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'Stone's' thrown a little farther

■ Brockton Lane interchange, Stone's Throw plan make progress in Congress

by Bob Grawey
Staff writer

A Brockton Lane interchange in Hassan Township is slowly gaining momentum, as U.S.

Congressman Erik Paulsen included \$800,000 for the project in his list of approved projects for the 2010 Appropriations Bill.

Without Paulsen's support of the interchange, it likely would not receive any consideration for the appropriations funding.

Major stakeholders in

getting the proposed \$25 million interchange met in Rogers April 9 to show appreciation to Paulsen.

But they also discussed why the interchange is important to the region, and what is needed to make it become a reality.

Safety was one the biggest factors driving the need for

the Brockton interchange.

It is nearly five miles between County Road 30 in Maple Grove and the Rogers' exit. That is one of the longest stretches of metro interstate without an interchange, according to Kevin Goodno, spokesperson for Hassan Mainstreet, LLC.

Hassan Mainstreet is the group, led by Tom Gump, that is developing the 638-acre Stone's Throw development, adjacent to where the interchange would be constructed.

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