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CARVER COUNTY HIGHWAY 10 PROJECT COMPLETED

CHASKA, MINN. — Carver County opened its Highway 10 project in the City of Waconia on Friday, Nov. 16.

The County celebrated the project's completion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Representatives from the County, the City of Waconia, Waconia Public Schools, and project partners attended. Minor grading and turf establishment will finish in spring 2019.

Highway 10 is a critical regional highway running through Waconia. Both County and City comprehensive plans included a Highway 10 realignment. The realigned Highway 10 is west of the Waconia High School and Middle School campuses. Highway 10 continues north of the school parcel, connecting with the existing highway. Independent School District 110 expanded its campus that crosses the highway realignment.

The expansion required a new access to Highway 5, achieved through this realignment. The project realized joint benefits for the County and School District. The County completed the project earlier than planned. This aided the School District with access coordination. It also realized cost-sharing, right-of-way preservation, and development management. All the entities received help from a traffic study. This allowed the project to serve the long-term needs of the area.

"This is an excellent example of what can happen when entities collaborate on a project," County Commissioner Tim Lynch said. He represents the Waconia area and District 4. "All the partners came together to make this realignment a reality. Doing so on a timeline that matched the school district's needs and fit into the City and County's budgets wasn't easy. The collaboration allowed that to happen."

The project resolved many challenges. It includes pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, plus stormwater solutions. It used an accelerated construction schedule to limit the full closure of Highway 10. The realignment bisects the Waconia High School campus. Coordination between officials incorporated pedestrian solutions and connections to the school campus. The project added two pedestrian underpasses and a bridge. These cross over the trail after the underpass. This keeps trail users as far away from the roadway as possible. The project also planned for future annexation along the corridor. Expandable roundabouts at the intersections of Highway 5 and Waconia Pkwy aid in a safer roadway.

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County Highway 10 Project completed, two of two

The project unfolded in two overlapping phases. Phase one started in May 2017 and ended in September 2017. This section saw the roadway completion between Highway 5 and Community Drive. Phase two between Community Drive and the existing Highway 10 opened November 2018.

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