

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2024-050  
MNDOT TO IMPLEMENT TRUNK HIGHWAY 19  
INTERIM SAFETY SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, TH 19 is a primarily east-west corridor extending across southern Minnesota from the South Dakota border in Lincoln County to US 61 in Red Wing, linking multiple north-south trunk highway routes, including Interstate 35; and,

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2018, the City Council approved a motion to approve a “focus area for the Northfield Transportation Advisory Committee to include Highway 19 corridor related initiatives”; and,

WHEREAS, Northfield City Council Resolution 2018-085 established that “the Northfield Transportation Advisory Committee shall provide regular updates,”; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021 MnDOT began a corridor study area covering approximately 21 miles of TH 19 between TH 13 and TH 3 and as part of the study, MnDOT evaluated existing and future conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the corridor study, including public input from both individual and institutional stakeholders, identified a variety of current safety concerns in the corridor, including specific locations of concern; and,

WHEREAS, MnDOT has developed recommendations for long-term improvements along the corridor, including:

1. A Mill and Overlay from I-35 to east of Armstrong Road and from the UP Railroad to TH 3.
2. Reconstruction/Regrade from east of Armstrong Road to UP Railroad, a modified 3-lane design with a center left turn lane.
3. Improved trail, sidewalks, and ADA improvements.
4. Improved pedestrian crossings near Post Consumer Brands.
5. Added and lengthening of turn lanes along the corridor.
6. Together with other items outlined in MnDOT Implementation Memo dated February 20, 2024.

WHEREAS, MnDOT has programmed these long-term improvements to begin construction in 2027; and,

WHEREAS, under this programming, the specific locations of safety concern would remain unaddressed until the programmed improvements on TH 19 are completed in 2027, a period of at least three years; and,

WHEREAS, public input and Northfield Transportation Advisory Committee discussions have identified four areas of special safety concern:

1. Post Holdings pedestrian crossing
2. Armstrong Road intersection with TH 19
3. St. Olaf entrance from TH 19
4. Apple Orchard entrance from TH 19

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

The City of Northfield requests MnDOT explore interim safety improvements for the four identified locations above and MnDOT share recommendations with the City and the NTAC.

MnDOT consider implementing interim safety improvement measures with deliberate speed prior to the 2027 programmed project.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 21st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:   \_\_\_ POWNELL   \_\_\_ HOLMES   \_\_\_ NESS   \_\_\_ PETERSON WHITE  
          \_\_\_ REISTER   \_\_\_ SOKUP   \_\_\_ ZUCCOLOTTO