

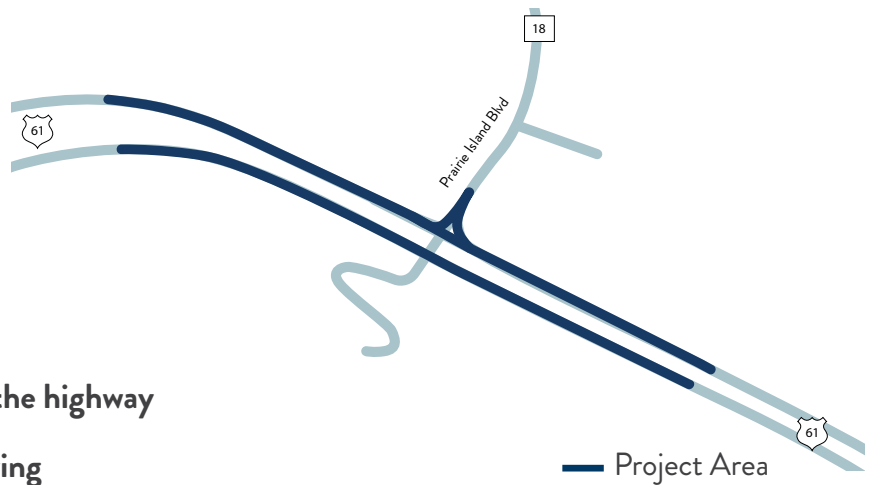
# Hwy 61/County Road 18

REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

MnDOT has evaluated Hwy 61 to identify improvements to help with safety and traffic flow through the corridor, specifically at the Hwy 61/County Road 18 intersection in Goodhue County. A recommendation of a reduced conflict intersection based on this evaluation will:



- Improve intersection safety for all users
- Improve ways to safely get to and from the highway
- Shorten wait times and keep traffic moving

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Hwy 61/County Road 18 intersection has a history of left turn crashes due to speed, traffic volumes and poor sightlines. Over the past few years, MnDOT has been evaluating safety and travel conditions in this area to determine local access needs. Significant safety issues at this intersection include:

- A history of serious right-angle crashes. Right-angle crashes, sometimes called “T-Bone” crashes, are often more deadly than other crashes.
- Difficulty getting on/off Hwy 61 during certain times of the day.
- A wide variety of roadway users, with many types of vehicles.



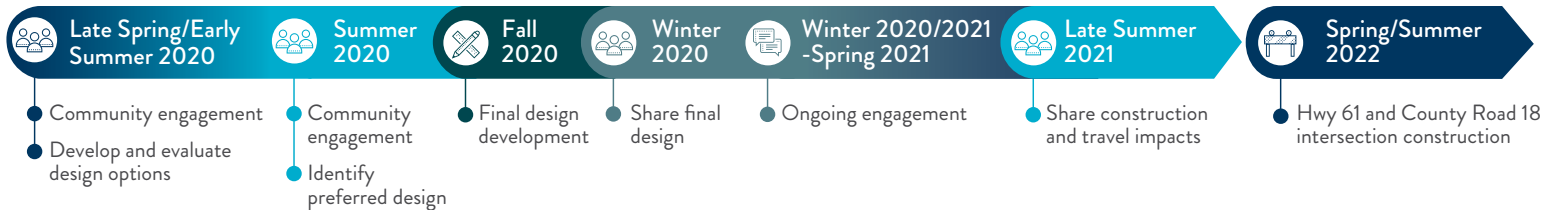
To increase safety and better manage travel needs at this intersection, MnDOT is planning to construct a Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI) at the Hwy 61/County Road 18 intersection.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

MnDOT will continue to gather feedback from the public and stakeholders to refine the recommended improvements.

2020-2021

2022



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## WHAT IS A REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION?



Maintains access to and from the highway for all travelers



Significantly reduces the risk of crashes, especially severe right-angle crashes



Increases safety for all users



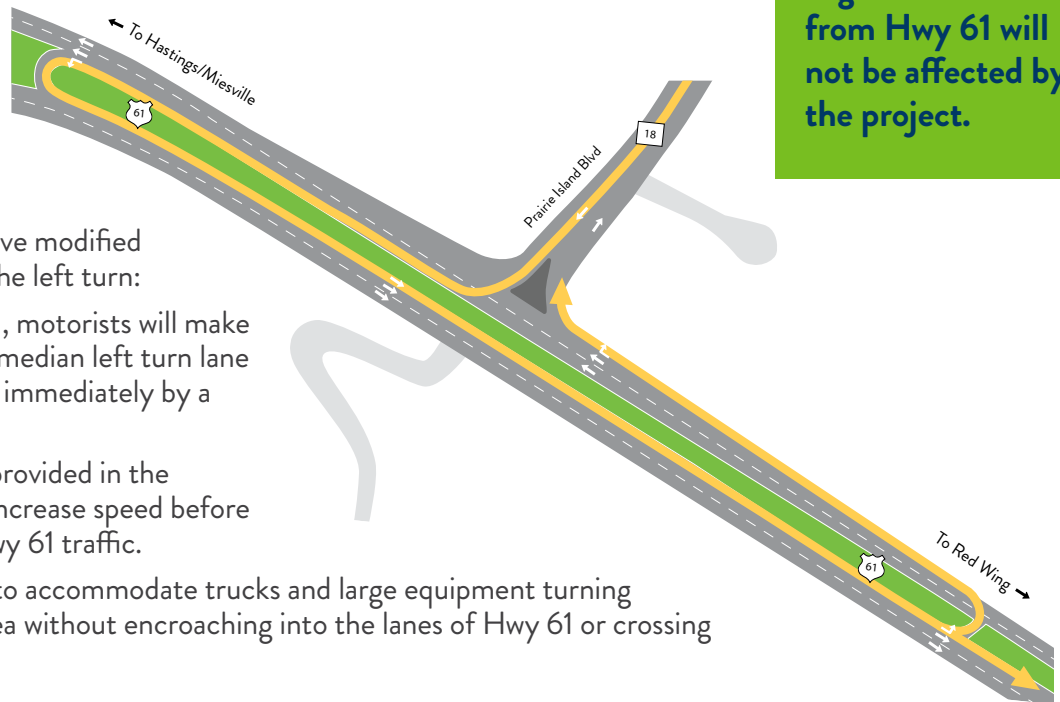
Makes it easier to turn left through major intersections

## HOW DO YOU NAVIGATE A REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION?

**Today**, motorists can drive through the intersection and make direct left turns from County Road 18 to Hwy 61.

**In the future**, motorists will have modified turning movements for making the left turn:

- To go southbound on Hwy 61, motorists will make a right turn directly into the median left turn lane at County Road 18, followed immediately by a U-turn.
- An acceleration lane will be provided in the median for drivers to safely increase speed before merging into southbound Hwy 61 traffic.
- The U-turn will be designed to accommodate trucks and large equipment turning completely in the median area without encroaching into the lanes of Hwy 61 or crossing high-speed traffic.



Right turns to and from Hwy 61 will not be affected by the project.

Access to Hwy 61 from Treasure Island Resort and Casino and the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant will change after project construction is complete in fall 2022.

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