



2020 State of Minnesota Legislative Priorities

The I-94 West Corridor Coalition 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 a stable, reliable, and dedicated transportation funding plan that accounts for the long-term transportation needs of the State of Minnesota:

- Fund the completion of the 610 Interchange in the 2020 bonding package.
- Allocates additional funding to the Corridors of Commerce program.
- Ensures that an efficient, cost effective, and transparent process is used when selecting projects to receive a portion of the trunk highway bonds and the \$25 million per year in cash allocated to the Corridors of Commerce program. It is imperative that Interregional Corridor projects are a priority, such as expanding I-94 capacity to six lanes from Albertville to Monticello, and eight lanes from the Fish Lake Interchange to Rogers.
- Includes an efficient freight system that enhances Minnesota's economic competitiveness in national and international markets.
- Continues and expands funding for the Transportation Economic Development (TED) program. A collaboration of MnDOT/DEED, a community grant program for highway improvement and public infrastructure projects to 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 selection process should be valued based on ROI and merit.

We've experienced major success over the past years with the opening of additional lanes between Highway 101 in Rogers and Highway 241 in St. Michael, which have resulted in a 55% reduction in total travel delay and the completion of nearly 3 million square feet of new industrial development in the region.

The Coalition had unprecedented success recently which included securing approximately \$400 Million Dollars in funding for improvements along the Corridor between Maple Grove and Clearwater over the next two years! As shown on the map below, these improvements include:

- Added lanes between Highway 610 in Maple Grove to Highway 101 in Rogers
- A new I-94 Interchange at Dayton Parkway (aka Brockton) in Dayton
- Added Lanes and improved interchanges between Highway 241 in St. Michael and County Hwy 37/19 in Albertville.
- Added lanes between Highway 25 in Monticello and Highway 24 in Clearwater.



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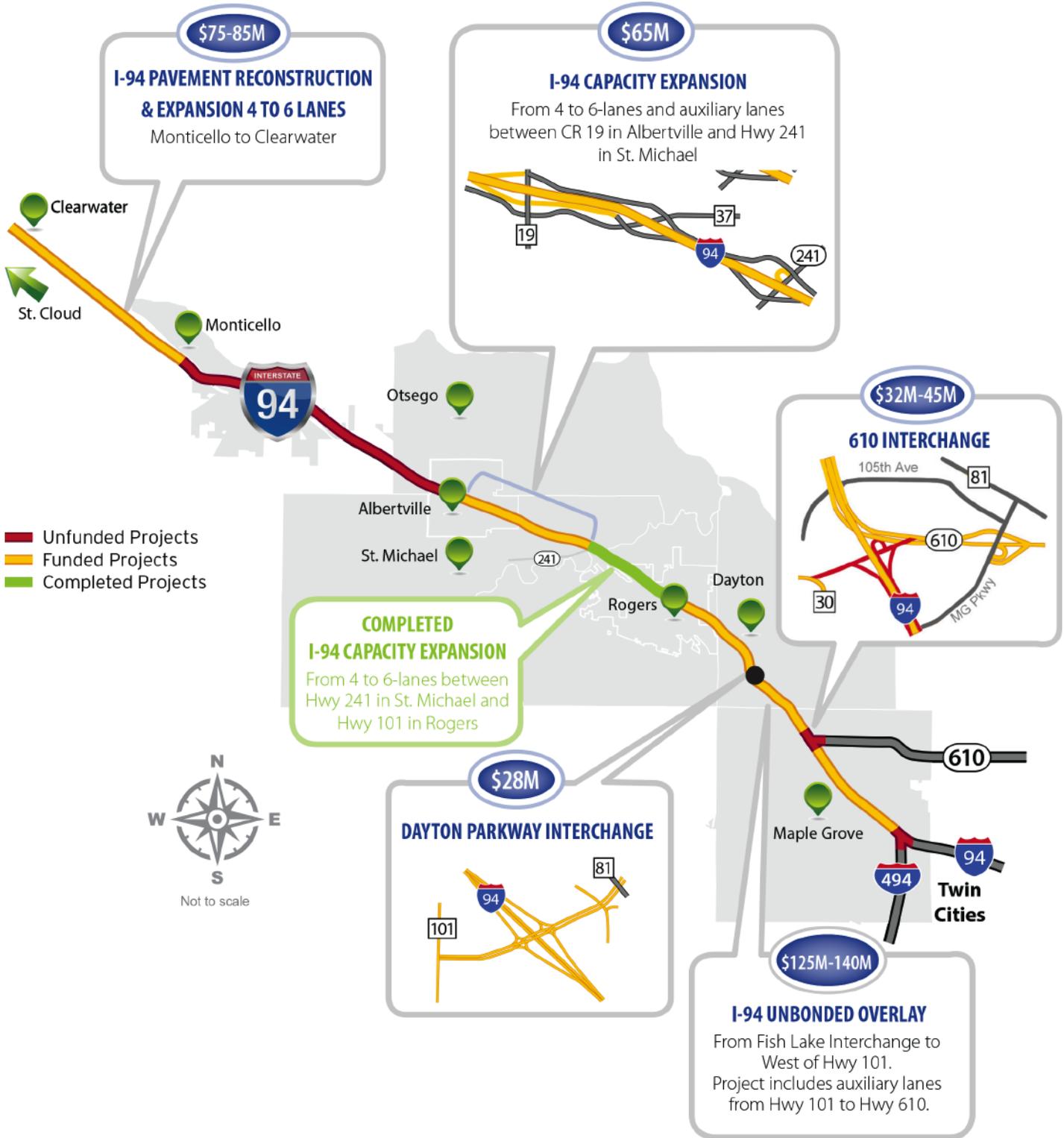
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