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Crow Wing County, Brainerd and Jenkins Chosen to Receive 1.4 Million for Local Road Improvements

Crow Wing County and the cities of Brainerd and Jenkins were recently selected to receive 1.4 million dollars through the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Local Road Improvement Program. The local agencies are among 52 locations around the state chosen through a competitive process to distribute state bonding dollars authorized by the Minnesota Legislature. The program is intended primarily to improve local roadways having regional significance.

Nearly \$600,000 has been awarded to Jenkins in order to reconstruct portions of County Road 145 from Veterans Street south to Norway Drive. This includes drainage improvements and addition of wider roadway shoulders to accommodate the elevated levels of vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Brainerd has been awarded \$800,000 in order to improve the NW 4th Street corridor between State Highway 210 and Jackson Street near the Brainerd hockey arena. This includes the addition of pedestrian facilities, safety improvements and important intersection revisions.

"This is a good example of how Crow Wing County continues to work closely with local agencies," said Tim Bray, County Engineer. "In recent years we have had a good track record of success when competing for these important transportation grants. Securing these outside funds would not be possible without the close partnerships we maintain with our cities and townships."

MnDOT received more than 200 applications totaling more than \$584 million. Selection was based on geographical distribution, safety, regional significance, local agency support, construction readiness, impact and availability of other funding sources.

The full list of projects funded by MnDOT's Local Road Improvement Program can be viewed at: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid/lrip.html>

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