## METRO HIGHWAY SYSTEM INVESTMENT STUDY

## **Major Corridor Reassessments**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has re-examined the following major corridors in the metropolitan highway system, and is recommending that additional options

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for managing congestion in these corridors be considered. Each of these corridors contains previously identified major capacity projects that exceeded the financial constraints of long-range policy plans.



These major corridor projects are being reassessed by the MnDOT to establish potential lower-cost solutions to address existing problem areas.

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## Highway 100 from 36th Street to Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park

### **Previous Planned Project:**

- New general-purpose lanes north and southbound.
- Replace or redesign interchanges at State Highway 7, Minnetonka Blvd., and 25½ St.

### **Reassessment Considerations:**

- Completed north and southbound general-purpose lane in 2006.
- New bridge projects planned at State Highway 7 and Minnetonka Blvd. in 2016 (Chapter 152 Bridge Program).
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

## I-35E from I-94 to I-694, Ramsey County

### **Previous Planned Project:**

• New general-purpose lanes northbound and southbound.

### **Reassessment Considerations:**

- Completed new lanes north and southbound between I-694 and State Highway 36 as part of the I-694/I-35E "Unweave the Weave" project completed in 2008.
- Interchange redesign at I-35E and Cayuga (Chapter 152 Bridge Program) in 2014
- Managed lane expansion planned between I-94 and State Highway 36 as part of the Cayuga interchange project.
- Continued managed lane expansion planned from State Highway 36 to County road E
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

## I-35E from Highway 13 to Highway 110, northern Dakota County

## **Previous Planned Project:**

• New general-purpose lanes north and southbound.

## **Reassessment Considerations:**

- Managed lane expansion southbound from State Highway 13 to State Highway 110.
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

## I-35W from 46th Street to I-94, Minneapolis

## **Previous Planned Project:**

- New general-purpose lanes north and southbound.
- Replace or redesign interchanges at I-94, Lake St., and 38th St.

## **Reassessment Considerations:**

- Completion of Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) project in 2009
- Managed lane expansion southbound from I-94 to 42nd St.
- I-35W planned bus-rapid transit (BRT) corridor from Lakeville to Minneapolis with the 46th St. inline station already underway
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

## I-494 from East Bush Lake Road to 34th Avenue, Bloomington

### **Previous Planned Project:**

- New general-purpose lanes east and westbound.
- Replace or redesign interchanges at State Highway 100, France Ave., I-35W, Portland Ave., State Highway 77.
- Replace overpasses at Nicollet Ave. and 12th Ave.

### **Reassessment Considerations:**

- New interchange programmed at I-494 and U.S. Highway 169 (2011 Construction Start).
- Strategic capacity enhancement (new general purpose lanes) between I-35W and State Highway 100 in both directions.
- Interchange modifications at I-35W and Portland Ave.
- Interchange closures at 12th Ave. and Nicollet Ave.
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

## I-494 from I-94 to Highway 55, western Hennepin County

### **Previous Planned Project:**

- New general-purpose lanes north and southbound.
- Redesign interchange at I-94.

### **Reassessment Considerations:**

- New managed lane between State Highway 55 and I-94.
- Managed lane conversion between I-394 and State Highway 55.
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

## I-694 from I-35W to West Junction of I-35E, Arden Hills

### **Previous Planned Project:**

- New general-purpose lanes eastbound and westbound.
- Replace or redesign interchanges at I-35W and Rice St.

#### **Reassessment Considerations:**

- Interchange modification/consolidation at I-694 and I-35W (east to north flyover ramp).
- New managed lanes between I-35W and I-35E contingent on interchange improvement.
- Lower-cost/high-benefit project being developed for the I-694/U.S. Highway 10/State Highway 51 interchange project which will provide for future east and westbound lanes between I-35W and Lexington Ave.
- Interchange replacement at I-694 and Rice St. (new managed lanes between Lexington Ave. and I-35E).
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

## Highway 36 from I-35W to I-35E, Ramsey County

### **Previous Planned Project:**

• New general-purpose lanes east and westbound.

### **Reassessment Considerations:**

- New managed lanes east and westbound between I-35W and I-35E.
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

## I-694 from East Junction of I-35E to Highway 36, Ramsey/Washington counties

#### **Previous Planned Project:**

• New general-purpose lanes in each direction.

### **Reassessment Considerations:**

- New managed lanes in each direction (possible truck/high-occupancy vehicle lanes).
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

## Highway 252 from I-94 to Highway 610, Brooklyn Center/Brooklyn Park

### **Previous Planned Project:**

- Freeway conversion.
- New interchanges at 69th Ave., Brookdale Dr., and 85th Ave.

### **Reassessment Considerations:**

- Add a managed lane in the northbound direction between Brookdale Dr. and 81st Ave.
- Access management (limited access design) from I-94 to State Highway 610.
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

# Highway 610 from I-94 to Highway 169, northern Hennepin County

## **Previous Planned Project:**

- New general-purpose lanes east and westbound.
- New interchanges between I-94 and County Highway 81 (Elm Creek).

### **Reassessment Considerations:**

- New general-purpose lanes and interchanges under construction between U.S. Highway 169 to County Highway 81.
- New general-purpose lanes and interchanges planned (subject to funding becoming available) between I-94 and U.S. Highway 169.
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

## I-494/U.S. Highway169 Interchange, southwest Hennepin County

## **Previously Planned Project:**

• Remove signals and replace interchange.

## Reassessment considerations:

- Remove signals and replace interchange with lower cost project planned for construction in 2011.
- MnPASS considered on U.S. Highway 169 north and south of the interchange as part of the Governor's Initiatives.

The Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study (MHSIS) is a collaborative effort between the Metropolitan Council and the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Metro District.



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