently spoken in your home?

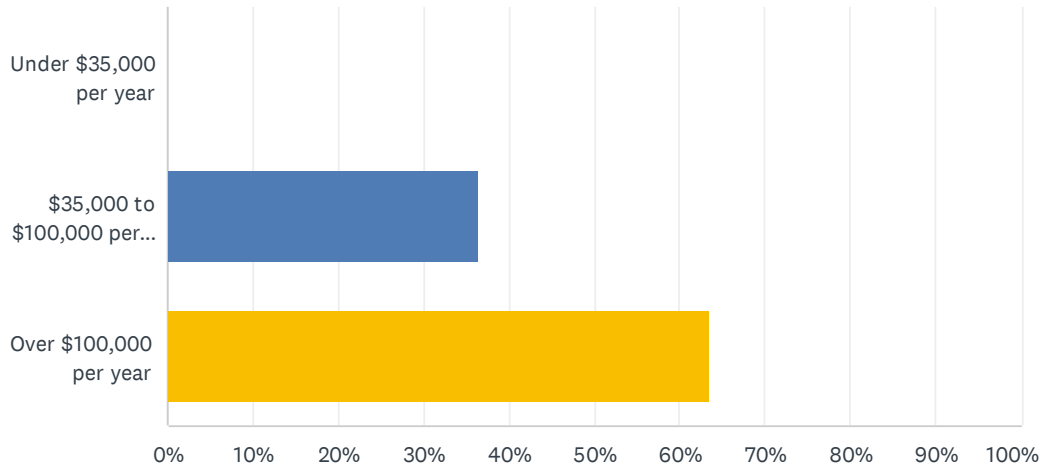
Answered: 26 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
English	100.00%	26
German	0.00%	0
Somali	0.00%	0
Spanish	0.00%	0
Other	0.00%	0
TOTAL		26

Q11 OPTIONAL, what is your household income range?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 50



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under \$35,000 per year	0.00%	0
\$35,000 to \$100,000 per year	36.36%	8
Over \$100,000 per year	63.64%	14
TOTAL		22

Appendix C

DISPLAY BOARDS AND MAPS





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Highway 40 Project Open House

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Project Overview

GOALS

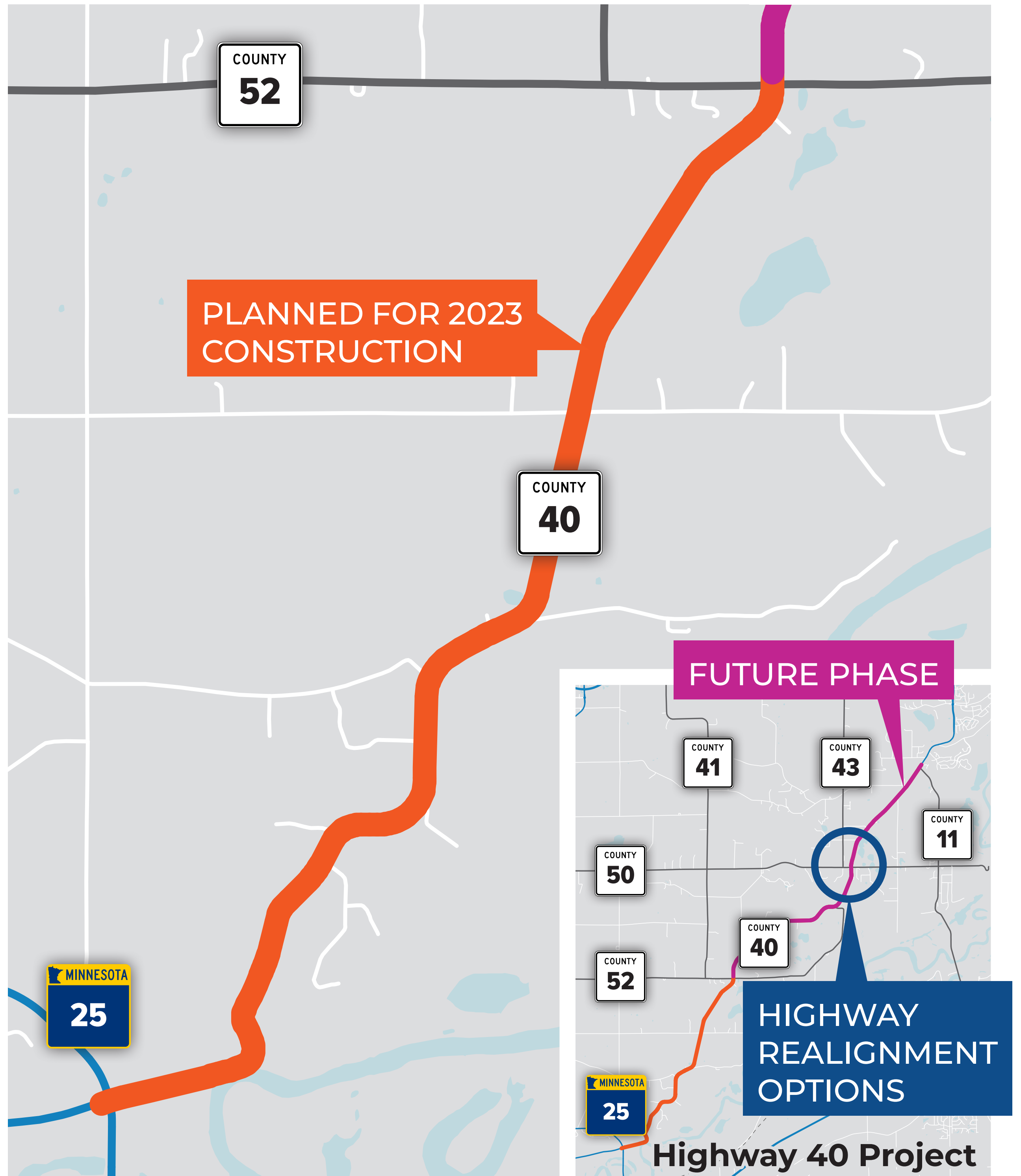


Improve safety for all users



Rehabilitate pavement between Highway 25 and Highway 52

LOCATION MAP

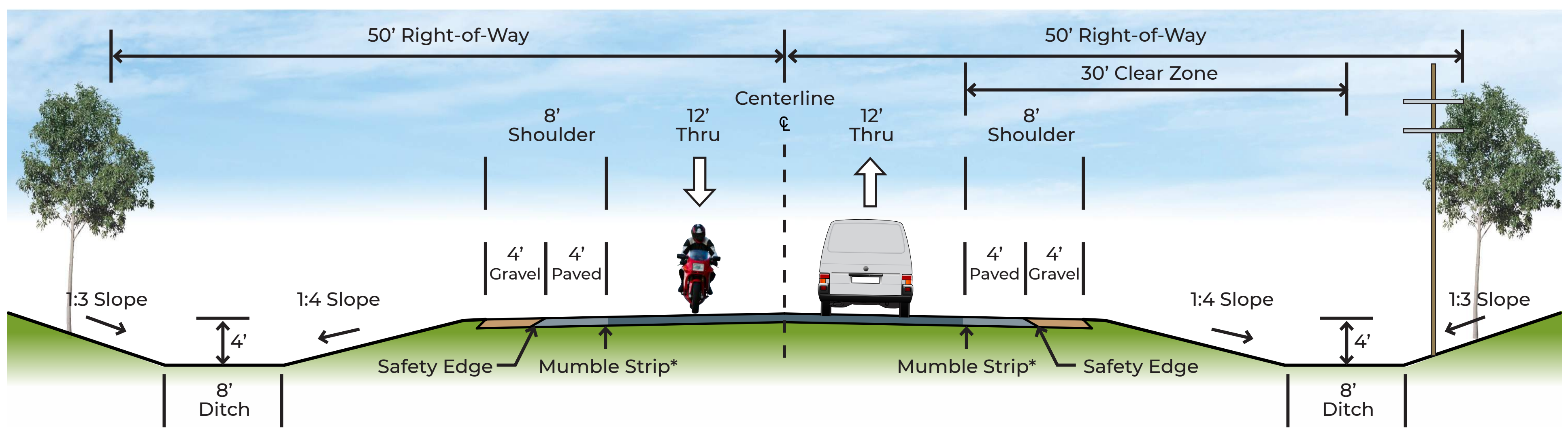
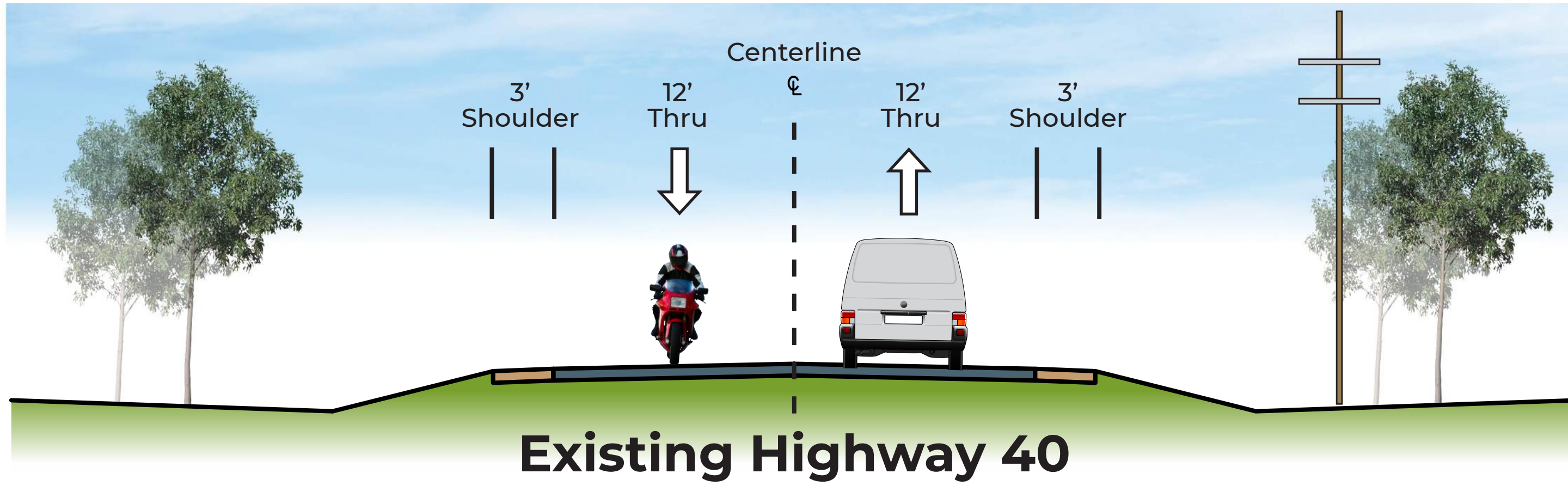


SCHEDULE





Proposed Improvements







* In select locations



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

-  Widen Shoulders
-  Flatten Curves
-  Correct Drainage
-  Safety Improvements
-  Rehabilitate Pavement

-  Rural Intersection Lighting Safety Project Improvements (2022-2023)
-  Flatten Curve
-  Improve Intersection Approach Grading
-  Potential Stormwater Treatment Area



Right-of-Way

PRIVATE PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Carver County will need to acquire additional easements and right-of-way as part of this project. All impacted property owners will be contacted by a Carver County Right-of-Way Agent as soon as project construction limits and needs have been determined.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCESS

In cases where acquiring private property beyond the existing right-of-way is required, the County will go through its standard process for property acquisition. The County will contact impacted property owners to review existing property conditions. An independent appraiser will be hired to determine the value of the property. The County will make an initial offer to purchase the necessary easements for no less than the amount determined in the appraisal. Any property owners with questions are encouraged to contact the County Project Manager.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION TIMELINE

Spring 2022

- Finalize construction limits.
- Carver County will hire an independent appraiser.

Summer 2022

- Carver County will send impacted property owners an initial contact letter.
- Proposed easements will be staked.

Fall 2022

- Appraisals will be completed.
- Once appraisals are complete, the Right-of-Way Agent will reach out to each impacted property owner to set up a meeting. At this meeting, the County will provide the property owner with a copy of the complete appraisal.

Winter 2022/2023

- Carver County will make offers to property owners.

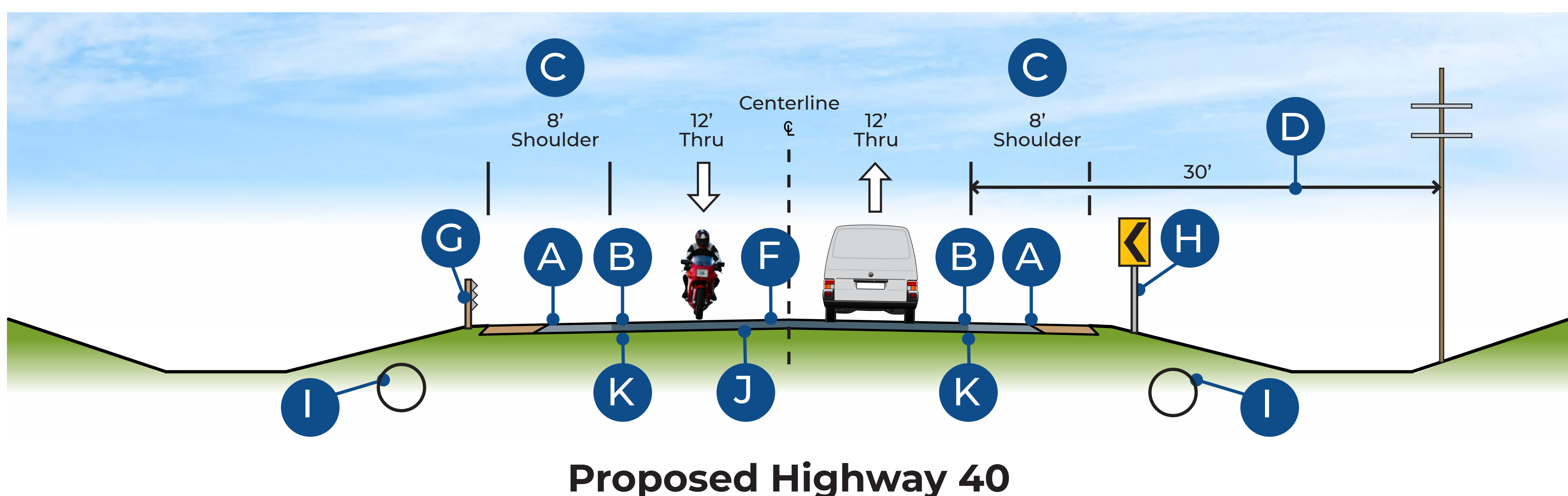


Safety Improvements

Carver County received Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds from the Metropolitan Council for a portion of the overall project funding. The HSIP program funds cost-effective construction projects that reduce fatalities and serious injuries on public roads.

Safety improvements that are being considered for Highway 40:

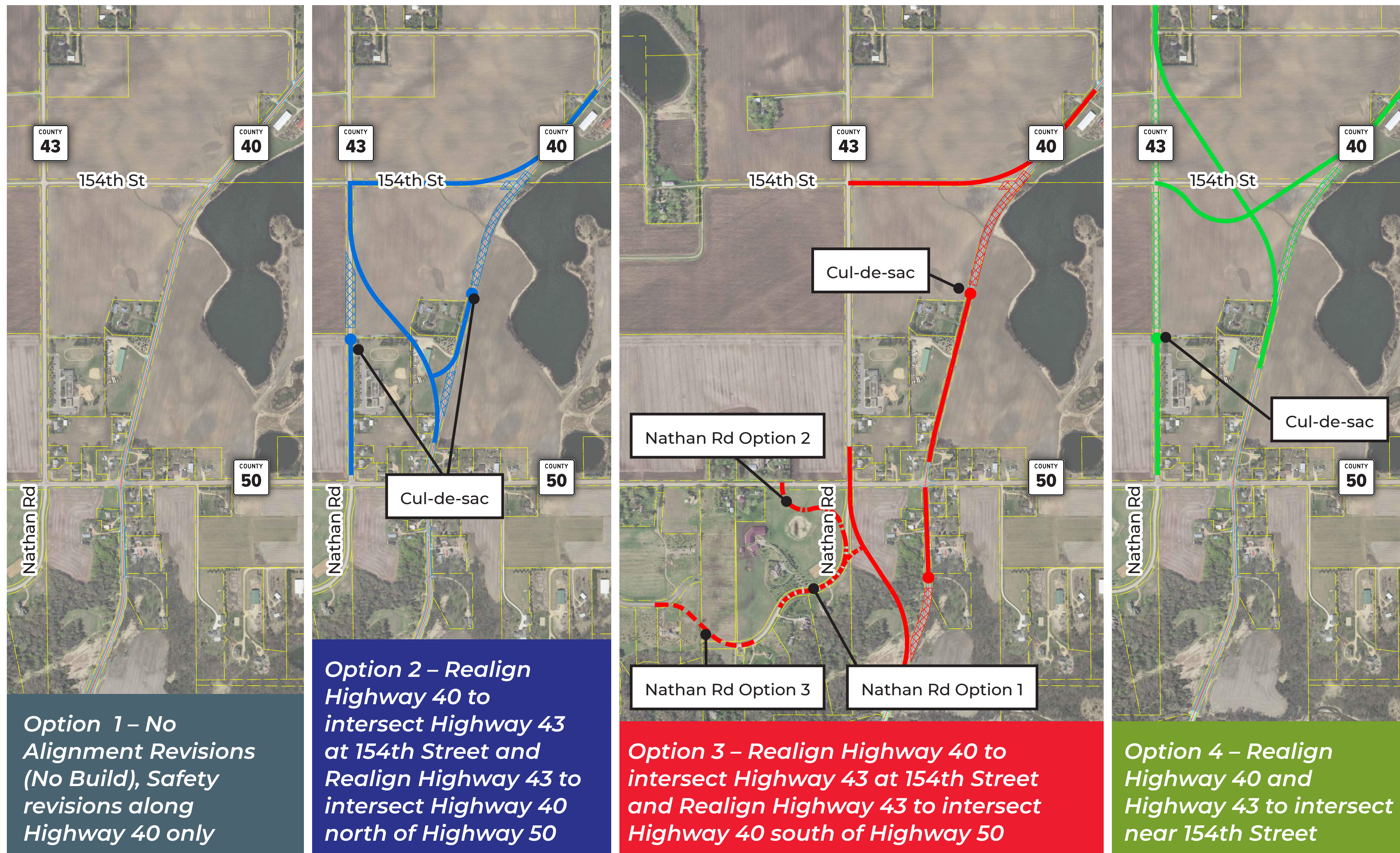
<p>A Pavement safety edge</p> 	<p>B Enhanced wet reflective ground-in pavement markings</p> 	<p>C Shoulder widening (4' paved and 4' gravel)</p> 
<p>D Clear zone (removing obstructions)</p> 	<p>E Flattening horizontal curve</p> 	<p>F Adjusting pavement cross slopes</p> 
<p>G Guardrail replacement</p> 	<p>H Enhanced curve signing</p> 	<p>I Replacing deteriorating culverts</p> 
<p>J Reconstructed roadway surface</p> 	<p>K Mumble strips (at select locations)</p> 	



Proposed Highway 40



Realignment Options – Highway 43 and Highway 40 at Highway 50



Why are alignment revisions being considered?

- Connecting Highway 40 south of Highway 50 with Highway 43 north of Highway 50 provides the most efficient North/South route to Highway 212 from the south.
- Intersection spacing does not meet current standards
- Mobility and safety can be improved with highway realignment

Please reply to the questionnaire and provide your preferred alignment option.

If you have additional concepts for consideration, please contact the County Project Manager to discuss.



Curve Correction and Slope Protection at Minnesota River

