

## **Project Background**



Highway 8 is an important interregional corridor that serves a variety of transportation needs. It is vital to sustaining local commerce and energizing future economic growth and vitality.



In recent years, Highway 8 has become increasingly strained due to high levels of daily commuters, large trucks hauling freight, and spikes in weekend recreational traffic.



A proliferation of secondary roads and private driveways provide direct access to and from Highway 8 which contribute to safety and mobility issues.



There have been a number a serious crashes in recent years, including 4 fatalities.

# We're Working to Improve Highway 8

- Chisago County is leading a project to get moving on identifying a long-term solution to improve safety and mobility along US Highway 8 from I-35 in Forest Lake to Karmel Avenue in Chisago City.
- The first phase of this project will analyze a variety of alternatives along the corridor to address safety and mobility issues, while taking pedestrian and bicyclist needs into consideration.
- The project will also explore the addition of pedestrian curb ramps, crosswalks, and a multi-use trail.



# **Project Timeline**



#### **Contact**

For more information on this project, please visit our website: <a href="mailto:chisagocounty.us/867/RoadConstruction">chisagocounty.us/867/RoadConstruction</a> where you can sign up for project updates, or contact Joe K. Triplett, PE, County Engineer

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