

UNLEASH THE MOBILITY



I-94 West is a critical corridor that feeds northern and western Minnesota. The ability of this artery to handle capacity efficiently and safely is key to our state's vitality.



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.

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Economic Development

Completing the capacity expansion of the proposed project is crucial for attracting needed economic development along the corridor, resulting in economic growth and local tax benefits.

Rogers - St. Michaels completed capacity expansion has produced proven economic development results:

- Quality of life: a 55% reduction in total travel time, reduced by approximately 350 hours per day
- Economic growth: Close to 3 million square feet of new industrial development
- Return on Investment: Average of \$2.10 in property taxes for every additional square foot, approximately \$6.2 million annually

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Safety

Crash and severity rates on this corridor between Maple Grove and Albertville are higher than the statewide average for a highway.

- The segment between Rogers and Albertville alone are nearly twice the statewide average.
- This segment averages 1.4 accidents per day, 58 of those being critical incidents
- Monday morning between the times of 6:00 am and 8:00 am being the most likely time for an accident to occur, a huge safety concern and inconvenience for the thousands of commuters who utilize this corridor on a daily basis.
 - Sunday afternoon from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm being the second most likely time for a crash to occur along this corridor, a very concerning statistic for the individuals and families traveling this corridor while returning from Northern Minnesota's booming tourism industry.

Quality of Life

- Our efforts are showing results with the completion of lane expansion from Rogers to St. Michael which resulted in a 55% reduction in total travel time!
- Quality of life is a high priority to Minnesotans. Strategic improvements are necessary to ensure that the enhancements to key regional connections are made possible for those living near or traveling through the I-94 West corridor.

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- Studies have found that a daily commuters travel time has a serious impact on an individual's overall wellness. Longer commute times are proven to be a negative contributing factor to the physical and mental health of a commuter.*

Completing the phases of this project are crucial for enhanced economic development, increased freight mobility, increased safety, and an improved quality of life.

I-94 West is a crucial Minnesota transportation corridor, as well as a national freight arterial, which:

- Links the Midwest to the Pacific Northwest ports
- Is a key route for freight and travel to Chicago and the Eastern Sea Board
- Is the gateway to Northern Minnesota's Tourism Industry
 - Sunday afternoon from 4:00 - 6:00 pm being the second most likely time for a crash to occur along this corridor due to this.

Support

- I-94 West Corridor Coalition
- MnDOT District 3
- Local businesses
- General community

* Kylstra, Carolyn. "10 Things Your Commute Does to Your Body." Women's Health 13 Feb. 2014. Web.

"MnDOT District 3 considers the I-94 West Corridor our highest priority capacity expansion project"

- Dan Anderson, MnDOT District 3 Transportation District Engineer



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