



NEXT STEPS

- Complete soil conditions analysis.
- Complete environmental review and documentation process.
- Continue to refine the roadway design details.
- Begin right-of-way process.

Project Update:

Chisago County has been successful in securing full funding for the Highway 8 project and continues to move the project forward. In working through the project design and environmental clearance, the project team discovered Northern Long Eared Bats in the project area. These are a federally listed threatened and endangered species that trigger a series of environmental review processes to obtain proper clearances at the State and Federal levels. The goal is to identify a mitigation strategy to help protect the bat habitats during their mating season. While this issue has added significant time to the project schedule, we continue to advance the project design and are working with the local municipalities and property owners in the project area.

Final design and right of way acquisition should commence later this year and continue into 2025. To better inform these processes, on-going field work will continue as follows:

2024 Planned Field Activities

- Soil boring and other subsurface information is needed in the project area, which requires drill rigs. There may be potential areas of soil contamination that need further investigation. If we come across any of these situations, we will reach out directly to the property owner to coordinate.
- Wetland delineation work and topographic survey is also needed, which is done by hand by a field surveyor. You will be notified by letter if your property needs to be accessed.
- In any event, no work on private property will occur without approval from the property owner.

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