

## Highway 169 in Elk River

This project will convert Highway 169 in Elk River to a freeway. The proposed project is envisioned to have interchanges at Main Street, School Street, 193rd Avenue, and a partial interchange at 197th Avenue. The project will eliminate traffic signals and complete the freeway segment between Highway 10 and 205th Avenue. The project will reduce travel delay by more than 1000 hours per day, eliminate approximately \$1.7 million in crash costs annually, and make trips on the corridor much more reliable.

### Submittal and scoring

The project was submitted by Justin Femrite, Elk River City Engineer. His idea was to improve Elk River's transportation network by constructing the "Full project – TH 101 at the Mississippi River north on TH 169 through 197th Avenue."

### Scoring Information

As directed by the 2017 Legislation MnDOT scored projects on Return on Investment, Economic Impact, Freight Efficiency, Safety Improvements, Regional Connections, Policy Objectives, Community Consensus, and Regional Balance.

This project was the top scoring Greater Minnesota project with a score of 600.

### Project Facts:

- Project awarded \$157 Million (10% reduction due to projected efficiencies found during project development)
- Eliminate 4 traffic signals
- Builds 3 full interchanges and 1 half interchange
- Consolidates access at interchanges



*Scoring information*

Below is the scoring information on this top scoring Greater Minnesota Project

**Detailed Score for the Hwy 169 Project**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score</b>
Return on Investment	50
Economic Impact	100
Freight Efficiency	75
Safety Improvements	95
Regional Connections	80
Policy Objectives	100
Community Consensus	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>600</b>