



Highway 13 Corridor Study Update

(From Highway 13/101 in Savage to Nicollet Avenue in Burnsville)



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Study Description

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in cooperation with Dakota County, Scott County, the City of Burnsville and the City of Savage, has initiated a study to provide updated guidance for transportation improvements along Hwy 13 through Savage and western Burnsville. The study will identify investment needs and show how they:

- Address system performance on Hwy 13
- Improve the safety of the corridor
- Support local economic and community development along Hwy 13

Corridor concept alternatives will be developed with a focus on lower cost/high benefit solutions that target mitigation of the highest risk areas addressing safety and mobility of passenger vehicles, transit, heavy truck movements and pedestrians/bicyclists.

Public input will be an important element to the development of this study. With an **open house scheduled for Thursday, November 8 (see opposite side for details)**, we felt this was a good time to introduce the study and to identify the next steps in the process.

Background

Since the initial Hwy 13 Corridor Study was completed in 2000, significant investments have been made and the project partners have achieved success in advancing their shared vision for the corridor. However, the study was conducted more than a decade ago, and

economic forecasts and growth trends have shifted from what was once predicted. In addition, there has been a decrease in transportation funding both at the state and federal levels. Because of this, a thorough review of the corridor and future needs is not only appropriate, but necessary to ensure continued investments truly reflect the maximum return on investment in the way of improved safety, mobility, and economic vitality along the corridor.

Next Steps

The study will take place through April 2013 and will include the following key elements:

- Stakeholder and public involvement
- Review of existing studies and plans relevant to the transportation needs of Hwy 13
- Traffic analysis given the recent transportation investments (e.g., the recently completed Hwy 13/101 Interchange in Savage, the soon to be constructed Hwy 13/County Hwy 5 Interchange in Burnsville beginning in 2013, as well as other recent access management efforts)
- Consideration of opportunities and constraints of the UP Railroad (which parallels Hwy 13) and associated crossings and rail safety/mobility considerations
- Multimodal planning
- Potential design alternatives and analysis

A report will be prepared that summarizes and evaluates a range of alternatives for addressing safety and mobility needs along the Hwy 13 corridor.

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Public Involvement

Get Involved. Stay Involved.

We encourage your participation, input and questions throughout the study. We will hold two open house meetings through early 2013.

You can have newsletters, meeting notices and study updates sent directly to your email inbox by visiting the study website and clicking the "Email Updates" button.

Email Updates

Staying informed is easy with automatic email updates. To sign up, just type mndot.gov into your browser, scroll down the page then click on the "Email Updates" button. Follow the instructions and choose the "Hwy 13 Corridor Study - Savage to Burnsville" list.

Please Consider Attending the First Open House Scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012

Time: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

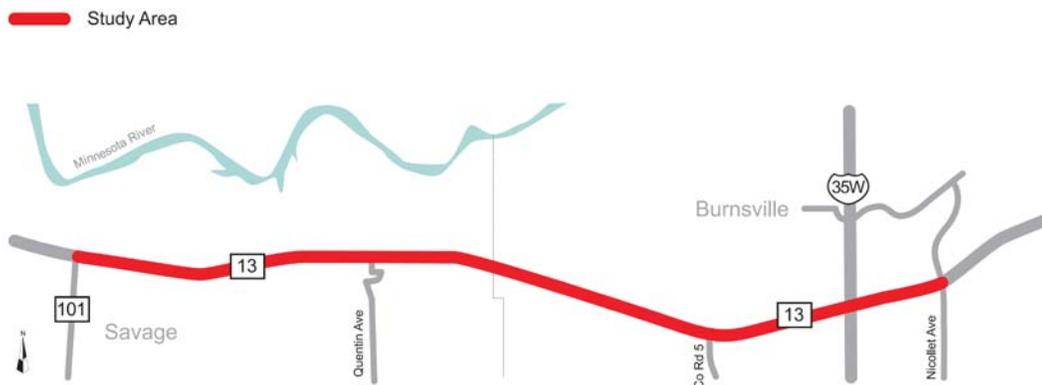
Location: Savage City Hall (6000 McColl Drive, 55378)

Exhibits will be available for review and staff will be present to answer questions and hear your comments.

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Public Open House Scheduled for Nov 8th

MnDOT staff, consultant staff, and local representatives will host an open house to introduce the study, answer your questions, and receive your comments and input.

The open house is scheduled for **Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the **Savage City Hall, Marion/Marietta Room** located at **6000 McColl Drive**. The meeting format is an open house, so participants are welcome to come and go as they please throughout the meeting. No formal presentation will be made.

The meeting is a great opportunity to learn about the study, the process, key issues, provide feedback and get more information on how to get involved. We are interested in hearing your issues, concerns, and suggestions regarding the study.

To request an ASL or foreign language interpreter, or other reasonable accommodation, call Janet Miller at 651.366.4720 or 1.800.657.3774 (Greater Minnesota), 711 or 1.800.627.3529 (Minnesota Relay). You also may send an email to janet.rae.miller@state.mn.us. Please request at least one week in advance if possible.

Tech Memo #1 – Study Purpose, Goals, & Corridor Vision is Complete!

Visit the study website (see below for web address) to review the first technical memorandum which documents the study purpose, goals, and corridor vision.

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More Information Can Be Found On The Study Website:

www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy13study/index.html

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