

MARSHALL AREA HWY 23

SAFETY ASSESSMENT



The Marshall Area Highway 23 Safety Assessment has been well underway since the first newsletter in February 2016. To help improve safety along the corridor, reviewing the existing data has been an important part in helping guide the assessment as it moves forward. This data includes:

- The number of cars that are using Highway 23;
- The speed at which cars are traveling;
- The number and types of crashes that have occurred over the last several years.

Where are we in the assessment process?

- Data collection is complete.
- Initial evaluation of traffic, crash history and speeds along Highway 23 are complete.
- Beginning stage of developing preliminary strategies, which we discussed at our April 12 open house (click [here](#) to view the open house meeting materials).

Public Input

We have received valuable input from community members as part of the safety assessment public outreach efforts. The issues and concerns we've received can be summarized into four main areas:

- Travel speeds along Highway 23.
- Safety at several intersections along Highway 23.
- Access to, from and across Highway 23 is a concern and will become more challenging as Marshall continues to grow.
- Providing a safe environment for pedestrians and bicycles.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSESSMENT?

A comprehensive public involvement process has been and is being conducted to gather input, educate, and gain support for strategies to improve the safety of Highway 23.

Upcoming in-person public outreach opportunities:

YMCA Bike Safety Event

Date: May 23, 2016
Time: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Location: Marshall Area YMCA
200 S A St, Marshall, MN 56258

Public Open House #3

Date: June 7, 2016
Time: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: Marshall-Lyon
County Library
201 C St., Marshall, MN 56258

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HOW CAN WE ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AND CONCERNS?



The character of a particular roadway is key to managing the safety and speed of the corridor. Numerous studies are available to tell us that just lowering the speed limit without any additional changes to a roadway has very little effect on how drivers select the speed at which they drive.

As part of the safety assessment, potential alternatives include looking at the roadway design itself, understanding how we can manage access to improve safety, looking ways to improve how we control the intersections, modifying the roadside environment to change the character of Highway 23, improving signing and pavement markings, and providing additional education and enforcement.

Next steps of the safety assessment include:

- Developing alternatives to address safety issues for Highway 23.
- Conducting an evaluation to determine their potential effectiveness.
- Identifying recommended strategies and develop a long-term plan and a vision or path on how to get there.

Share your input online

There are two online opportunities to provide input using the different options below.

- [WikiMapping](#) – an online mapping tool + survey (click [here](#) to view the WikiMapping instructions)
- [SurveyMonkey](#) - online survey without the online map (same survey questions as the WikiMapping survey)

Schedule

Initial activities for the assessment began in January 2016 and the overall assessment will be completed by August 2016. The assessment is being conducted in three phases:

- **Phase 1:** Identify the purpose and need
- **Phase 2:** Develop and evaluate alternatives
- **Phase 3:** Identify recommended strategies and implementation plan

