

TH 13 Port Access and Mobility Project-Dakota Ave Interchange

The proposed TH 13 Port Access and Mobility Project includes the construction of a grade separation, frontage roads, and accompanying access ramps at the intersection of Minnesota State Trunk Highway 13 and Dakota Avenue (referred to as TH 13/Dakota Avenue). TH 13/Dakota Avenue is currently an at-grade un-signalized intersection. The project will provide a supporting road network that removes direct access to TH 13 and offers alternate routes and safer access to TH 13 for truck traffic generated from the adjacent Ports of Savage and industrial uses. The supporting road network and the underpass connecting Dakota Avenue will facilitate movement across TH 13 and allow for right-in right-out access through the use of access ramps on to TH 13 at Yosemite Avenue. See project layout below.

This project is located in the city of Savage along TH 13 and provides direct access to the Ports of Savage. The Ports of Savage consists of five separate private ports off the Minnesota River and two rail corridors served by three railroad companies. Approximately two million tons of material was shipped through the Ports of Savage in 2015 from major operators. Since 2000, the Ports have moved as much as five million tons of products per year. Operators have indicated that they are operating at under fifty percent capacity and congestion and delay on TH 13 is a significant factor in the level of commodities moving into and out of the Ports. Today the Port is accessed via the at-grade intersections of Dakota, Yosemite, and Lynn Avenues along TH 13. This project will directly serve three private ports.

