



2017 State of Minnesota Legislative Priorities

The I-94 West Corridor comprises businesses, individuals, and government agencies committed to improving I-94 and its support facilities. Short- and long-term improvements to I-94 will generate economic benefits, improve freight and passenger car mobility, and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors.

The mission of the Coalition is to provide a strong, united voice to advocate for and address transportation concerns along the I-94 corridor, from Maple Grove to St. Cloud. Our growing communities require foresight, planning, and relentless advocacy to ensure that Central Minnesota's transportation needs are not forgotten.

The Coalition believes achieving these goals will require comprehensive long term transportation funding that:

- Includes an efficient freight system that enhances Minnesota's economic competitiveness in national and international markets. The state should use General Fund revenues generated from the statewide sales tax on auto parts and rental cars to fund increased investment in our transportation system. If necessary to address concerns about predictability of General Fund investments in transportation, the state should consider asking Minnesotans to constitutionally dedicate these revenues for transportation purposes.
- Renews Corridors of Commerce and delivers projects efficiently, cost effectively, transparently. The Corridors of Commerce program utilized a more comprehensive approach to transportation funding than is often promoted. Securing funding for the future of Corridors of Commerce is imperative for Interregional Corridors such as expanding I-94 capacity to six lanes from Rogers to St. Cloud and eight lanes from the Fish Lake Interchange to Rogers. The Coalition supports a minimum funding level of \$300 million, similar to the level invested when the program was created.
- Funds the collaboration of MnDOT/DEED, TED, a grant program to communities for highway improvement and public infrastructure projects that create jobs and support economic development.
- The I-94 West Corridor Coalition expects that all decisions relating to transportation funding will be based on factual analysis in a fair and transparent manner with an emphasis on reducing congestion caused by freight and commuter traffic on I-94. Any project should be valued based on ROI and merit.



The I-94 Corridor Coalition has achieved much over the past few years with the opening of capacity expansion on I-94 between Rogers and St. Michael, as well as the design options for St. Michael to Albertville. However, much work remains to unleash the power of mobility along this critical freight corridor. There are currently three PROJECTS of regional significance that are shovel-ready that would greatly increase capacity and reduce congestion along the I-94 Corridor:



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