



CSAH-3 GRADE SEPARATION

IMPROVING COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in cooperation with the City of Belle Plaine, Scott County and adjacent townships, conducted a *Corridor Sub-Area Planning Study* in 2003 that determined the vision of the US-169 corridor in-and-around Belle Plaine. At the time of the study, there were five skewed, at-grade intersections on a 1.1-mile stretch of US-169 within the city. The intersections had extensive accident histories, including several fatal crashes.

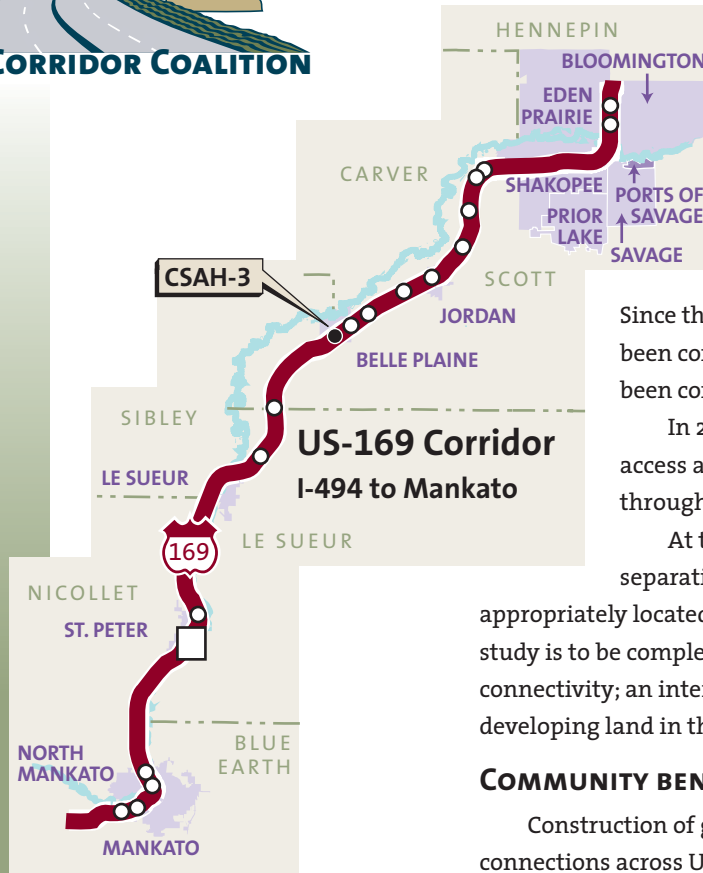
Since that time, nearly all accesses have been closed, a frontage road has been constructed along the north side of US-169 and a full interchange has been constructed at TH-25.

In 2008 MnDOT made a safety improvement and installed a 3/4 access at the intersection of CSAH-3 and US-169. This eliminated the through movements and left turns onto US-169.

At this time the City, County and MnDOT are evaluating grade separation options and determining if the interchange is more appropriately located south of CSAH-3 with an overpass at the CSAH-3 location. This study is to be completed in 2010. Construction of an overpass improved community connectivity; an interchange will allow the connectivity to provide access to developing land in the community.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Construction of grade separation at CSAH-3 will reduce accidents and streamline connections across US-169.



FUNDING

Estimated cost for full interchange: \$21.1 million.

Funding partners include MnDOT, Scott County, City of Belle Plaine and private sources.

QUESTIONS

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