

Highway 23 South Gap (New London to Paynesville)

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

2020-2022	Purchasing land/property (right-of-way) for roadway expansion
2023	Year 1 of construction
2024	Year 2 of construction

Estimated project cost

\$94.5 million

Website

www.dot.state.mn.us/d8/projects/hwy23gaps

For more information

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