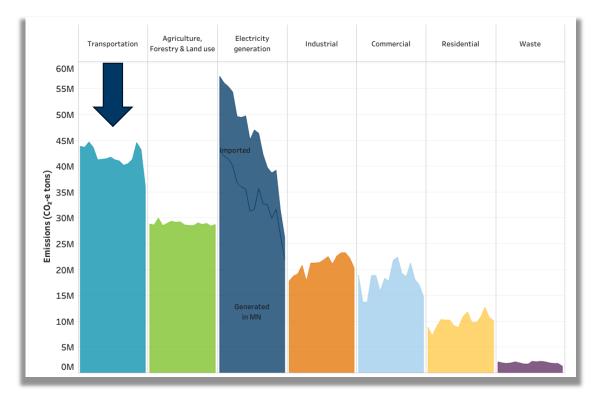


# State GHG Legislation Implementation TAB

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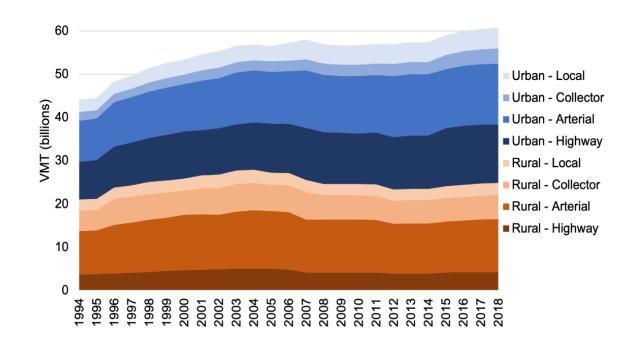
### GHG Overview of Legislation Background

#### **Carbon Emissions in Minnesota by Sector**



Transportation sector is contributing the most to emissions in Minnesota

#### VMT in Minnesota (1994-2018)



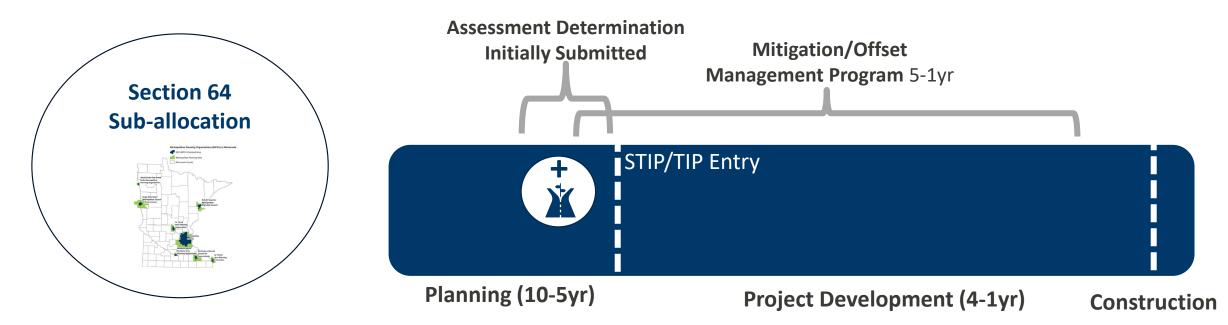
As our VMT increased 40%, our Minnesota population only grew 23%. VMT has increased almost twice as fast as our population

### **Overview of Legislation** Sections

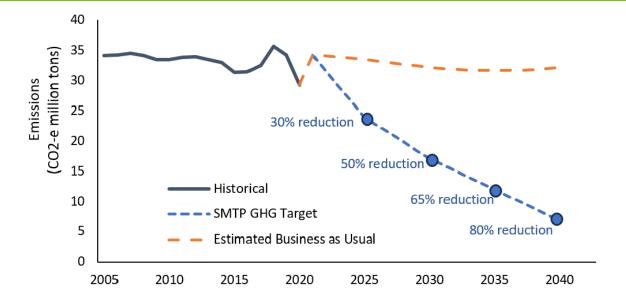
**Section 28:** GHG Emissions Impact <u>Assessment</u> and Interlinking/Mitigation management plan for expansion projects for both MnDOT + Locals if project build emissions and reduction target is not in <u>conformance</u>

**Section 64:** Amends MnDOT Statute of goals to include <u>GHG targets for transportation sector</u> in Minnesota and development of a <u>sub-allocation</u> for reduction across the state

Section 125: Creates Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impact Mitigation external Working Group to assist MnDOT



### **Emissions + VMT Reduction Targets for Transportation**





#### **MnDOT Transportation GHG Reduction Target**

#### From 2005 baseline:

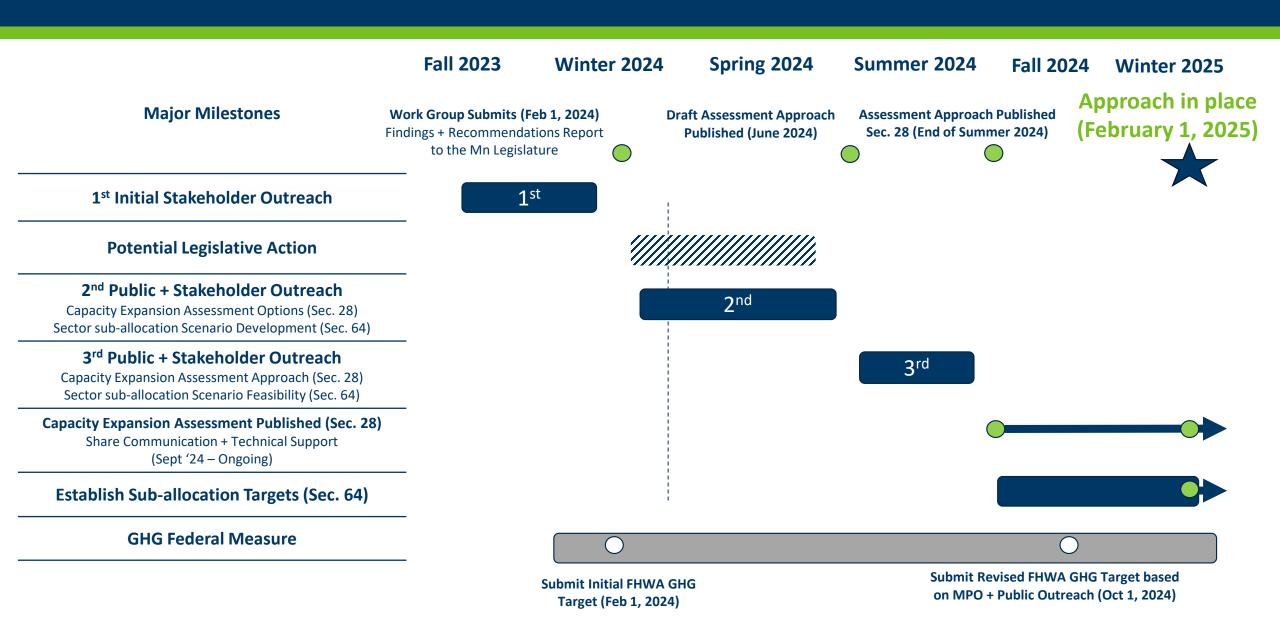
 $\leq$  29.5 million metric tons CO2e by 2025 (-30%)  $\leq$  20.1 million metric tons CO2e by 2030 (-50%)  $\leq$  14.1 million metric tons CO2e by 2035 (-65%)  $\leq$  8.0 million metric tons CO2e by 2040 (-80%)

#### VMT Per Capita Reduction Target

From 2019 baseline:

≤ 10,263 by 2025 (-4%)
≤ 9,835 by 2030 (-8%)
≤ 9,515 by 2035 (-11%)
≤ 9,195 by 2040 (-14%)

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### **State GHG Reduction Legislation** Capacity Expansion Definition

### New lanes or new grade separation

#### Definitions

(d) "Capacity expansion project" means a project for trunk highway construction or reconstruction that:

- (1) is a major highway project (5M in rural areas, 15M in metro), as defined in section 174.56, subdivision 1, paragraph (b); and
- (2) adds highway traffic capacity or provides for grade separation at an intersection, excluding auxiliary lanes with a length of less than 2,500 feet.

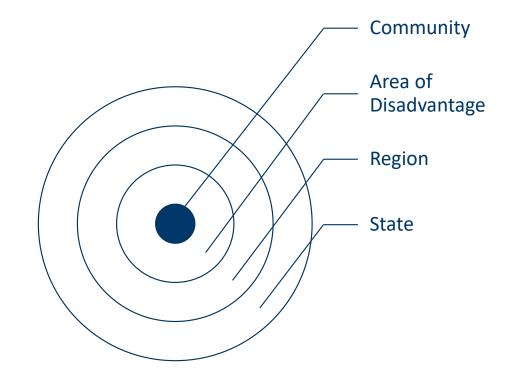


# GHG/VMT Assessment Procedure Draft Steps

|   | Steps  | Overview  |
|---|--|---|
| 1 | Determine whether proposed action<br>qualifies as a capacity expansion<br>project  | New lanes or new grade separation   |
| 2 | Select an Analysis Model(s)<br>(Forecast Method)   | Metro: Regional Model and associated project forecast<br>GM MPO: MPO Model and associated project forecast<br>Non-MPO Area: Project corridor forecast   |
| 3 | Project Assessment + Method(s)<br>(Area of analysis and determination of current<br>and future speeds, traffic volume, etc.) | Affected network of project is analyzed using currently available travel demand forecasts for a project area to determine build/no build impacts  |
| 4 | <b>Compare Impacts to Targets</b><br>(Determining net change in VMT and carbon<br>emissions)                                 | <ul> <li>Minnesota Infrastructure Carbon Estimator (MICE) <u>OR</u> Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES) project level tool</li> <li>(In development) Non-emissions VMT impacts</li> </ul>  |
| 5 | Mitigation/Offset Evaluation   | <ol> <li>Project – Program a project(s) within the community experiencing GHG/VMT increase</li> <li>Setaside – Program a setaside at the amount of GHG/VMT increase into STIP/TIP. To be converted to a transportation project.</li> <li>Land Use Change – Voluntary, measurable change in land use density that would support emission and VMT reduction in the community</li> </ol> |
| 6 | <b>Mitigation/Offset Management Plan</b><br>(Conformance Determination GHG + VMT<br>Reduction Targets)                       | Project proposer develops offsetting mitigation management plan/projects<br>Conformance Determination: Project build results in a reduction of total emissions and per capita VMT<br>over the 20 years of the project   |

# What qualifies as a mitigation/offset? (currently)

- (1) Transit expansion,
- (2) Transit service improvements,
- (3) Active transportation infrastructure (biking and walking)
- (4) Micromobility infrastructure and service
- (5) Transportation demand management
- (6) Parking management
- (7) Land use density increases
- (8) Infrastructure improvements related to traffic operations
- (9) Natural systems

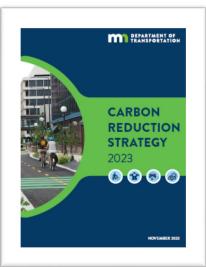


## Section 64

### Allocation of GHG Reduction Target across Transportation Sector

- (1) establishment of proportional emissions reduction performance targets for the transportation sector;
- (2) specification of the performance targets on a five-year or more frequent basis; and
- (3) allocation across the transportation sector, which:
  - (i) must provide for an allocation to the metropolitan area;
  - (ii) must account for differences in the feasibility and extent of emissions reductions across forms of land use and across regions of the state; and
  - (iii) may include performance targets based on Department of Transportation district, geographic region, a per capita calculation, or transportation mode, or a combination.





# What are the questions you have?