



TH 61 GRAND MARAIS RECONSTRUCTION

Cook County, MN

Trunk Highway 61 is the key regional corridor connecting local communities and serving as a vital economic link for businesses, industry, and tourism along Lake Superior's North shore. The project reconstructed the roadway through the downtown core of Grand Marais. 3/4-mile of rural commercial corridor was converted to an urban section including new public utilities and ADA-compliant pedestrian and bike facilities.

Traffic calming improvements included narrowing the roadway, delineating parking areas, and adding landscape amenities. Access was improved by consolidating roadway connection points and establishing standard entrances in lieu of less formalized connections. LHB's robust public engagement process addressed project impacts, staging, and sequencing to minimize construction disruption. The project accomplished its immediate goals to improve active transportation, safety, and tourism and business access.

