Why Regional Park Master Plans Matter

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- Required by Minnesota Statute 473.313
- Set high-level, "40,000 foot" view of a regional park or trail
 - Defines park or trail administrative boundary the land to be acquired
 - Defines future development and eligible activities
- Council's Role:
 - Set policy through development of Regional Parks Policy Plan
 - Approve master plans consistent with Council policies
 - Provide grants for acquisitions and park development in projects consistent with a Council-approved master plan



Why Regional Park Master Plans Matter

- Includes park implementing agency's estimate of costs
- Not done on a regular schedule many plans are 10 and 20 years old, or older!
 - Expensive and staff intensive
- Requires public engagement, inviting residents, other governments, and organizations to participate in visioning and plan development
- Master Plan review offers the Council an opportunity to influence future direction at park or system level



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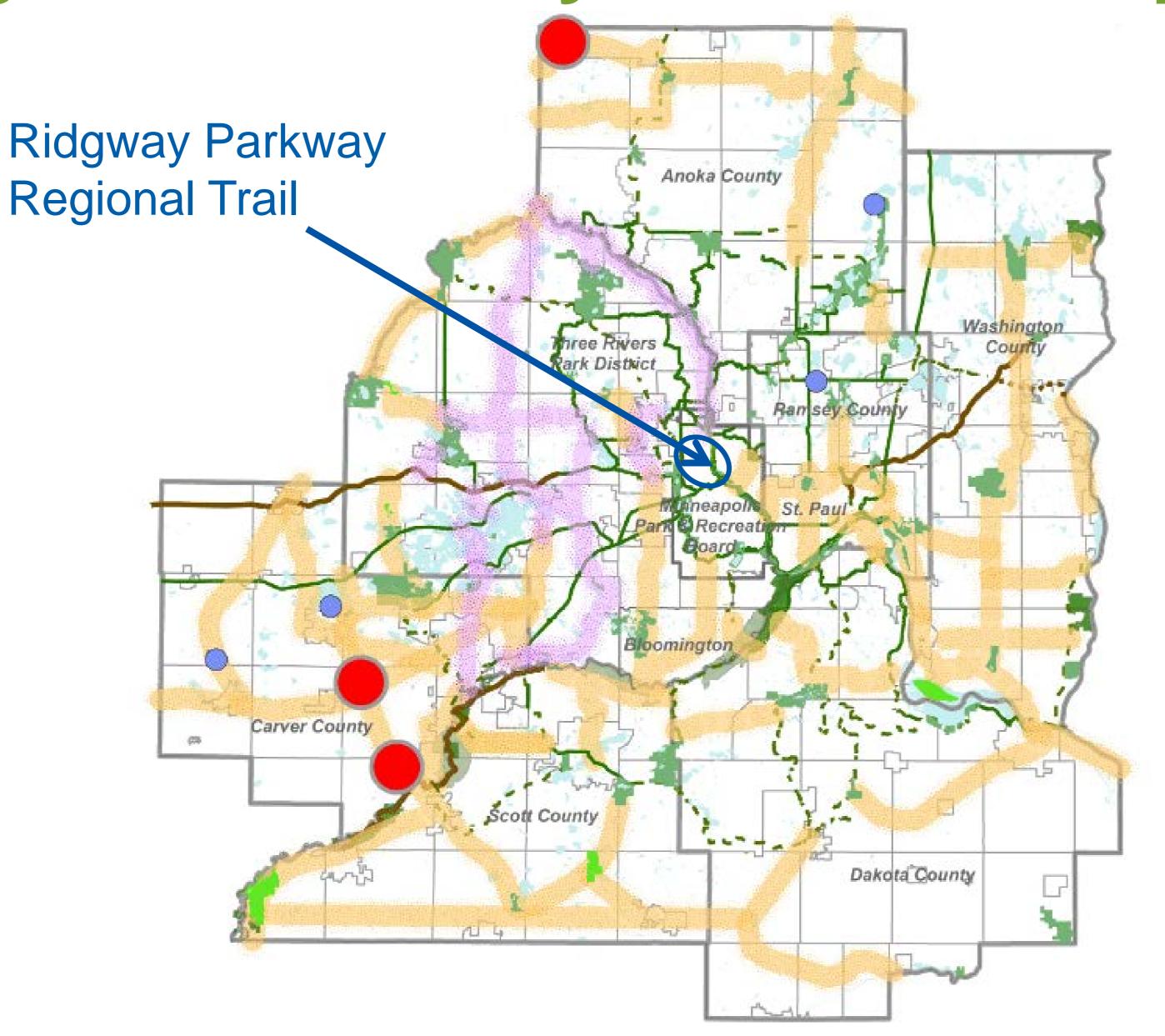
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Regional Parks System Plan Map



Regional Parks-Park Reserves Special Recreation Features

Existing Planned

Boundary Adjustment



Regional Trails

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- - - Planned

Regional Trail Search Corridors

2040 System Additions

State and Federal

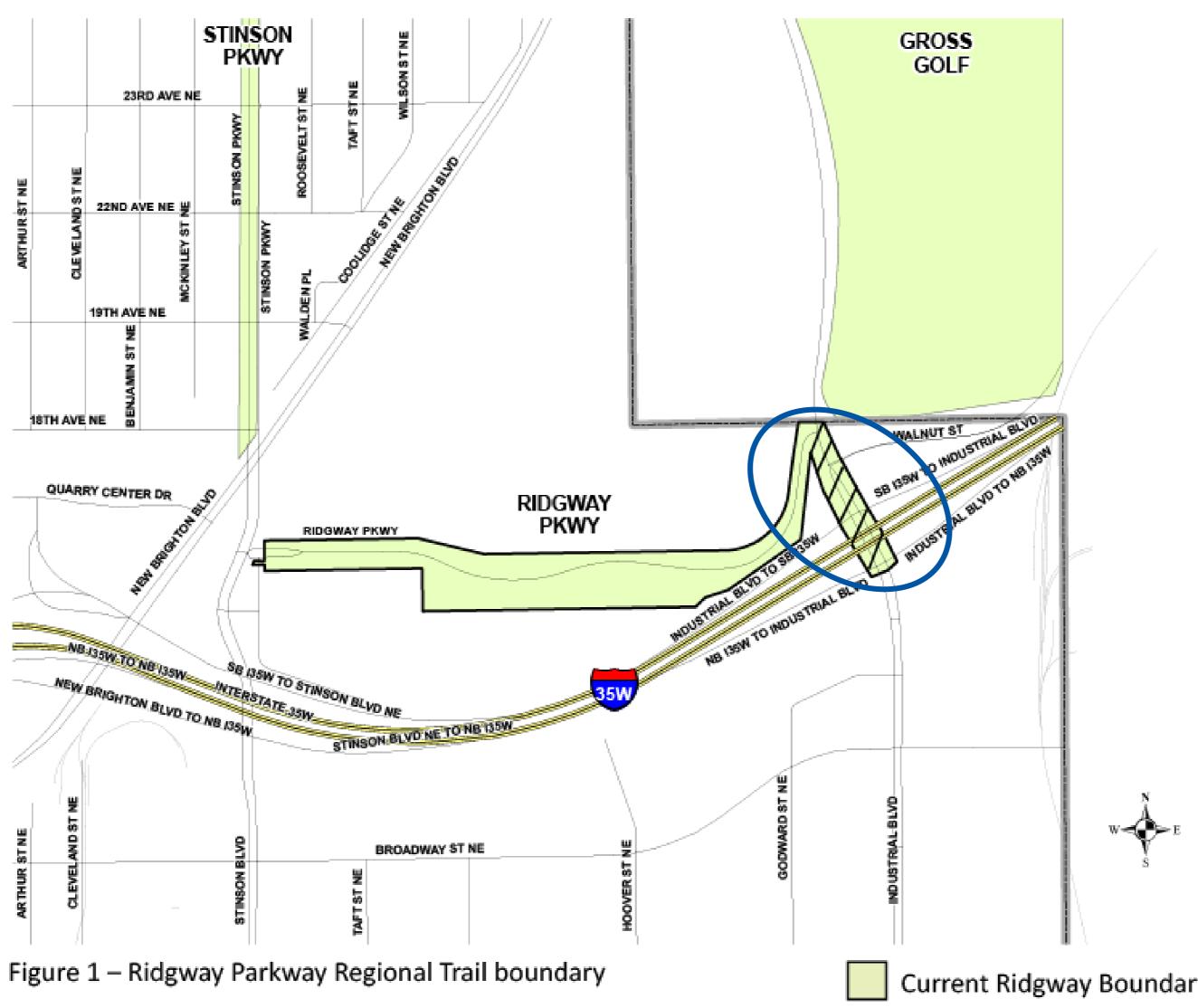
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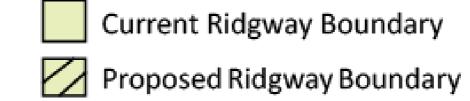
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Ridgway Parkway Regional Trail

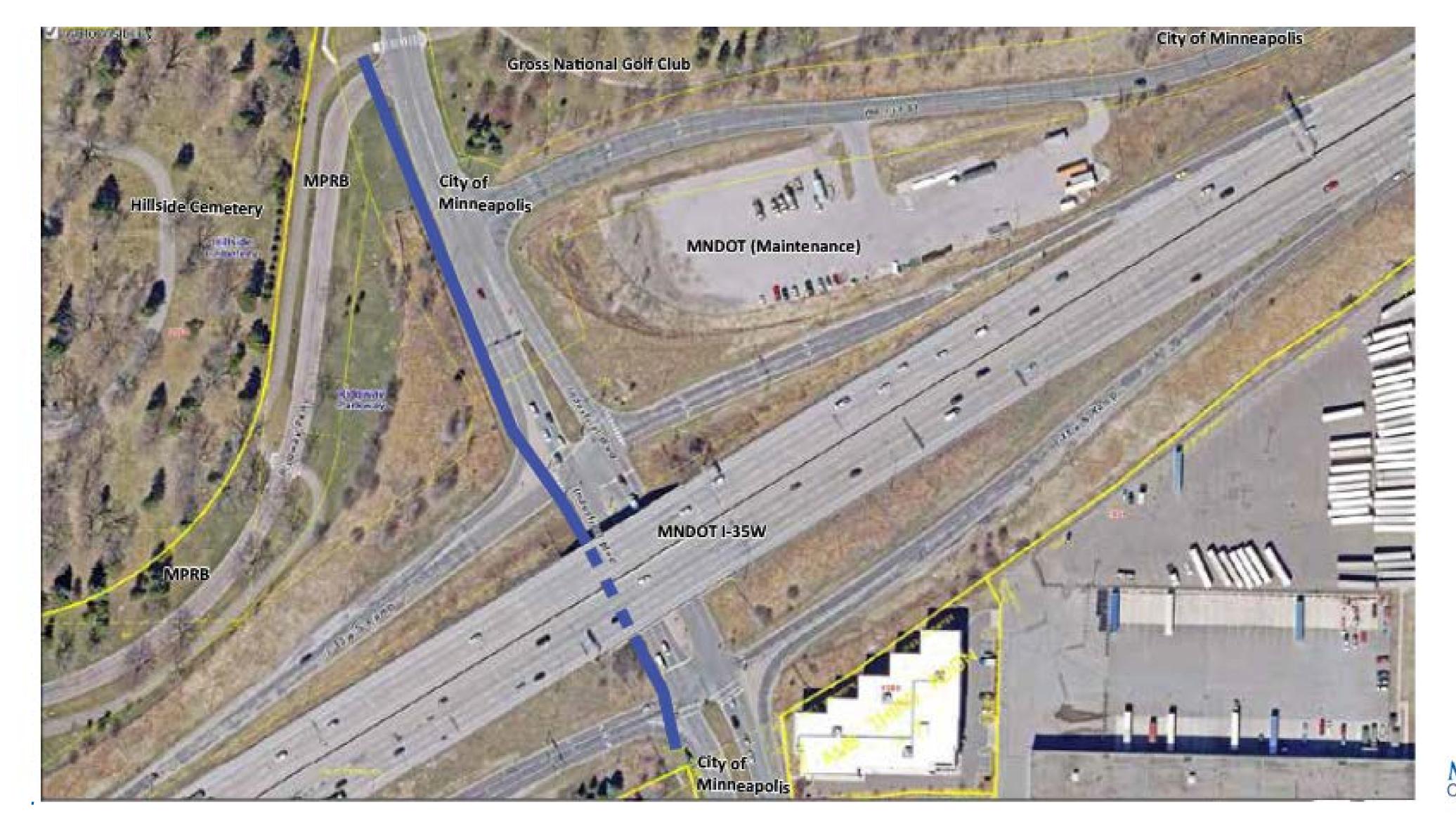






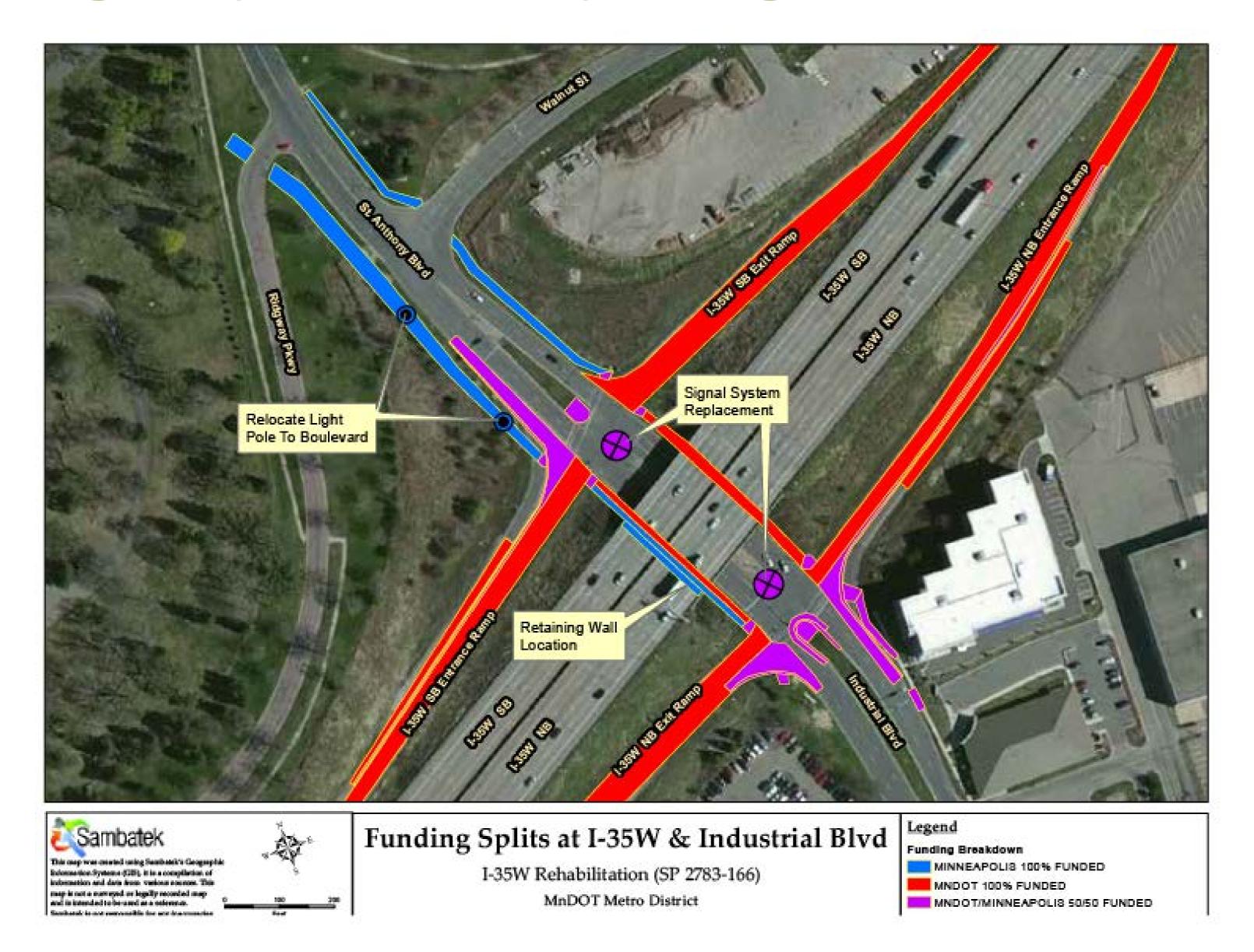


Ridgway Parkway Regional Trail Alignment





Ridgway Parkway Regional Trail – Funding





Estimated Implementation Costs

Description	Estimated Cost
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	\$100,000
City of Minneapolis	\$465,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$565,000



Proposed Findings

- The proposed amendment:
 - is consistent with the requirements of the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan
 - is consistent with Planning Strategy 1, and other Council policies



Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the Ridgway Parkway Regional Trail
 Master Plan Amendment

