

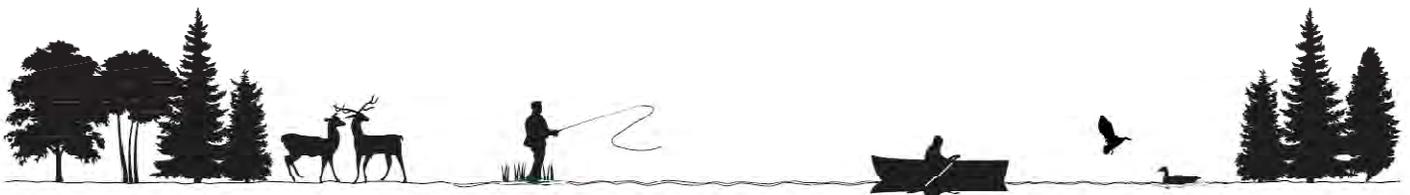


Highway 371 North Improvement Project

Supplemental Final
Environmental Impact
Statement



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**TRUNK HIGHWAY 371
IN CASS AND CROW WING COUNTIES, MINNESOTA**

**DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SFEIS) AND
REVISED FINAL SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION**

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ABSTRACT

Highway 371 is a major north-south highway that provides important links from U.S. Highway 10 and the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area (Minneapolis and St. Paul), north to the Central Lakes Region of Minnesota. The portion of the Highway 371 corridor that is the focus of this document, extends from the intersection of Crow Wing County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 18 in Nisswa, Minnesota to the intersection of Cass County Road 2/42 in Pine River, Minnesota. This segment was the subject of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process that was concluded in 2005. This Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) was prepared to address recent changes to the preferred alternative, based on a request from the City of Pequot Lakes to change from a through-City design (the 2005 preferred alternative) to a bypass. This SFEIS focuses on analysis of impacts and mitigation in the areas affected by the design change to a bypass of Pequot Lakes; although the SFEIS also includes a re-evaluation of the entire project corridor, to document other minor changes that have occurred since the original Record of Decision (ROD) was signed in 2005.

Comments on this Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) should be sent to the Mn/DOT project manager.

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