



Corridors of Commerce

Projects announced in October 2014

Greater Minnesota

Highway 14 & Highway 15 Intersection – New Ulm (\$700,000)

- Provides advance design work for improvement to the intersection
- Improves the connection of New Ulm to Mankato
- Improves a bottleneck on a key freight corridor connection for rural Minnesota

Interstate 94 – St. Michael to Albertville (\$1.4 million)

- Provides design options for improving the operation of the corridor
- Is most congested interregional corridor segment in Greater Minnesota
- Supports I-94 as a national freight corridor route
- Provides north-south interstate connection for state's manufacturing, tourism and economic growth

Highway 11 – Greenbush to Warroad (\$500,000)

- Provides design work for passing lanes along corridor
- Is a key freight route connecting northern Minnesota industries to the global market
- Helps address limited passing opportunities along the roadway

Highway 14 – Owatonna to Dodge Center (\$7.3 million)

- Provides funding to purchase right of way
- Supports Rochester Destination Medical Center and its projected 40,000 jobs
- Serves as gateway to southern Minnesota regional trade centers
- Addresses critical safety challenges

Highway 23 – New London to Paynesville (\$800,000)

- Provides resources to begin the purchasing of right of way
- Helps close gap connecting Willmar and southwest Minnesota to the rest of the state with four lanes
- Supports economic growth and vitality of southwest Minnesota
- Helps address safety challenges

Highway 34 – Detroit Lakes to Becker CR 19 (\$1.8 million)

- Provides construction funding for a mill and overlay along Highway 34.
- Improves the condition of an important freight and tourism route
- Builds on previous Corridors of Commerce projects on Highway 34

Highway 371 – Nisswa to Jenkins (provides \$45 million to \$58 million project)

- Provides funding to construct a four-lane roadway
- Improves route to northern Minnesota, which provides millions of dollars in tourism and job opportunities
- Addresses key safety issues

Twin Cities Metro Area

Highway 169 – Nine Mile Creek Bridge in Hopkins and Edina (\$1.5 million)

- Provides funding for design work to replace the bridge
- Provides access to 20,000 jobs in immediate vicinity to the project
- Has average daily traffic of 80,000 and 5,000 heavy commercial average daily traffic

I-35W – Minnesota River Crossing between Burnsville and Bloomington (\$5.5 million)

- Provides funding for design work to replace the bridge
- Connects Minnesota River ports to Minneapolis and points north
- Serves as critical link in the interstate network with 109,000 ADT and 12,000 HCADT
- Is a critical element in implementing Orange Line BRT between Lakeville and Minneapolis

I-35W – Northern Suburbs MnPASS in Arden Hills and Lino Lakes (\$1.1 million)

- Provides funding for design work to implement MnPASS along the corridor
- Is a high-priority link in the emerging MnPASS network, providing a congestion-free alternative for drivers and an advantage for transit users
- Is a critical freight network link with 110,000 ADT and 9,200 HCADT

Highway 65/Central Avenue in Minneapolis – Bridge Deck Replacement Design (\$1 million)

- Provides funding for design work to replace the bridge deck
- Preserves a signature historic bridge
- Provides multimodal access to major destinations in downtown Minneapolis

I-94 – Between Minneapolis and St. Paul (\$2 million)

- Provides funding for design work to replace pavement, bridges, and install managed lanes
- Is one of the highest and most congested traffic corridors in the state
- Serves as a high-priority link in the emerging MnPASS network, providing a congestion-free alternative for drivers and an advantage for transit users

Snelling Avenue – St. Paul (\$1.4 million)

- Closes a gap in funding to help reconstruct along Snelling Avenue
- Provides a good example of a local/state partnership to deliver a complete streets project