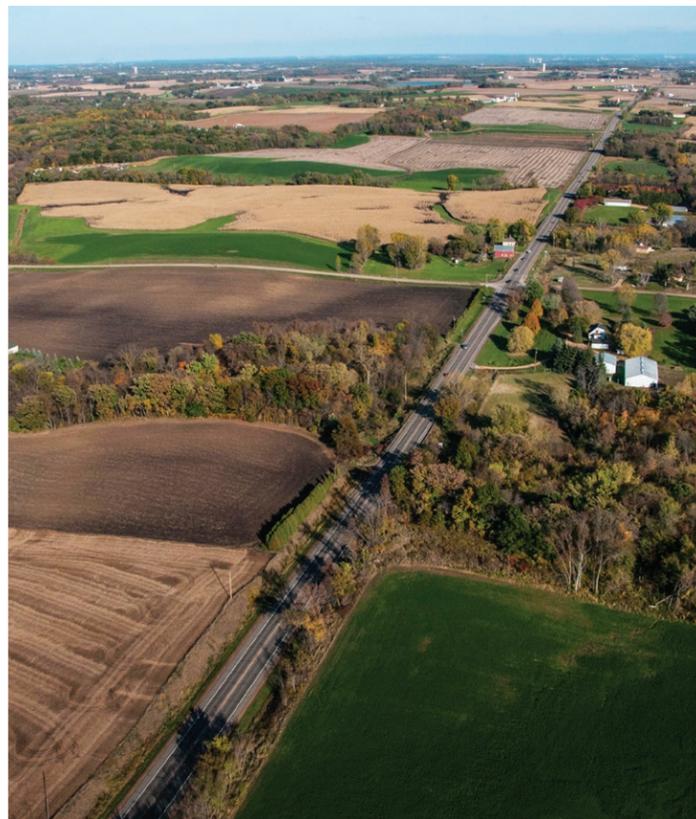


# HIGHWAY 212

## Importance

Highway 212 is an important Principal Arterial route that connects western Minnesota with the Twin Cities. Highway 212 runs over 138 miles from the South Dakota State Line to I-494, connecting the Twin Cities and the cities of Cologne, Norwood Young America, Glencoe, Hector, Bird Island, Olivia, Renville, Granite Falls, Montevideo and Dawson.

The eastern portion of the corridor in Carver County was improved to a four-lane controlled access freeway through Chaska in 2009. However, two unimproved sections remain (between Carver and Cologne and between Cologne and Norwood Young America) where Highway 212 is a rural two-lane undivided highway with limited shoulders. The segments have high traffic with large volumes of freight moving from western Minnesota to river and rail terminals in the Shakopee/Savage area.



## Highway 212 Facts

- Many local governments along the corridor from the South Dakota State line to the Twin Cities have passed resolutions (41 total) supporting the upgrade to Highway 212 in Carver County.
- Traffic volumes for the corridor in year 2030 are forecasted to increase between 21,000 and 28,000 vehicles per day, or two to three times the existing traffic volumes, exceeding the capacity of the existing two-lane facility.
- The gap between Cologne and Carver (Segment B) has a high-risk intersection (CSAH 43) as a result of large traffic volumes along the corridor and side streets, which impact the safety of vehicles entering or crossing Highway 212.
- 3.0 million heavy commercial vehicle miles travel annually on the segment between Cologne and Carver (Segment B).
- Heavy commercial vehicles travel 58,000 hours annually on the segment between Cologne and Carver (Segment B).

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# HIGHWAY 212 ... UPDATE

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Carver to Norwood Young America  
Corridor Access Management, Safety & Phasing Plan



## Project Purpose

Carver County and the Southwest Corridor Transportation Coalition (SWCTC) have been pursuing the upgrade of the current roadway between the City of Carver and Norwood Young America. To achieve this purpose, Carver County and MnDOT are undergoing an 18 month planning effort to explore the best ways to address access, safety and mobility by staging improvements over time, especially for the 4.6 mile segment between Carver and Cologne (known as Part B). In addition, the study will be looking at lower-cost ways to make improvements in the corridor while working towards the long-term conversion of the corridor to a four-lane facility.

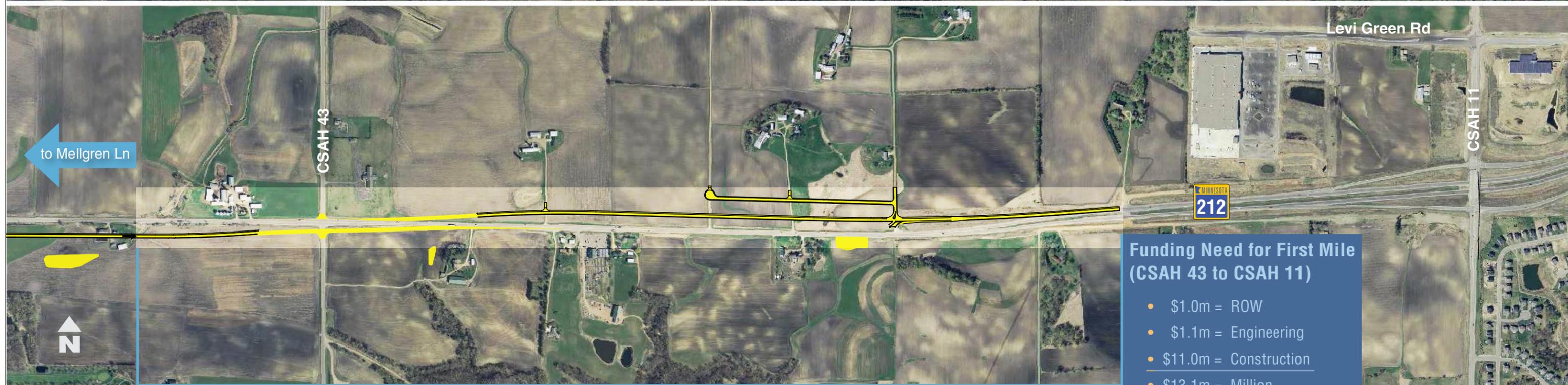
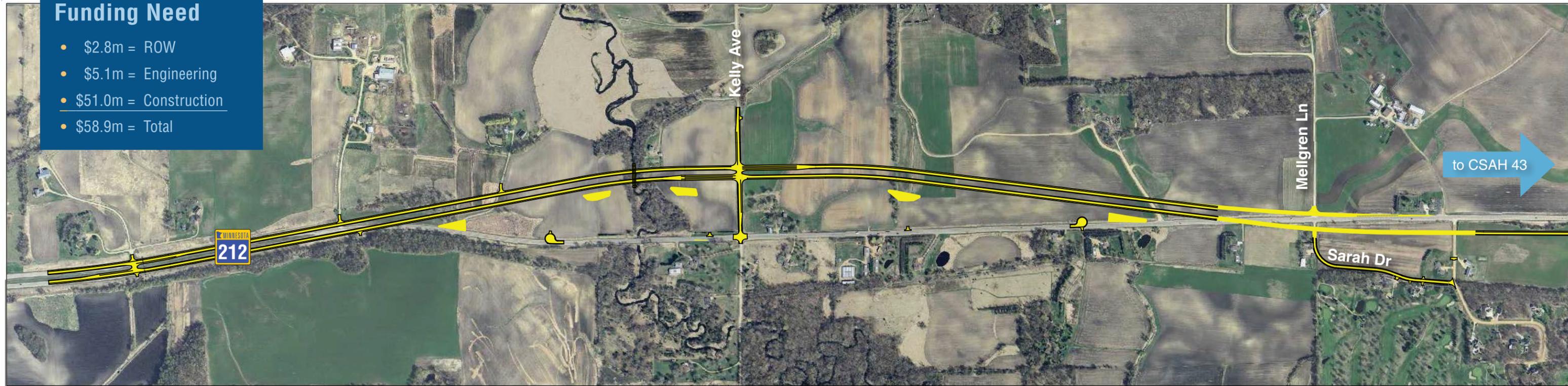
While an approved concept plan and environmental document exists for the 4.6 mile segment between Carver and Cologne (Part B), funding for these improvements have not been identified. However, in the meantime, we want to continue with identifying affordable near-term solutions to prepare and work towards the ultimate vision on the corridor (*see pages 2 & 3 inside*).

More information regarding the TH 212 Study can be found at [www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/212cologne/](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/212cologne/)

### Four Lane Section from Carver to Cologne (Part B) Hybrid Option (Partial new alignment and uses partial exiting roadway)

#### Funding Need

- \$2.8m = ROW
- \$5.1m = Engineering
- \$51.0m = Construction
- \$58.9m = Total



#### Funding Need for First Mile (CSAH 43 to CSAH 11)

- \$1.0m = ROW
- \$1.1m = Engineering
- \$11.0m = Construction
- \$13.1m = Million

First Mile Segment - CSAH 43 to CSAH 11