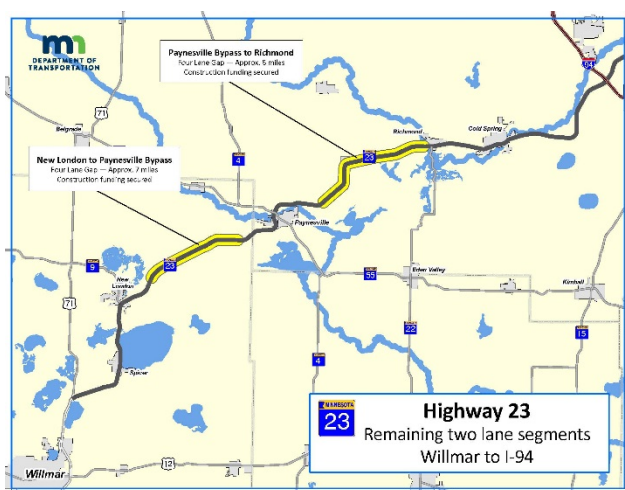


## Highway 23 North Gap (Paynesville to Richmond)

Highway 23 is an important interregional corridor that is a key artery for the economy in the region. It provides the primary east-west route connecting Willmar to Interstate 94 and beyond. The segment of Highway 23 between Willmar and Interstate 94 is a distance of approximately 53 miles. Of these 53 miles, all but approximately 16 miles have been constructed as a four lane roadway.



### Benefits

Expanding Highway 23 from two-lanes to four-lanes will provide additional capacity, improve the movement of freight and improve roadway safety. Expanding the highway would also provide the design consistency of a four-lane rural highway and help meet driver’s expectations throughout the corridor. This corridor-wide consistency further enhances the mobility and safety benefits already provided by the expansion.

### Status

In May of 2018, the Minnesota State Legislature passed a bonding bill which included funding to complete the Highway 23 Gaps from New London to Paynesville and Paynesville to Richmond. The Governor signed the bonding bill on May 30, 2018.

### Timeline

2019-2021	Purchasing land/property (right-of-way) for roadway expansion
2022	Year 1 of construction
2023	Year 2 of construction

## **Estimated project cost**

\$101.5 million

## **Website**

[www.dot.state.mn.us/d8/projects/hwy23gaps](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d8/projects/hwy23gaps)

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