

3-lane roads in Hennepin County

Benefits



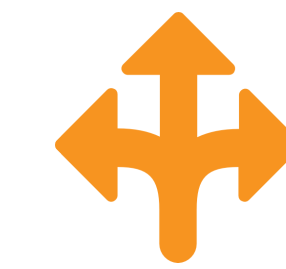
Safety

3-lane roads typically see a 33-50% reduction in crashes compared to 4-Lane undivided roads.



Speed

Studies have found that drivers go slower due to a feeling of narrower lanes and closer constraints. A 3-lane also provides more consistent traffic flow.



Turning

On a 3-lane road, drivers can make safer turns with fewer motorists making dangerous weaving maneuvers around them or running into them.



Multimodal transportation

A larger shoulder on 3-lane roads leaves room for bicycle lanes, bus stops, right turns, delivery/postal vehicles, and creates a comfortable buffer from adjacent sidewalks.



Side-street crossings

Side-street traffic can more comfortably enter the roadway because there are fewer lanes to cross. This can reduce delays for people on side-streets.



Traffic capacity

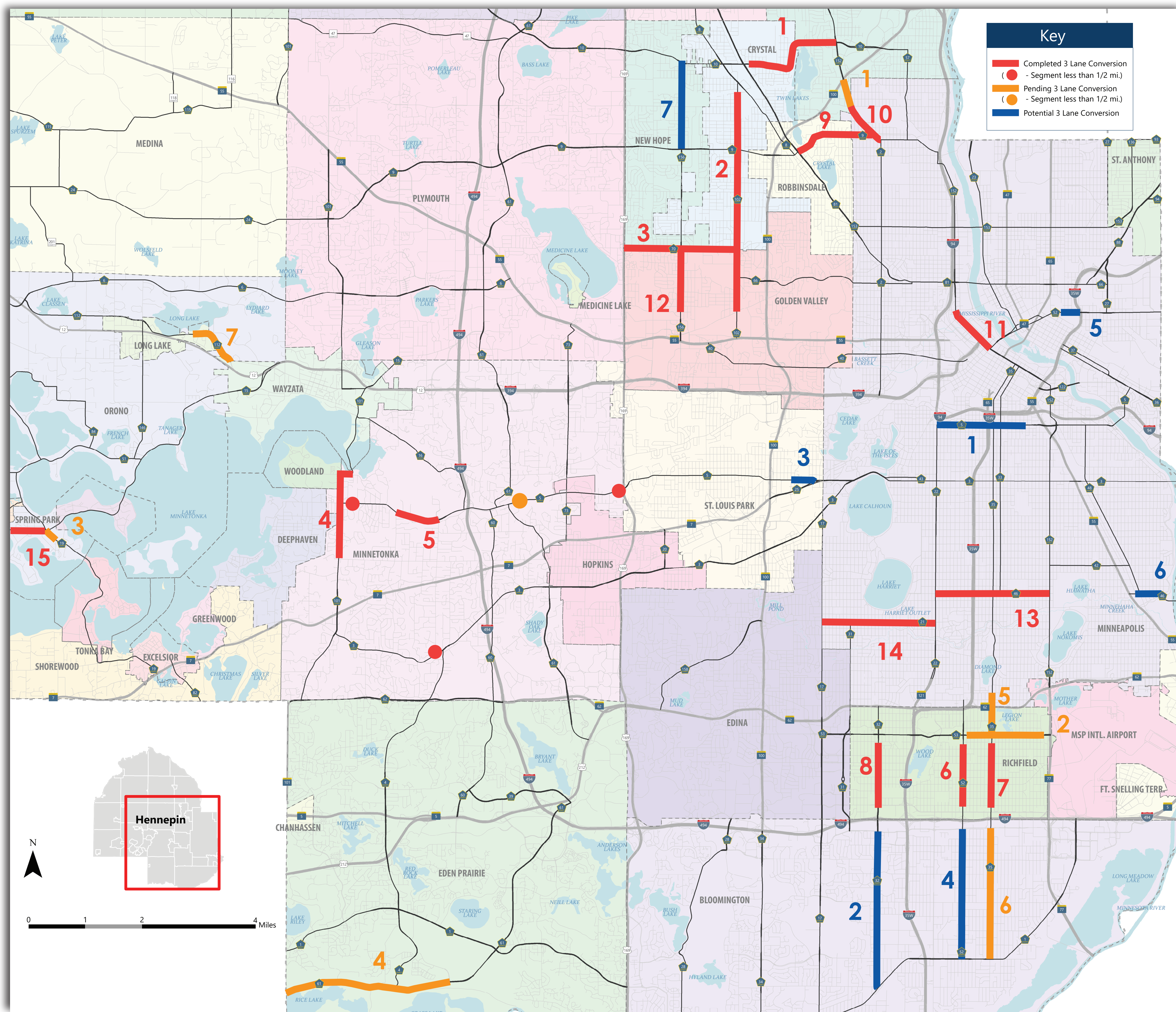
Studies have found that the traffic delays have often decreased or stayed the same after a 3-lane conversion. At major intersections or highway interchanges, the 3-lane roads are usually supplemented with additional through or turn lanes for traffic capacity reasons.



Recent and future conversions to 3-lanes

Recent conversions

- 1 Bass Lake Rd (CR-70) Brooklyn Center /Crystal Spring 2007
- 2 Douglas Dr (CR-102) Crystal/Golden Valley Summer 2010
- 3 Medicine Lake Rd (CR-70) Crystal/New Hope 2006, Extended in 2010
- 4 CR-101 Deephaven/Minnetonka 2005-2007, Extended in 2015
- 5 Minnetonka Blvd (CR-5) 2017 Minnetonka
- 6 Nicollet Ave (CR-52) 2013 Richfield
- 7 Portland Ave (CR-35) 2010 Richfield
- 8 Penn Ave (CR-32) 2013 Richfield
- 9 Lake Dr (CR-9) Robbinsdale Fall 2004
- 10 Osseo Rd (CR-152) Minneapolis Fall 2013



- 11 Washington Ave (CR-152) Minneapolis Summer 2015
 - 12 Winnetka Ave (CR-156) Golden Valley Fall 2015
 - 13 46th Street (CR-46) Minneapolis Fall 2016
 - 14 50th Street (CR-21) Minneapolis Spring 2004
 - 15 Shoreline Dr (CR-15) Mound/Spring Park 2003
- Pending in 2018-2021
- 1 Brooklyn Blvd (CR-152)
 - 2 66th Street (CR-53)
 - 3 Shadywood Rd (CR-19)
 - 4 Flying Cloud Dr (CR-61)
 - 5 Portland Ave (CR-35)
 - 6 Portland Ave (CR-35)
 - 7 Long Lake Blvd (CR-112)

Being considered:

- 1 Franklin Ave (CR-5)
- 2 Penn Ave (CR-2)
- 3 Minnetonka Blvd (CR-5)
- 4 Nicollet Ave (CR-52)
- 5 E. Hennepin Ave (CR-52)
- 6 46th St East (CR-46)
- 7 Winnetka Ave (CR-156)

