

# **Highway 101 – Phase I**

## **Corridor Scoping & Environmental Screening**

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### Presentation Overview

- Project Description
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# Phase I - Project Description

- **Location**

- Project limits: Lyman Blvd. to Scott County Line, a distance of approximately 3.3 miles

- **What is Proposed?**

- Phase I: Corridor Study to identify alternative solutions to improve and preserve long-term safety, capacity, and mobility along Highway 101 in Chanhassen
- Future Phases: Detailed Studies, Plans, and Construction



# Background & Improvement Needs

## Three Distinct Segments with Unique Issues

- Upland/North: Developing properties and proximity to “New” Highway 212
- Bluff/Central: wooded and scenic with steep grades and sharp curves
- Lower/South: in MN River Valley, crossing with “Old” Highway 212 at the “wye”



TH 101 @ Lyman Blvd. – Looking NE



Hwy 101 at Kiowa Trail looking north



TH 101 @ Pioneer Trail – Looking South



Looking SW from Pioneer Trail



TH 101 @ Halla Nursery – Looking North



Historic Home – Straw Hill Farm



TH 101 @ Lakota Lane – Looking South



TH 101 Jct. with TH 212 – Looking SE



TH 101 Jct. with TH 212 – Looking East

# Background & Needs

- “Minor Arterial” highway classification = performance, access, and design requirements to enhance safety
- Local and Regional Needs
  - Address safety deficiencies
  - Long-term solution for the “wye” at Hwys.101 and Old 212
  - Serve existing and future land use and traffic demands
  - Regional connectivity in the SW Metro and travel efficiency

# Development of Alternative Solutions

- “Scoping” means... what?
- Will Consider:
  - Traffic Safety, Operations, Access, and Performance Needs
  - Natural Environment Constraints
  - Effects on Private Property
  - Cost
- No drawings completed at this time; data gathering is nearly complete

# Environmental Screening

- Identifies unique issues and “fatal flaws” (i.e. Seminary Fen)
- Provides measurement and comparison of impacts for each alternative solution being studied
- Determines appropriate path for future detailed environmental studies prior to construction (EA? EIS?)

# Schedule

**Spring  
2006** Identify corridor issues and concerns

**Summer  
2006** Develop preliminary alternatives  
Public meeting

**Fall 2006** Refine alternatives  
Public meetings

**December  
2006** Select alternative(s) for further study  
Distribute Scoping Study Report Draft and public meeting

**Next Steps** Additional Studies of Alternatives to be Constructed  
Final Design  
Secure funding/Schedule construction

# Public Involvement

- Public Involvement Plan has been prepared
- Coordination occurring at local, state, and federal levels
- Planned Meetings: Chanhassen City Council, Carver County Board, neighborhood, and private property owners
- Web Site:  
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/101chanhassan>

*Watch for monthly updates and new postings*

# Get Involved, Stay Involved!

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