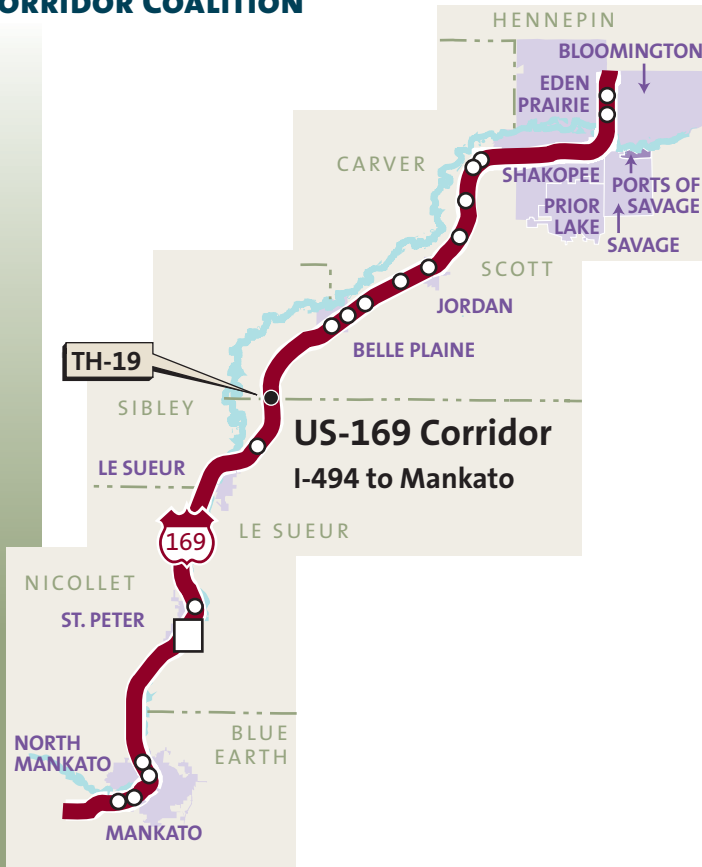




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TH-19 INTERCHANGE

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMPLETES UPGRADES



The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) built an interchange at the intersection of US-169 and TH-19 to replace an at-grade intersection that had been the site of many crashes. A subject of public interest for many years, between January 1995 and June 2001, the intersection experienced 35 crashes. Of these, 28 involved multiple vehicles and 19 resulted in personal injury.

The rural interchange serves southwestern Minnesota by eliminating conflicts for US-169 motorists and provides ease of access for TH-19 travelers. Work on the project consisted of excavation, drainage and bridge construction. In addition, extensive soil correction was needed after an embankment slid.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- The new design improves safety by removing the existing at-grade intersection of two state highways and replacing it with a free-flowing folded-diamond interchange.

- The interchange allows greater community connections and access to parks and businesses.
- Access between regional trade centers on US-169, to and from Henderson, Gaylord, Redwood Falls and other points west and New Prague and other points east, has been enhanced.

FUNDING

Total cost: \$12.5 million.

The 2000 Legislature funded \$4.2 million of the project through the *Moving Minnesota* funding package.

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QUESTIONS

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