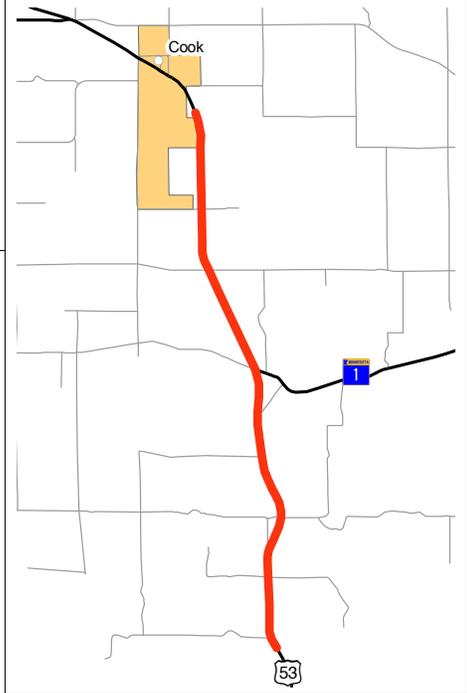


## PROJECT SUMMARY

Hwy 53  
CR 652 (Goodell Road) to the southern limits of Cook  
Bridge 69044, 69045  
State Project No. 6920-48

**Substantially Complete**



### Primary Purpose:

Regional & Community Improvement Priority:  
NCIP

### Investment Category:

\*This project was designed and scoped before the current highway investment plan MnSHIP was developed, which breaks projects into investment categories.

### Recent Changes and Updates

This project was completed in August 2014.

### Project History:

Discussions regarding the four-lane expansion of Hwy 53 to International Falls began before the creation of Voyageurs National Park in the 1980s. The Hwy 53 Long Range Improvement Task Force citizen's coalition formed in 1999 with the stated mission to "ensure a safe and modern four-lane roadway for all users on Hwy 53 between Virginia and International Falls." The project letting was moved from Sept. 23, 2011 to Dec. 16, 2011. It was finally moved to Oct. 26, 2012 to allow additional time for permitting.

### Project Description:

The project was located in St. Louis County from CR 652 (Goodell Road) to the southern city limits of Cook and involved expanding 10 miles of the existing two-lane highway to four lanes.

### Total Project Cost Estimate (millions)

Date in which the project entered into the STIP: 2008

	<u>Baseline Est.</u>	<u>Current Est.</u>
Construction Letting:	\$ 34.0	\$ 32.8
Other Construction Elements:	\$ 1.4	\$ 1.1
Engineering:	\$ 7.1	\$ 2.1
Right of Way:	\$ 3.9	\$ 0.5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 46.4</b>	<b>\$ 36.5</b>

*Construction cost estimates are adjusted to the mid-year of construction, using inflation rates provided by OTSM.*

### Key Cost Estimate Assumptions:

The project is complete. The current estimate is based on the actual costs.

### Project Risks:

The project is complete. There are no remaining risks.

### Schedule:

Environmental Approval Date: 06/06/2011  
Municipal Consent Approval Date: Not Needed  
Geometric Layout Approval Date: 9/24/2010  
Construction Limits Established Date: 08/16/2010  
Original Letting Date: 07/23/2010  
Current Letting Date: 10/26/2012  
Construction Season: 2013  
Estimated Substantial Completion: Fall 2014



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**Revised Date:** 12/15/2015