



## St. Peter leverages MnDOT bridge project to improve business district



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## TH99 (Broadway Avenue) Reconstruction for TH 169 to Minnesota Bridge

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A 600-foot section of Broadway Street in downtown St. Peter, Minnesota was reconstructed in 2017 to beautify and strengthen the busy eastern entrance to downtown off the historic Highway 99 Minnesota River Valley Bridge. The street project extended from the bridge to Highway 169 (Minnesota Street).

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

City leaders seized the opportunity to reconstruct that end of Broadway Street when MnDOT set up detours into town while it rehabilitated the unique historic Pennsylvania thru-truss bridge, which was built in 1931. The bridge project involved strengthening truss floor beams, constructing a new concrete bridge deck and sidewalk, and more. There is a bit of bridge work left to do in 2018.

“The city was involved with the design, putting a plan together, and bidding the project,” said City Engineer Jeff Domras, P.E. “We added raised decorative concrete medians, signals, accessible sidewalks and new parking configurations.” The \$1.36 million project involved replacing underlying utilities, underground stormwater infrastructure and adding a fiber optic conduit.”

MnDOT was the project manager for both the street reconstruction and bridge work.

The city sat down with business owners to explain the project and work out a way to minimize the impact on those businesses.

“I think everyone’s very happy with the street,” said Domras. “It was well worth it.”

### PROJECT DATES

July 2017 to May 2018

### PROJECT DETAILS

- Total project cost was \$1.36 million including \$930,000 from MnDOT, \$200,000 from city Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) funds, \$120,000 from city MSA funds, and \$110,000 from the local utility.
- Seven inches of non-reinforced and downed concrete over six inches of aggregates.

### TEAM

Owner: City of St. Peter • Project Lead: Jeff Domras, St. Peter City Engineer, Bolton & Menk • Project Designers: Cory Bienfang, PE, Bolton & Menk, Fairmont • Prime Contractor: Ram Excavating, Inc. Winsted • Subcontractor: O’Malley Construction, Inc., LeCenter • Ready mix producer: River’s Edge Concrete, Belle Plaine • MnDOT Minnesota River Valley Bridge project manager: Zachary Tess • MnDOT construction supervisor: Todd Kjolstad

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