



US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition

Working together to enhance safety, reduce congestion and maximize economic development along the US Highway 169 inter-regional corridor.

**Annual Fall Meeting
Tuesday, November 14th,
5:30 – 7:30 P.M.**

Intereum Inc
9800 8th Ave N
Plymouth, MN 55441

1. Welcome:

- a. Nicollet County Commissioner and Highway 169 Corridor Coalition Chair Terry Morrow, shared a brief welcome and opening remarks to Coalition members in attendance.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

- a. Motion by Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg, second by Councilmember Kevin Burkart to approve the November 14 Annual Fall Meeting Agenda. Roll call of Coalition members in attendance. Motion passes

3. Election of Coalition Officers

- a. Commissioner Terry Morrow provided an overview of the 2023 Coalition officers. The current slate of officers has expressed an interest in serving in their same positions in 2024. Chair Morrow presented a proposed slate of Coalition and made an open call for nominations for Officer positions.
- b. Commissioner Jon Ulrich asked if the Coalition could have additional officers elected. The Coalition bylaws allow for additional officers as deemed necessary by the Coalition, each member can only have one officer position and officers are required to be elected officials. With these requirements clarified, Commissioner Jon Ulrich expressed an interest in serving as an additional Coalition officer.
- c. Motion by Councilmember Kevin Burkart, second Mayor Scott Carlson to approve the proposed slate of 2024 Coalition officers. Roll call of Coalition members in attendance. Motion passes. The 2024 Coalition officers include:
 - Chair – Terry Morrow, Nicollet County Commissioner
 - Vice Chair – Jim Dulaney, City of Shakopee Councilmember
 - Treasurer – Vance Stuehrenberg, Blue Earth County Commissioner
 - Secretary – Bruce Hunstad, Sand Creek Township Supervisor
 - Officer 1 – Kevin Burkart, City of Prior Lake Councilmember
 - Officer 2 – Bob Coughlen, City of Savage Councilmember
 - Officer 3 – Mike Laven, City of Mankato Councilmember
 - Officer 4 – Jon Ulrich, Scott County Commissioner

4. Catalyst of the Corridor Award Presentation

- a. Chair Morrow provided a brief overview of the Catalyst of the Corridor Award and recent award recipients (Sen. Lindsey Port, Sen. Eric Pratt, Rep. Ben Bakeberg, Rep. Brad Tabke, Mayor Matt Lehman, Councilmember Kevin Burkart and Transportation Services Director Lisa Freese)
 - Senators and Representatives who received the award in 2023 will be contacted by the Coalition for a presentation of awards at the Capitol in early 2024.
- b. Commissioner Jon Ulrich was in attendance and was presented with the Coalition Catalyst Award. On behalf of the Highway 169 Coalition officers and membership, we appreciate your many years of service and long-standing commitment to improving safety and mobility on Highway 169.

7. MnDOT West Area Update to Coalition Membership

- a. Chair Morrow welcomed Ryan Wilson, PE AICP, MnDOT West Area Manager, to the meeting and invited Ryan to share an update on the US 169 Transportation Planning Study, upcoming Hwy 169 projects and other West Area projects and studies.
 - See Attachment 1 for the slide deck presented at the meeting.

8. Highway 169 Coalition Project Prioritization Overview

- a. Chair Morrow provided a brief update to Coalition membership regarding the recent success of Coalition's priority projects and Coalition officers recent discussions on strategic planning and the potential need to identify future priority projects along the full extent of the Highway 169 corridor.
- b. The Coalition officers invited Paul Morris from SRF Consulting to provide a brief presentation regarding a project prioritization planning process that he helped guide for the I-3W Solutions Alliance. The four-step process worked to identify and summarize a set of priority projects supported by Solution Alliance's membership. The process included outreach to membership and a high-level evaluation of potential project in order to determine a recommended set of priority projects best suited for potential funding and implementation.
 - See Attachment 2 for a takeaway Paul Morris presented to membership.
- c. The Coalition had a brief discussion regarding the possibility of pursuing a similar process to the project prioritization process completed by the I-35 Solutions Alliance. Coalition officers will continue discussing this opportunity and strategic planning next steps for the Highway 169 Corridor Coalition. Officers will report back to membership with additional considerations and recommendations at a future Coalition meeting.

9. Adoption of Financial Reports and Approval of 2024 Budget

- a. A brief overview of the Coalition's Financial Report and proposed 2024 Budget was presented to Coalition membership.

- The proposed budget was updated to align with Coalition’s 2023 – 2025 contract for professional services with SRF Consulting as well as an anticipated increase in-person Coalition activities in 2024.
 - See Attachment 3 for Coalition Financial Report and 2024 proposed budget.
- b. Motion by Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg, Second by Councilmember Jim Dulaney to adopt the 2024 Coalition Budget and Financial Report. Roll call of Coalition members in attendance. Motion passes.

10. Coalition Membership Updates

- a. No additional updates were shared by members in attendance.

11. Upcoming Coalition Events

- a. The Coalition will be planning multiple events in 2024, including a Legislative Meet and Greet at the Minnesota State Capitol in the winter of 2024, as well as an annual Coalition meeting in the late Spring or early Summer of 2024.

12. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Commissioner Terry Morrow, Second by Councilmember Bob Coughlen to adjourn Highway 169 Corridor Coalition’s Annual Fall Meeting. Roll call of members in attendance. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Attachment 1: Presentation from MnDOT West Area Manager,
Ryan Wilson, PE AICP**

MnDOT Metro District West Area Update

Ryan Wilson | West Area Manager

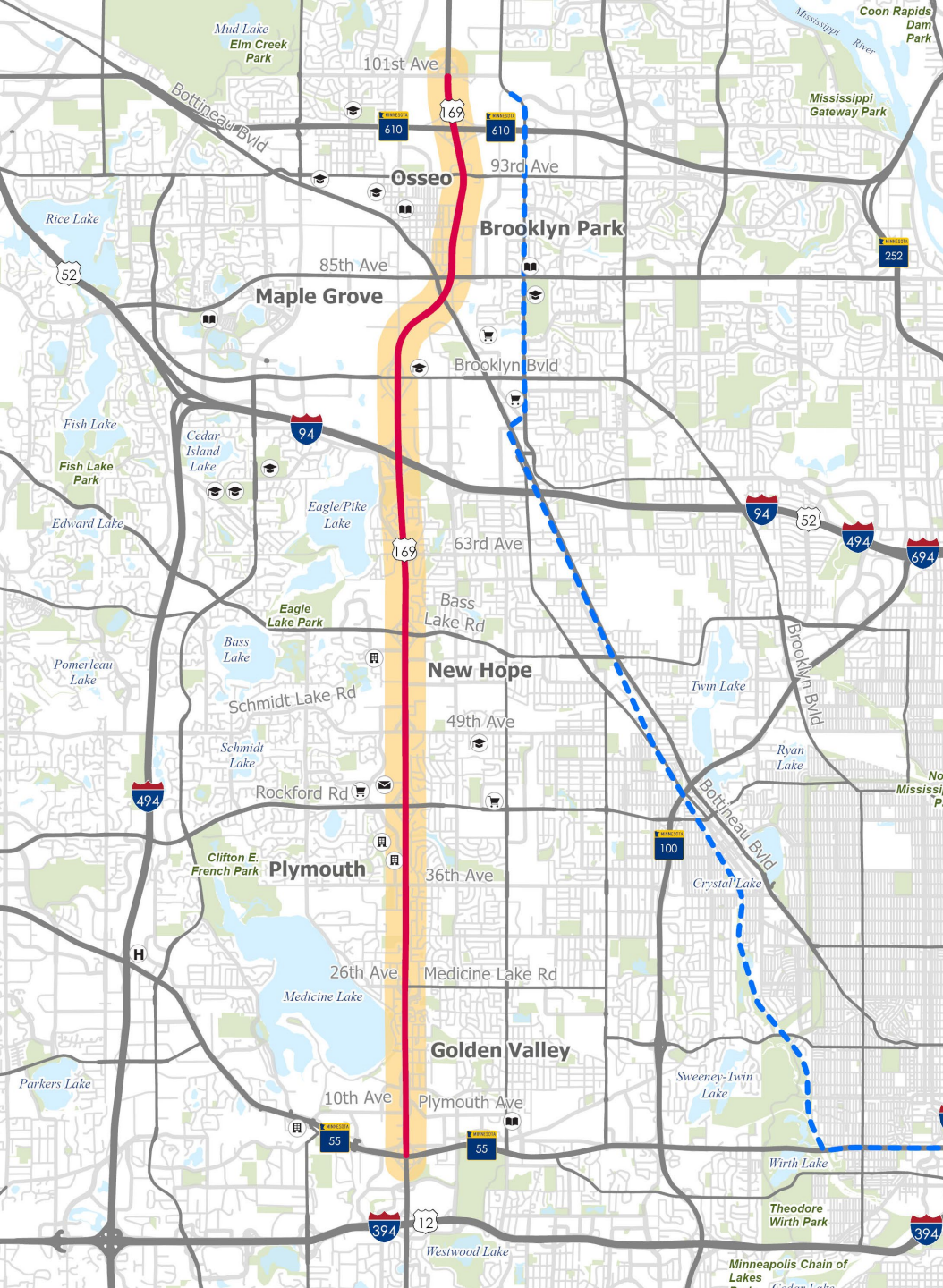
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- US 169 Transportation Planning Study
- Upcoming Hwy 169 projects
- I-494 Airport to Hwy 169 Project 1 & Phase 2
- Other West Area projects and studies



US 169 Transportation Planning Study

Study Area

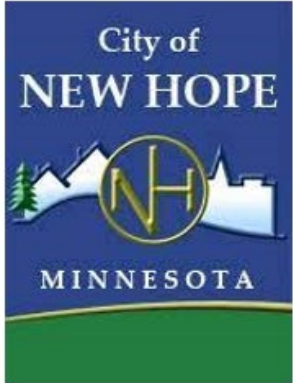


-  Corridor Project Area
-  Study Area
-  Blue Line Extension
-  Interstate, US Highway, or State Highway

Study area: 101st Ave N to MN 55

- 11-miles
- 16 interchanges
- 64 intersections

Study Partners



Study Timeline

Summer 2023

- Existing Conditions Memo
- Outreach
- Survey

Fall 2023

- Purpose and Need
- Evaluation Criteria

2024

- Preliminary Alternatives
- Outreach
- Refined Alternatives

Transportation Needs Identified

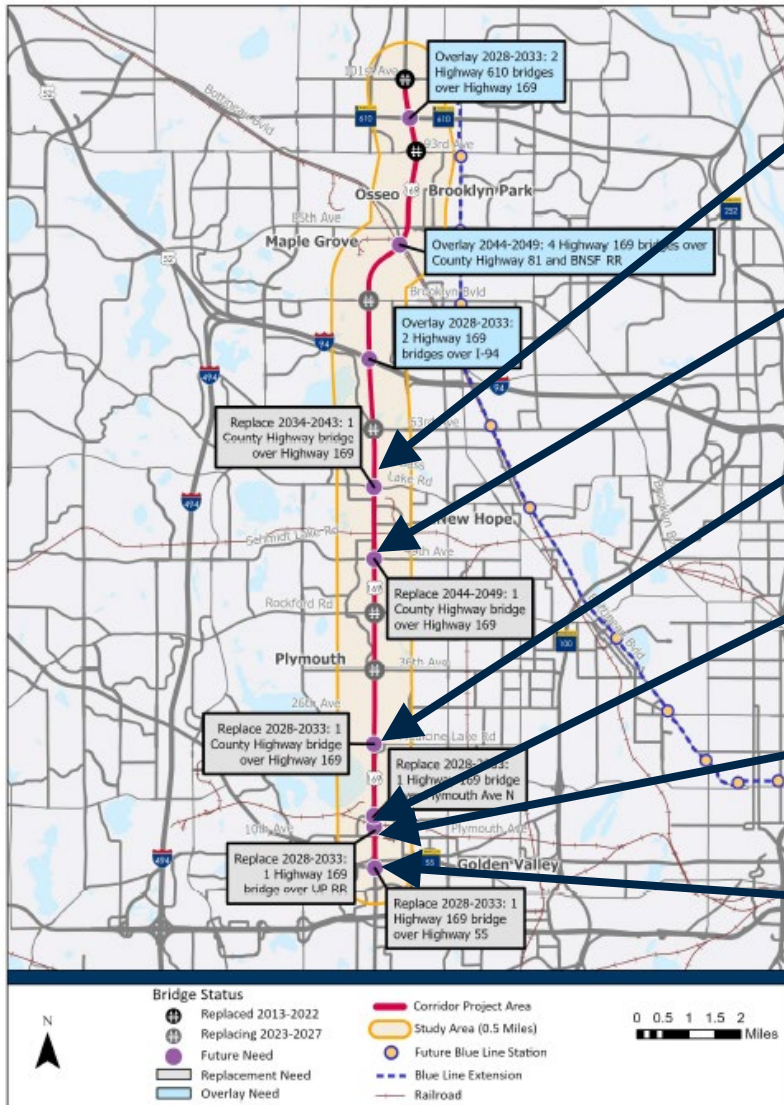
Primary Needs

- Bridge Condition
- Vehicle Safety
- Vehicle Mobility

Secondary Needs

- Walkability/Bikeability
- Pavement Condition

Bridge Replacements Upcoming



Bass Lake Rd Bridge 2034-2043

49th Ave Bridge 2044-2049

Medicine Lake Rd Bridge 2028-2033

Plymouth Ave Bridge 2028-2033

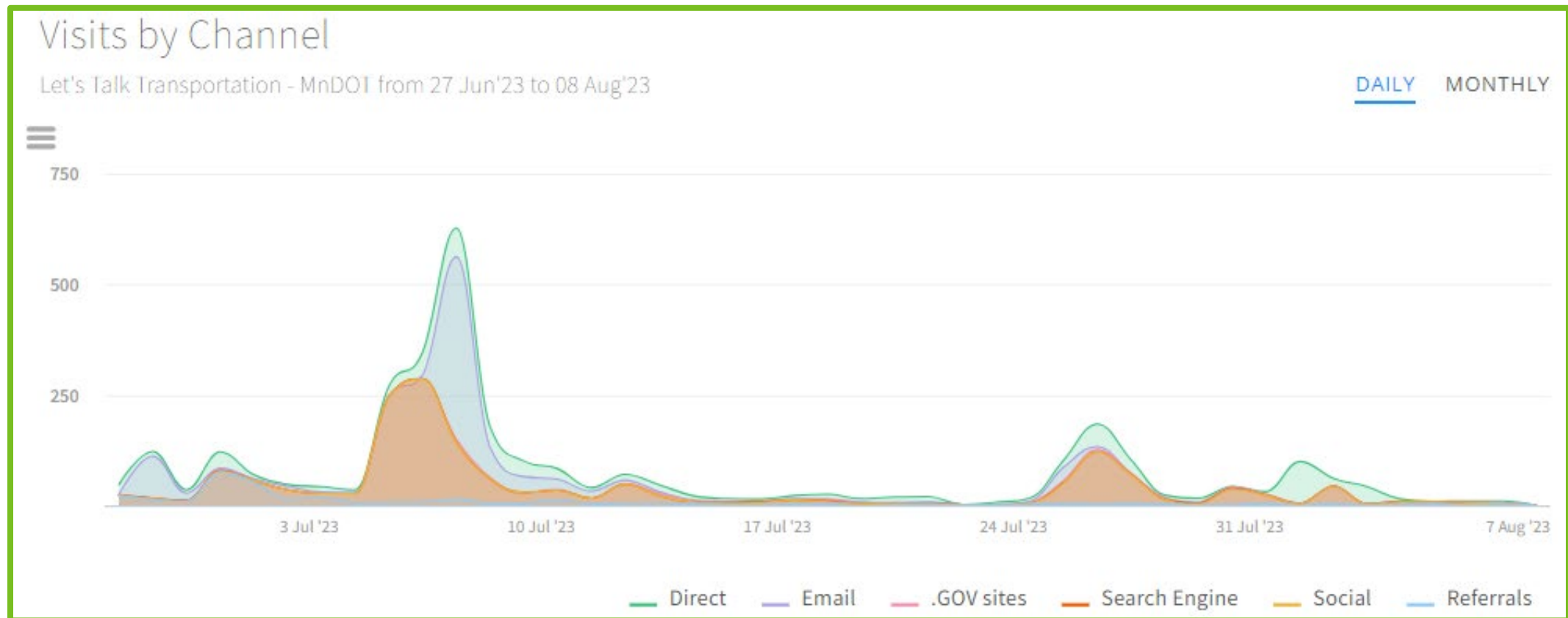
UP Railroad Bridge 2028-2033

MN 55 Bridge 2028-2033

Condition	#
Good	5
Fair	18
Poor	1

Highway 169 Summer User Survey

A total of 1,453 respondents from June 28 to August 8



High Level Survey Takeaways

Quantitative Findings

- Congestion an issue according to 87% of respondents
- Drivers feel safer than those who bike and walk
- Given five priorities, users want less traffic and reliable transit
 - Low priorities were carpooling, active transportation infrastructure, and freight traffic
- Primary needs (safety, mobility, infrastructure) well supported
- Secondary need of walk/bikeability less supported

Qualitative Findings

- Intersection geometry is top issue for users
 - Short ramps, short acceleration lanes, tight ramp turning radii, merge problems
- Congestion issues and need to add a lane are also common themes
- Unique comments about drainage and sightline issues from Hwy 55 up to 36th Ave (4 interchanges)
- Motorists avoid 63rd and 13th Ave
- Active transportation users want better crossings at 26th Ave, Bass Lake, and 49th Ave

Upcoming Hwy 169 Projects

Hwy 169 Projects

- 2028: pavement preservation from Bloomington Ferry Bridge to Anderson Lakes bridge (\$7.1M-\$9.7M)
- 2032: resurface four bridges over Minnetonka Blvd, Excelsior/3rd, 2nd St NE, and I-394 Collector Rd (\$12.4M-\$16.8M)

I-494 Airport to Hwy 169 Project 1 & Phase 2

Work Completed in 2023

- Many design packages prepared and submitted
- Utility relocations began in several areas
- Lots of temporary widening and crossovers, lane shifts
- Permanent grading, drainage, pavement, bridge, and stormwater pond construction began



Turbine Bridge (NB 35W to WB 494)

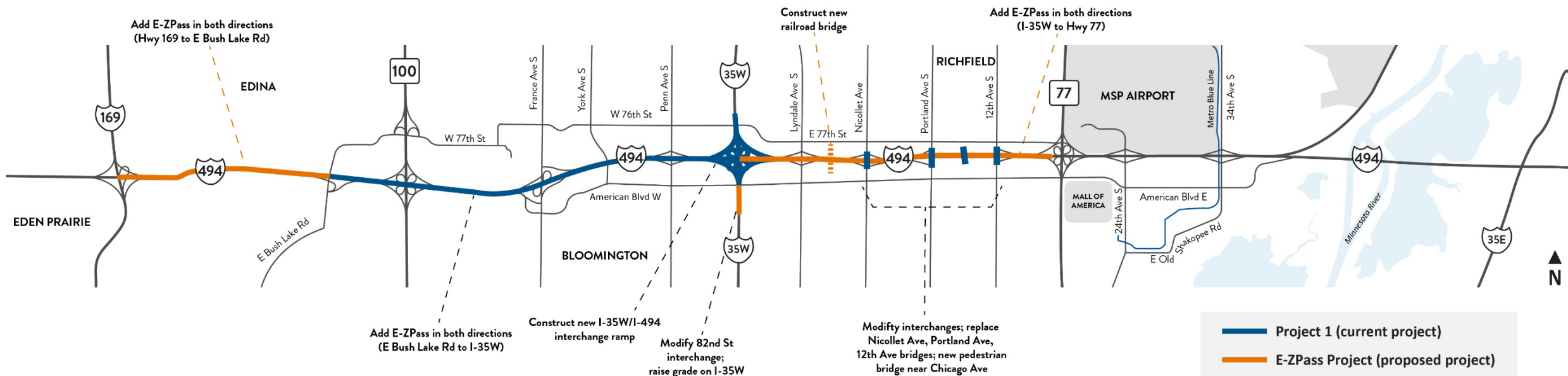


Winter 2023-2024 Work

- Complete design of remainder of project
- Some bridge construction and pipe jacking
- Continue with utility relocations
- Public outreach to local businesses and residents
- Prepare for three very busy construction seasons

Phase 2 Work

- Submitted IJA MEGA application for \$227.5M in summer 2023
- A successful grant would complete airport to Hwy 169 vision



- Public Information Hotline

- info@i494Construction.com
- 651-583-6435

- Visit the project websites

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i494-airport-hwy169/> (study)

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i494edina-richfield/index.html> (construction)

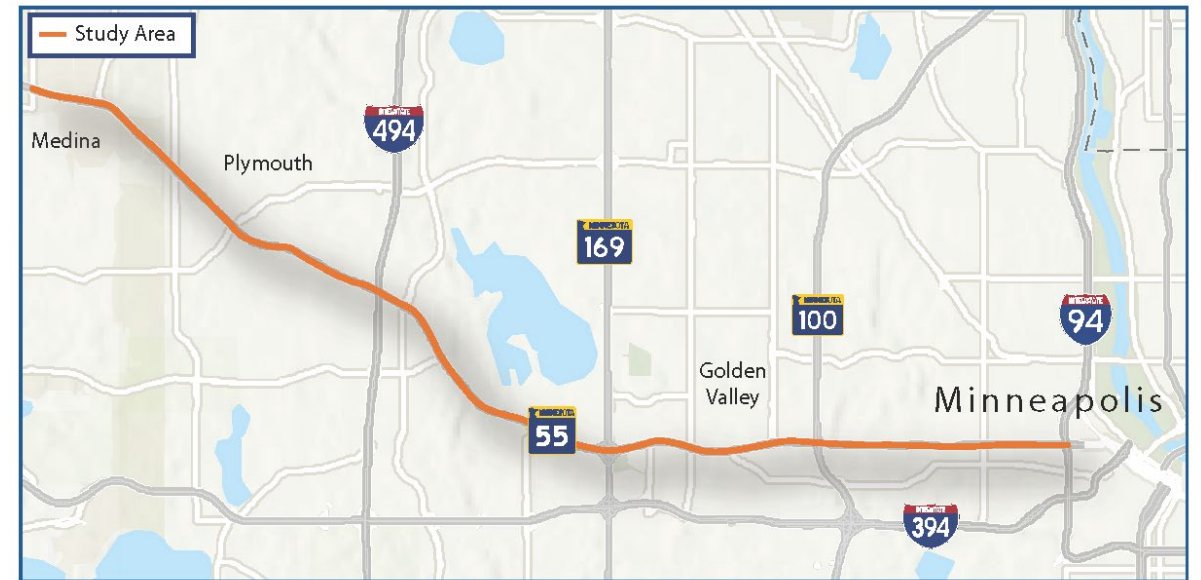
Other West Area Projects and Studies

Select Upcoming Projects

- **2024, Hwy 55:** repair pavement and culverts, add turn lanes from Old Rockford Rd to General Mills Blvd (\$17.7M)
- **2025, Hwy 55:** resurface pavement, add turn lane from Hwy 100 to west limit Minneapolis (\$3.2M)
- **2026, I-394:** resurface 14 bridges, replace drainage, lighting and sidewalk from Penn Ave to I-94 (\$47.2M)
- **2027, Hwy 55:** resurface road, repair sidewalk, replace signals west limit Minneapolis to I-94 (\$4.9M-\$6.7M)
- **2029, I-394:** resurface road from I-494 to Hwy 100 (\$36.6M-\$49.5M)
- **2032, I-494:** repair road from France Ave to I-394/US12 (\$15.3M-\$20.7M)
- **2032, Hwy 62:** resurface road from Penn Ave to Portland Ave (\$9.4M-\$12.7M)

Hwy 55 Study 2024-25

- Study Area: Minneapolis to Medina
- Current Scope
 - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Feasibility Study
 - Evaluating various service scenarios and station locations
 - Partnership with Metro Transit
- Additional Scope (applied for Reconnecting Community IJA grant)
 - Develop Corridor Vision through Study
 - Enhanced Community Engagement
 - Land Use Planning and Anti-Displacement Work (particularly in Mpls section, locally led)



Thank You!

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**Attachment 2: Project Prioritization Overview Handout provided by
Paul Morris, SRF Consulting Inc.**



Project Prioritization Overview

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Desired Outcomes

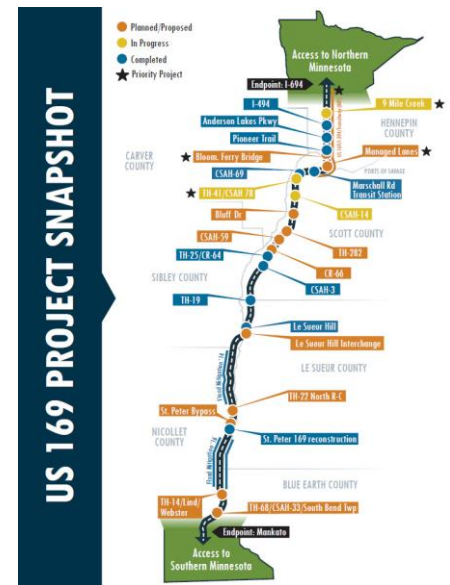
- Shared vision for investment priorities
- Maximize likelihood of successful projects
- Effective communication materials

Key Strategies

- Objective prioritization approach
- Data-driven process
- High-quality and visually appealing products

Prioritization Process

1. Agency Survey & Initial Project List
2. Technical Scoring Process
3. Workshop and Refinement
4. Produce Map and List



I-35/35W PROJECTS

I-35W/I-494 Interchange

- Fill Phase 1 Funding Gap
- Develop and fund Phase 2 improvements

I-35 Safety and Mobility Improvements to CSAH 70

- Extension of MnPASS lanes
- Modernization of CSAH 50 interchange
- Kenrick Park and Ride station expansion

D-Line BRT

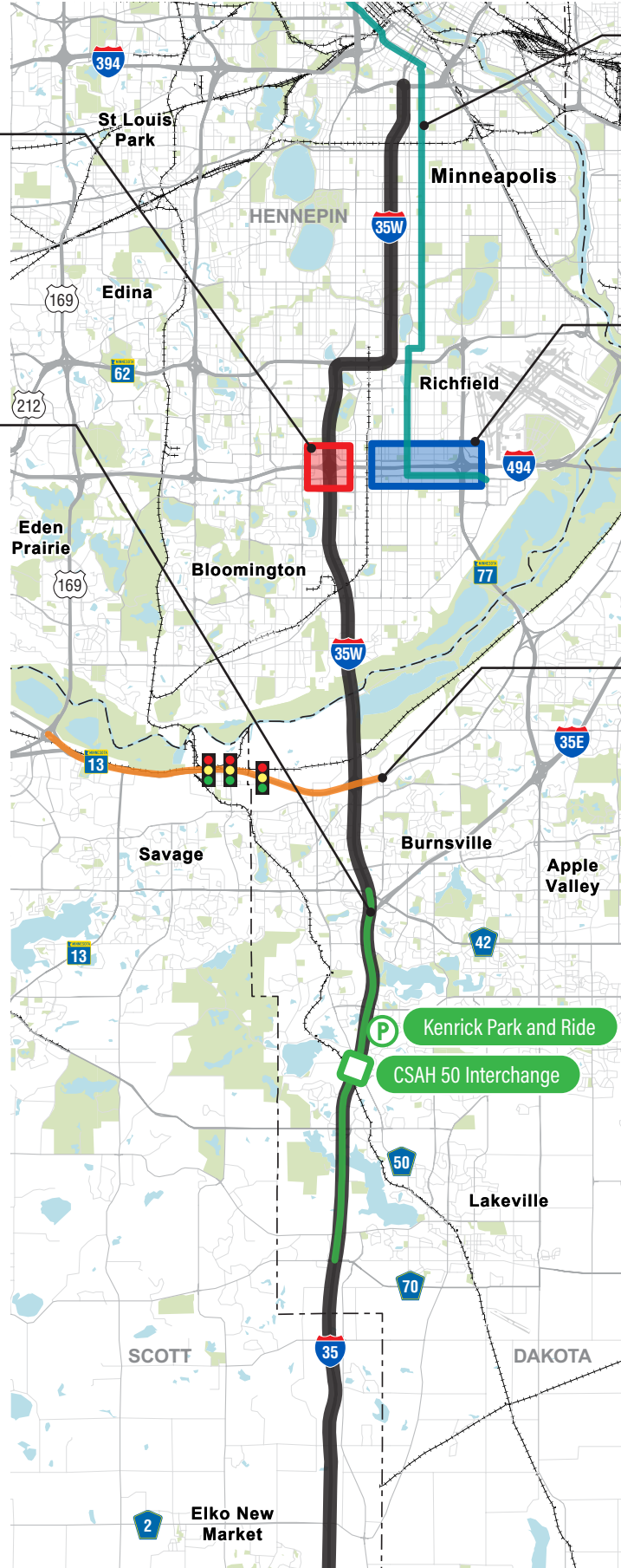
- Extend transit service to Mall of America Along American Blvd, Portland Ave, and Chicago Ave

77th St Underpass and I-494 Access Reconfiguration

- 77th St Underpass at TH 77
- Nicollet Ave, Portland Ave, 12th Ave interchange improvements

TH 13 Improvements between US 169 and Nicollet Ave

- Remove traffic signals at Quentin Ave, Lynn Ave, and Washburn Ave



COUNTIES

Dakota County
Hennepin County
Scott County

CITIES

Bloomington
Burnsville
Elko New Market
Lakeville
Minneapolis
Richfield
Savage

MISSION

Working together to enhance safety, reduce congestion and maximize economic development along the I35W corridor and its feeder routes; Cedar Ave/Hwy 77 and Hwy 169 by advocating for the funding, building and maintenance of a robust multimodal transportation system.

Attachment 3: Financial Report and 2024 Coalition Budget

US 169 Corridor Coalition 2024 Proposed Budget

	Estimated Hours	2024 Proposed Budget	2023 Approved Budget	Approved 2022 Budget	2021 Approved Budget
REVENUE ITEMS					
*Project Year End Balance prior year		\$143,044	\$145,318	\$153,345	
Projected Membership Dues (1/2 Priced)		\$19,500	\$19,500	\$19,500	
Affiliate Memberships		\$3,750	\$3,750	\$3,750	
Total		\$166,294	\$168,568	\$176,595	
EXPENSE ITEMS					
Total Staff Services	400	\$49,910	\$36,315	\$29,315	\$28,463
Coalition Coordinator & Support Services	220	\$29,960	\$29,280	\$22,280	\$21,632
Coalition Events and Meeting Support	180	\$19,950	\$7,035	\$7,035	\$6,831
Printing, Mailing & Promotional Materials		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Consultant Expenses (Project Prioritization)		\$20,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Graphics & Other Specialty Services		\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Meeting Expenses		\$1,500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Staff Mileage		\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Website: Professional Services & Hosting		\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Insurance		\$1,200	\$925	\$925	\$925
Transportation Alliance Dues		\$445	\$400	\$400	\$400
Summer Event (Barge Tour, etc)		\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	n/a
Event Expenses (Canterbury, etc)		\$3,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
DC Legislative Trip (3 people)		\$5,250	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
<i>Projected Year End Expenses</i>					
TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET		\$87,305	\$63,140	\$71,140	\$65,288
YEAR END CASH BALANCE		\$78,989	\$105,428	\$105,455	

* Includes projected year end expenses

Coalition Coordinator & Support Services Description

Meeting Support: Prepare meeting materials including agendas, minutes, and financial reports. Set up meeting including re 2 full Coalition meetings per year and up to 4 Coalition Executive Board meetings per year.

Meeting Planning: Organize meeting content and presentations for up to 2 full Coalition meetings per year. Plan agendas for Executive Board meetings per year. Send out meeting notices and emails.

Coalition Support: Prepare and send annual invoices to Coalition members. Process annual dues. Process expenditures. Provide copies as requested. Reach out to member agencies to update contact roster list annually. Update Coalition informational brochures annually.

Social Media & Website Support: Create and coordinate website content updates at least once per month. Work with website provider to ensure the ongoing operation of the website. Create and post relevant content to Coalition's social media accounts.

Legislative & Special Event Coordination: Organize one (1) legislative event annually. Organize up to one (1) special event annually. Create and print content such as brochures and boards for events. Work with State and Federal legislators or staff for attendance meetings. Organize one (1) outreach meeting with MnDOT central office and/or district offices annually.

Graphics, Data & Mapping Description

Update & Maintain Coalition Website and Graphics Content: Update Coalition graphics, maps and website as needed for content. Maintain graphics and related datasets and update when new data becomes available.

Create New Map and Graphical Content: Create new maps, posters and handouts as needed. Research and develop datasets and handouts to tell the story of important Coalition issues.

US Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition
Budget vs. Actual

REVENUE	Annual dues	
	Budgeted	Collected
<u>Balance brought forward from 2022</u>		143,044.25
Belle Plaine	500.00	500.00
Bloomington	1,500.00	1,500.00
Blue Earth County	2,500.00	2,500.00
Edina	1,500.00	1,500.00
Golden Valley	1,500.00	
Jordan	500.00	500.00
Hennepin County		
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc	0.00	
LeSueur City of	500.00	500.00
LeSueur County	500.00	500.00
Mankato	1,500.00	1,500.00
Nicollet County	500.00	500.00
North Mankato	500.00	500.00
Prior Lake	1,500.00	3,000.00
Region 9	125.00	
Savage	1,500.00	1,500.00
Scott County	2,500.00	2,500.00
Shakopee	1,500.00	1,500.00
St. Peter	500.00	500.00
Louisville Township	125.00	125.00
Spring Lake Township	125.00	not participating 2023
Sand Creek Township	125.00	250.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	500.00	500.00
SMSC	500.00	500.00
WSB	500.00	500.00
HDR Engineering, Inc.	500.00	Gold Level
SRF	500.00	500.00
Greater Mankato Growth, Inc.	250.00	250.00
Blue Earth / Blue Sky LLC DBA Land Air	250.00	Silver Level
Canterbury Park	250.00	250.00
Braun Intertec Corp. pd both ind & corp Ray Huber	125.00	125.00
Dr. Elizabeth thelemann Jordan Dental		
Thomas M Doherty (Special Level)		
(Individual Kenneth Saffert P.E.)		
Jordan McDonalds (Choate & Company)		
Happy Chef Inc. (Bronze level)		
TOTAL REVENUE	22,875.00	165,044.25
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Budget 2023</u>	<u>Actual 2023</u>
Staff-Coalition Coordinator & Support (PW001) 2022	22,280.00	36,362.42
Staff-GIS Information, data & Mapping Services (PW002)	7,035.00	
Printing, Mailing & Promotional Materials (1)	2,000.00	
Corridor Transit Cord-Consultant	15,000.00	
Graphics & Other Specialty Services (2)	5,000.00	
Meeting/Seminars (3)	500.00	
Staff Mileage & Parking (4)	500.00	
Website Professional Svs & Hosting	500.00	179.72
Insurance	925.00	1,127.00
Summer Event (Barge Tour, etc)	5,000.00	
Event Expenses	5,000.00	500.00
Transportation Alliance Dues	400.00	
Trip to DC/Meet w/Federal Delegation (4 members)-(5)	7,000.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	71,140.00	38,169.14
REVENUE in excess of EXPENDITURES		126,875.11
Checking account balance		126,875.11
Balance Page Verification		0.00

check - s/b 0.00

9/29/2022

Note - per Nathan Abney - SRF Consulting will be sending invoices with payments coming to Scott County (possibly) Scott County will not be generating any invoices to be sent out