



Highway 23 Coalition: 2024 Progress Report

INTRODUCTION

Hwy 23 Coalition Mission/Purpose

The Highway 23 Coalition is focused on advocating for a 4-lane expansion throughout the Minnesota Highway 23 corridor from Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin.

2023 has been an incredible year of progress toward fulfilling our mission of 4 Lanes 4 You!

Currently there are approximately **82 miles** of four-lane highway on the Highway 23 Corridor. This number includes: **9 miles between**

Paynesville and Richmond, 7 miles between New London and Paynesville, 9 miles by Marshall, 1 mile by Green Valley, 3 miles by Granite Falls, 45 miles between Willmar and Waite Park, and 8 miles from St. Cloud to Foley.

The Highway 23 corridor, stretching 276 miles from I-90 in southwest Minnesota to I-35 in northeast Minnesota, has approximately 30% designated as four-lane.

2024 PRIORITY PROJECTS

- 4-Lane Extension SW of Willmar from Highway 71 to Kandiyohi County Road 5
- Preferred Route Study from Foley to Mora
- Preferred Route Study from Marshall to Green Valley

2024 PROGRESS

Highway 71 to Kandiyohi County Road 5

Funding requests have been submitted, and we are exploring additional sources and local match options due to rising costs.

Foley to Mora

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Marshall to Green Valley

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South Gap

Year two of construction is complete and finalized November 2024. New London to Paynesville is now a 4-lane section of Highway 23!

Pipestone to Russell Highway Improvement

Smoother road surface and improved drainage for Highway 23 Pipestone to Russell began in June 2024 and will be completed in Spring 2025.

Milaca to Ogilvie Highway Improvement

Smoother road surface, improved drainage and safety improvements for Milaca to Ogilvie began in May 2024 and was completed in September 2024.

New London Quadrant Interchange

Highway 23 and Highway 9 in New London received funding in 2023 for the quadrant interchange from the Corridors of Commerce. Due to the process which includes design phase and right of way acquisition, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2028 and is expected to last two years.

St. Cloud Highway 23 and Highway 10 Interchange

Year two of the interchange project enhanced safety and road conditions for travelers, with construction completed in November 2024.

Mora Highway 65 & Highway 23 Corridor Study

Phases one and two of the study are complete. Phase three, which took place from January to June 2024, included a study report and implementation plan, both of which will be shared. Phase four of the project is expected to begin in 2025, with project scoping continuing through 2026. Improvements and construction are anticipated to start in 2030.

Milaca Highway Improvement

This two-mile safety and road condition project is currently in phase two, which focuses on project development from 2023 to 2026. Construction is planned to begin in 2027 and is expected to take two years.

Clara City Highway 23

The intersection of Highway 23 and Highway 7 south of Clara City will be converted to an all-way stop. A safety study conducted in 2021 recommended this conversion to improve safety and traffic flow. Funding for the project was received in 2024, and construction is planned for 2026.

Granite Falls Highway 23

The intersection of Highway 23 and Highway 67 (formerly Highway 274) south of Granite Falls will be realigned to eliminate a skew and improve sight lines, especially for drivers with reduced head and neck mobility. Funding was secured in 2024, and the project is scheduled for construction in 2027.