

Council Meeting: July 23, 2026	Prepared By: Lauren Letsche, Engineering Development Superintendent,
Topic: CSAH 19 & CR 117 Intersection Improvements - Roundabout Landscape Plan	Action Required: Approval

Summary

Hennepin County is the lead agency for the CSAH 19 and CR 117 Intersection Improvements project located in northwest Corcoran. The construction plans are in progress and include a roundabout with construction anticipated for 2027.

The City of Corcoran and the City of Hanover are anticipated to be cost share partners along with other grant funding sources.

The County has identified the standard roundabout landscape plan of turf establishment.

Corcoran and Hanover have the option to request an enhanced roundabout landscape plan; however, all construction and future maintenance costs would be the responsibility of the requesting parties.

Should City Council desire an enhanced roundabout landscape plan there are some limitations under Hennepin County's general guidance on acceptable roundabout landscaping. For high-speed approaches, the County standard for inner circle landscaping is not to allow boulders or retaining walls and no more than 4-inch in mature tree diameter. The County does have a preferred plant list if landscaping were to be added to projects.

Staff from Hanover shared that they do not have a desire to request enhanced roundabout landscaping at this time.

Financial/Budget

If the City Council supported an enhanced roundabout landscape plan, staff would engage Hennepin County to develop revised landscape plans and cost estimates to bring back for further consideration.

Options

1. Support Hennepin County's standard roundabout landscape plan of turf establishment for the CSAH 19 & CR 117 Intersection Improvement project.
2. Direct staff to engage Hennepin County on an enhanced roundabout landscape plan and provide design guidance for further consideration.

Recommendation

Support Hennepin County's standard roundabout landscape plan of turf establishment for the CSAH 19 & CR 117 Intersection Improvement project.

Council Action

Consider a motion to support Hennepin County's standard roundabout landscape plan of turf establishment for the CSAH 19 & CR 117 Intersection Improvement project.