



# *Corridors of Commerce*

MN Department of Transportation  
September 18, 2013

*Your Destination...Our Priority*



Category	Metro Capacity Improvement	Interregional Corridor Capacity Improvement	Statewide Freight Bottlenecks	Statewide Freight Preservation	Main Street Enhancements
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# Project Classification: Capacity Development

- (i) Extends a four-lane highway.
- (ii) Completes a TH connection.
- (iii) Addresses a bottleneck.
- (iv) Builds new interchanges.



# Project Classification: Freight Improvement – Preservation

- (i) Removes or reduces barriers to commerce.
- (ii) Eases or preserves freight movement.
- (iii) Supports emerging industries.
- (iv) Provides connections to other modes.



# Project Eligibility

- ▶ May not be in the STIP.
- ▶ Must be on an IRC or Supplemental Freight Route (outside of Metro District).
- ▶ Must be Trunk Highway bond eligible.



# Project Prioritization

- ▶ Project Readiness – projects starting sooner after July 1, 2014 will be ranked higher.
- ▶ Return on Investment.
- ▶ Local support – consistency with regional or local plans is one way to indicate local support.



# Further Project Prioritization

- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Travel time/reliability
- ▶ AADT/HCAADT
- ▶ Multimodal connection
- ▶ Turnback agreement status
- ▶ Geographic distribution



# Stakeholder Recommendations

*“the commissioner shall annually accept recommendations on candidate projects from area transportation partnerships and other interested stakeholders”*





# Outcomes

- ▶ \$300 million down payment.
- ▶ Demonstrate the value of additional transportation funding and the CoC program.
- ▶ List of quality projects meeting Corridors of Commerce criteria that is much longer than \$300 million.



# Current Timeline

- ▶ Invitation to provide recommendations released mid-September.
- ▶ 30 day public and stakeholder input period.
- ▶ Release the list and the selected projects around November 1<sup>st</sup>.



# Questions / Comments

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