

US Highway 212

Rural Freight Mobility and Safety Project

Federal Discretionary Grant Process



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US 212 2-lane Gap Projects



- **Two phases**

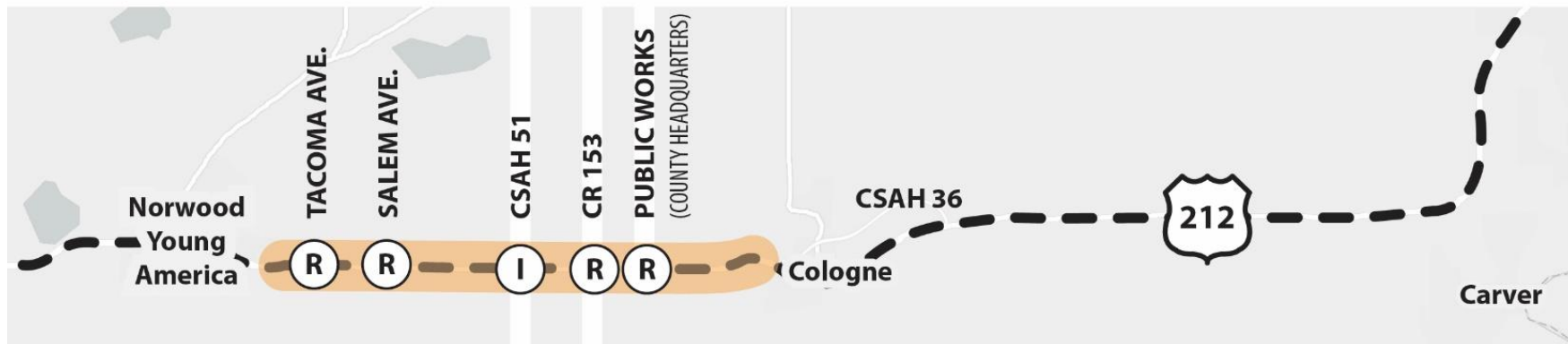
Phase 1 (Dahlgren Township) – Carver to Cologne, 4.3 miles

Phase 2 (Benton Township) – Cologne to Norwood Young America, 5.5 miles



Define the Project

- Conduct a study level analysis to determine scope and cost of project



Organize Resources

- 3 month process for a new application and 1-2 months for resubmittal
- Dedicate staff time for grant development
 - About 80-100 hours (10 hours per week over 2-month period)
- Procure consultant assistance for technical analysis and grant preparation
 - About \$25k per application
 - Technical expertise required for preparation of Benefit Cost Analysis
 - Tip - Add data analyses to grant criteria to strengthen application
 - Professional level graphics a must



Focus on Addressing Grant Criteria with Data

ELIMINATE

the freight bottleneck

EXPAND

rural access and opportunity

IMPROVE

roadway safety

ENSURE

sustainability and equity



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Prepare a Detailed Project Schedule & Funding Plan

Schedule

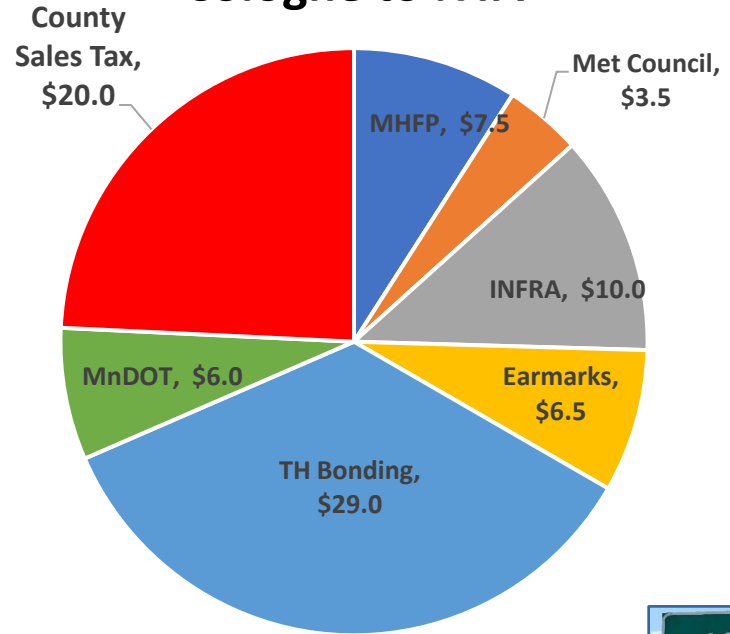
Preliminary Engineering, Environmental
2021

Detailed Design 2022

Right of Way Acquisition, Letting 2023

Construction 2024

\$82.5 Million Cologne to NYA



Generate Support

- Prepared informational video for project
- Support of Southwest Corridor Transportation Coalition
- Request letters of support from legislators
- Request letters or resolutions of support from neighboring cities and counties
- Legislative support
 - Regular meetings and communication with congressional delegation staff
 - Use of a lobbyist a must



Didn't receive a grant award?

- Persistence
 - County applied 12 times for this project
 - INFRA = 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, FASTLANE = 2017
 - TIGER/BUILD/RAISE = 2010, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Debriefs with USDOT
 - Specific feedback on how to improve application
 - Understand application rating





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