

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2026-022

REQUESTING MNDOT TO PROVIDE SAFETY SOLUTIONS FOR WALKING AND
BIKING AT AND BELOW GRADE IN THE UPCOMING 2032 TRUNK HIGHWAY TH-3
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER THE CANNON RIVER AND 2033 TH-3 BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT OVER THE RAILROAD.

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield 2045 Comprehensive Plan desires Northfield to “foster human connections in our increasingly diverse community through well-designed neighborhoods, gathering places, and business districts that are inclusive for all, independent of age, economic status, mobility, gender, or racial and ethnic background”; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield 2045 Comprehensive Plan desires Northfield to “provide a full complement of mobility options so all Northfield residents and visitors can get where and how they want”; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield 2045 Comprehensive Plan desires Northfield to “emphasize equity to address disparities and to ensure equitable access to jobs, housing, education, essential services, retail, mobility options, and open space for all”; and,

WHEREAS, MnDOT has two upcoming Bridge Replacement Projects on TH-3, with one over the Cannon River in 2023 and the other over the Railroad in 2033; and,

WHEREAS, it is critical that these bridge replacement projects meet our local and regional transportation needs; and,

WHEREAS, bridges only get replaced every 50-75 years, so these are significant projects for the community and region and we need to ensure the scoping of these projects meets our community goals; and,

WHEREAS, the current bridges do not provide safe comfortable, low stress walking and biking; and,

WHEREAS, TH-3 is a significant barrier in our community for people to cross TH-3 to access the east and west side of our community; and,

WHEREAS, TH-3 is our highest crash/safety issue corridor, and adjacent roadway intersections near the bridges should be reviewed to ensure future vision of the corridor with the bridge replacement projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Northfield City Council Requests MnDOT to provide safety solutions for Walking and Biking at grade and below the upcoming 2032 Trunk Highway TH-3 Bridge

Replacement over the Cannon River and 2033 TH-3 Bridge Replacement over the Railroad to be included in the base project scope.

2. Request MnDOT to partner with the City of Northfield to conduct a corridor plan for the entirety of Highway 3 through Northfield to ensure these bridge replacement projects meet the local and regional transportation needs and establish a long term plan.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 10th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ___ ZWEIFEL ___ BEUMER ___ DAHLEN ___ HOLMES
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