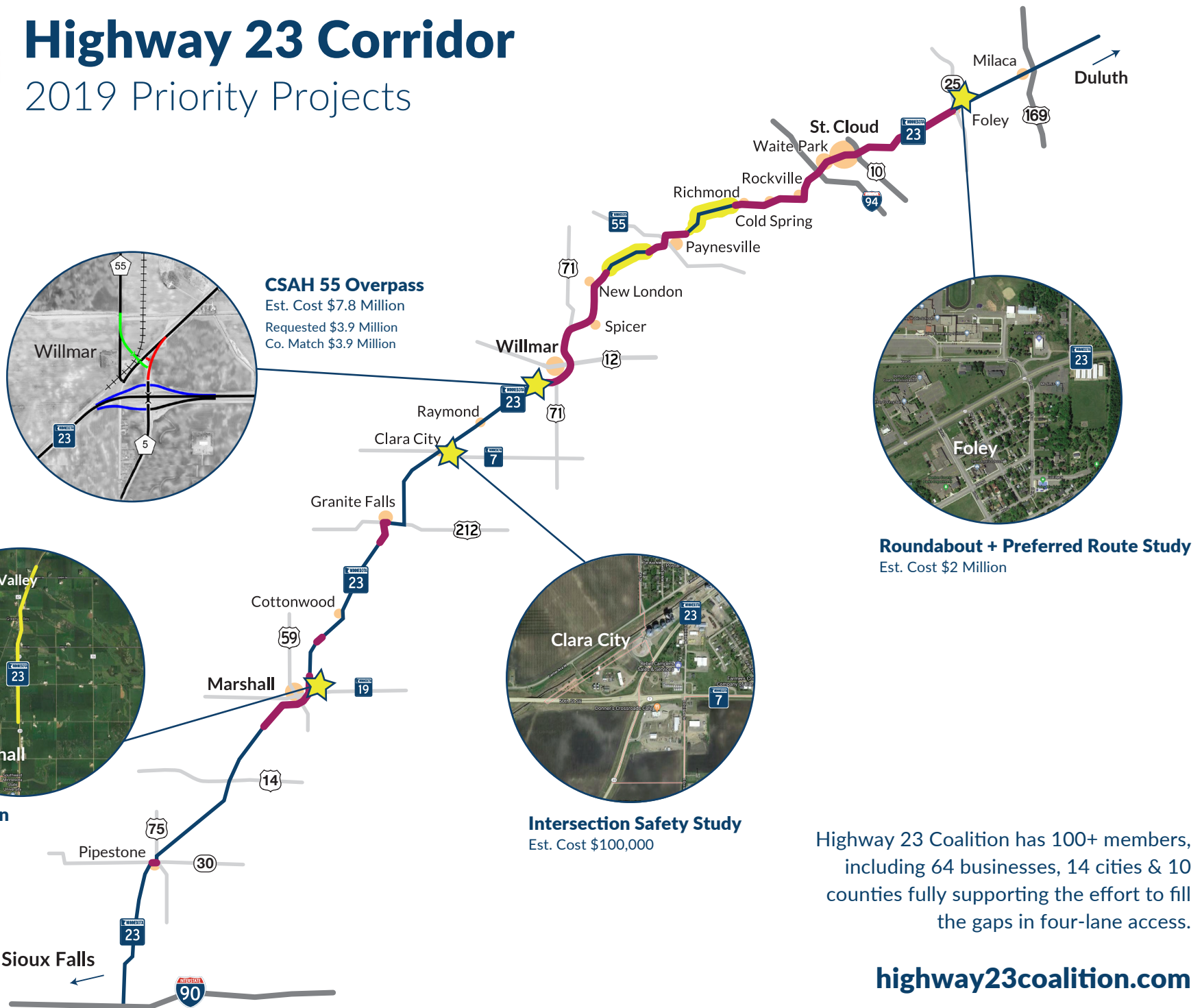




Highway 23 Corridor

2019 Priority Projects



Highway 23 Coalition has 100+ members, including 64 businesses, 14 cities & 10 counties fully supporting the effort to fill the gaps in four-lane access.

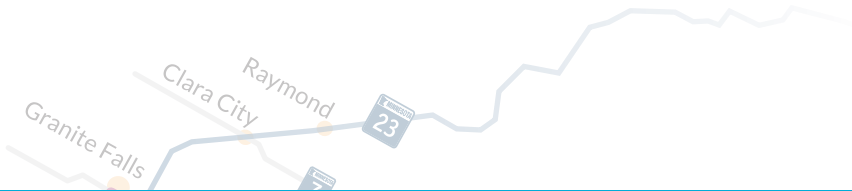
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Highway 23 Projects

Status of Current Projects & Ongoing Corridor Needs

- ▶ The Highway 23 Coalition has expanded its coverage to 14 cities and 10 counties and now covers from I-90 in Southwest MN to I-35 in Northeast MN. The Coalition has over 100 business, government, and organizational members.



- ▶ The Highway 23 Coalition is appreciative of the Corridors of Commerce funding that was approved for the two four-lane gaps between Willmar and I-94 during the last legislative session. MnDOT District 8 is the lead entity for both gaps and is proceeding to develop and deliver these projects.

Recently District 8 has hired Isthmus Engineering to provide engineering services (e.g. final design, public engagement, permitting, etc.) for the North Gap. Land acquisition/ROW activities will begin in 2019. Construction of the first gap is expected to begin in 2022.

Promoting Safety, Mobility & Growth

- ▶ The Highway 23 Coalition has identified and supports the following corridor project priorities for 2019:

- Construction of a **Roundabout in the City of Foley at Highway 23 and 8th Avenue (near Foley Public Schools) and the undertaking of a Preferred Route Safety Study that would encompass Hwy 23 from Foley to Milaca.** This study would determine the best route for a four-lane road.
- Construction of a **CSAH 55 Overpass that would connect to the new Interchange at Hwy 23 and County Road 5.** This bridge over the BNSF railroad would tie into the new Willmar Railroad Wye project with a direct connection to the City's Industrial Park.

- **Undertaking an Intersection Safety Study at Highway 23 and Highway 7 in Clara City.** This study would determine what changes could be made to enhance safety at this intersection. The Coalition's Board approved providing \$5,000 toward the local match required by MnDOT. Chippewa County and the City, both members of the Coalition, would match the contribution.
- Construction of a **four-lane extension of Highway 23 north from the City of Marshall to the City of Green Valley,** a distance of 4.5 miles. This project would continue the four-lane infrastructure on the Hwy 23 Corridor and bring it closer to connecting with Highway 212.

- ▶ In addition, the Highway 23 Coalition has been supportive of an improved I-94/MN23 Interchange project, an important safety project near Waite Park. MnDOT District 3 is now in the process of moving up this project, if possible, from 2020 to this year. The Coalition appreciates District 3's efforts in this regard.

