

Highway 169 Redefine – Elk River Freeway

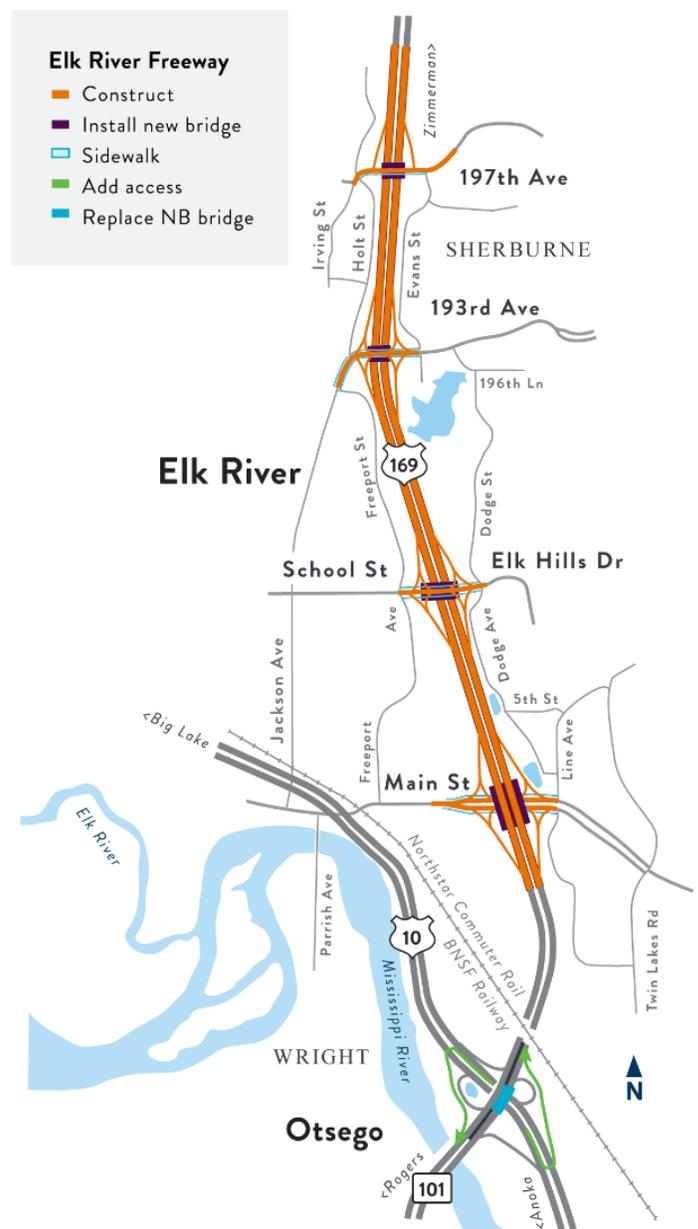
Redesign and reconstruct three miles of Highway 169 to a new freeway system through Elk River between Highway 101/10 and 197th Avenue, Sherburne County.

Summary of project

- Reconstruct all four-lanes of Highway 169 and adjacent road connections
- Construct four new Highway 169 interchanges at Main Street, School Street/Elk Hills Drive, Jackson Avenue/193rd Avenue and 197th Avenue
- Improve pedestrian accessibility along city streets
- Upgrade underground infrastructure and utilities
- Improve access at the Highway 169/Highway 101/Highway 10 interchange
- Replace the northbound Highway 169/Highway 101 bridge over Highway 10

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Looking ahead to early 2020

The '169 Redefine' project is in partnership with MnDOT, the City of Elk River and Sherburne County. In early 2020, a construction management contractor and final design team will be hired to work together to determine the best, most cost-effective plans for executing the three-year construction project that will begin by fall 2022.



When complete in 2024, the estimated \$157 million Corridors of Commerce funded project will increase capacity, improve overall traffic flow and improve accessibility and safety.

Single-point urban interchanges

A single-point urban interchange (SPUI), pronounced "*Spooley*", can also be called a single-point diamond interchange. This type of highway interchange design was created to help move large volumes of traffic through limited areas of space safely and efficiently.

The term "*single point*" refers to the fact that all through traffic on the arterial street, as well as the traffic turning left onto or off the interchange, can be controlled from a single set of traffic signals.

Elk River

The Highway 169 freeway will use these interchange designs at three locations:

- Main Street
- School Street/Elk Hills Drive
- Jackson Avenue/193rd Avenue

SPUI in Otsego

Drivers in the Elk River area will find another single-point urban interchange across the Mississippi River at Highway 101 and 90th Street NE in Otsego.



School Street and 193rd Avenue will go over Highway 169 like this SPUI in Kentucky.