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Highway and Freight Current Investment Direction and Plan

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Today's Topics – Highway & Freight

- Where are we now?
  - The Highway Story
  - What are the issues?
  - How is the system performing?

- Where are we headed?
- How will we get there?

- What are the changes expected in this update?

What Feedback are We Looking for Today?

- Reactions to high-level concepts
- Ideas for clarifying the “story”
- Ideas on things that should change
- Items to bring back for future discussion

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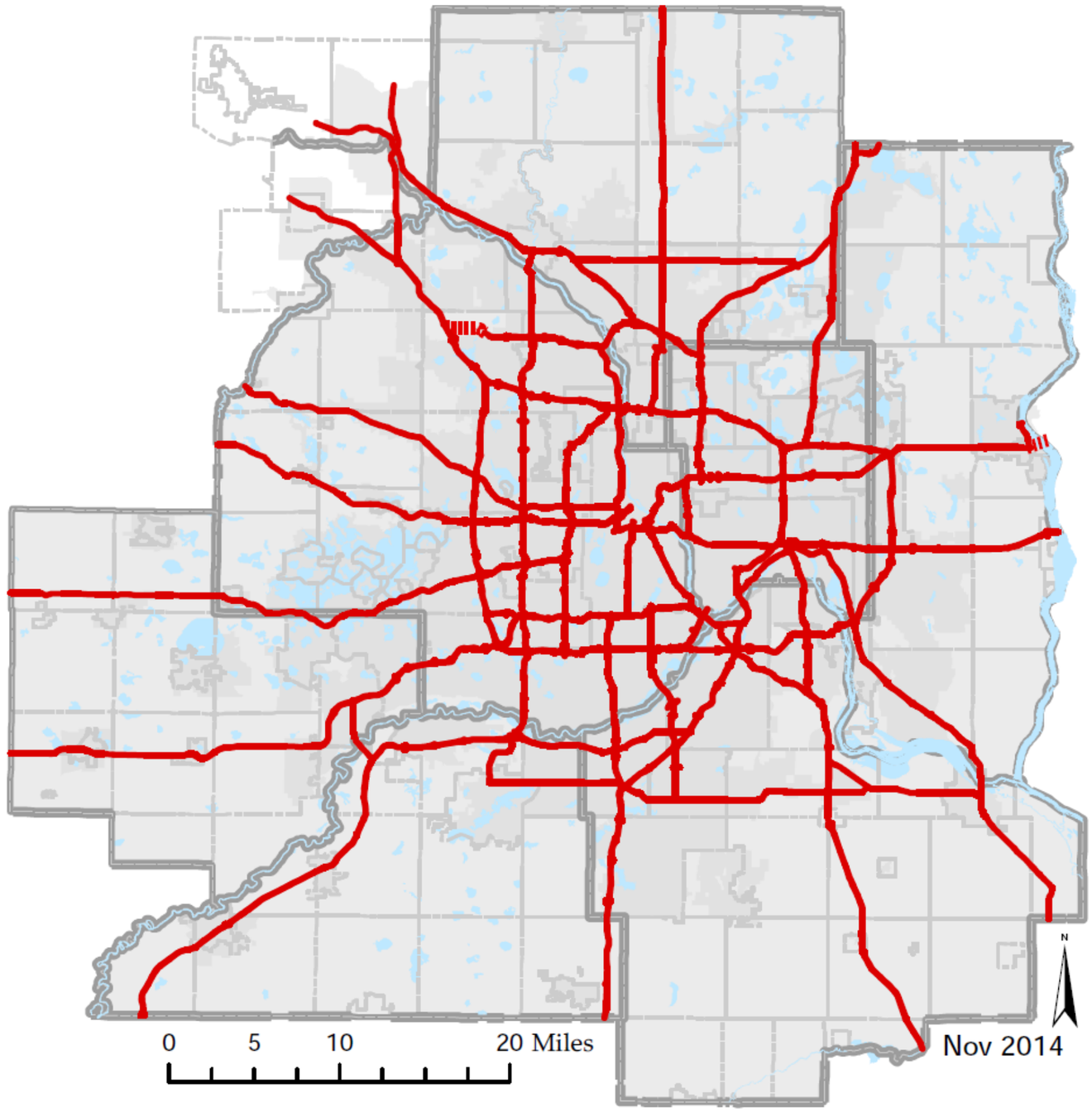
Where are we now?

The Highway Story

Focus of TPP

- Policy and investment direction focused on principal arterial system
  - Data mostly reflects MnDOT owned system
  - Locally owned Principal Arterials often not taken into account
- A-minors supplement principal arterial system
  - A-minors are owned by counties (70%), MnDOT (20%), and cities (10%)
- Regional Solicitation primarily invests in non-freeway principal arterials and A-minor system

Principal Arterial System



A Large, Aging Highway System

- The region has a mature principal arterial system
  - All planned roadways have been completed (Highway 610 last major link)
  - Extensive and valuable asset (700 miles)
- High level of investment need on the principal arterials
  - Investments to operate, maintain and rebuild the aging system are mandatory (stewards of the system)
  - Increase in use will continue with regional population growth and economic activity
  - Principal arterial system expansion will be limited

Investment Direction History

1989 TPP

- Recognition that traditional expansion to address congestion is unaffordable
- Region's highest priority should be to maintain the existing system
- Aggressively manage the system to ensure it functions as the carrier of the longest trips
- Focus on people-carrying capacity improvements - important that MnDOT build HOV lanes instead of general purpose lanes

Investment Direction History cont.

1995/96 TPP

- Prepared early to meet new federal law (ISTEA) required plan elements
- $2B in planned highway investments removed to meet fiscal constraint requirement
- Demand is growing faster than available funds
- The region cannot build its way out of congestion
- Principal arterial system investment priorities are:
  - Preservation
  - Management
  - Improvement and replacement
  - Expansion

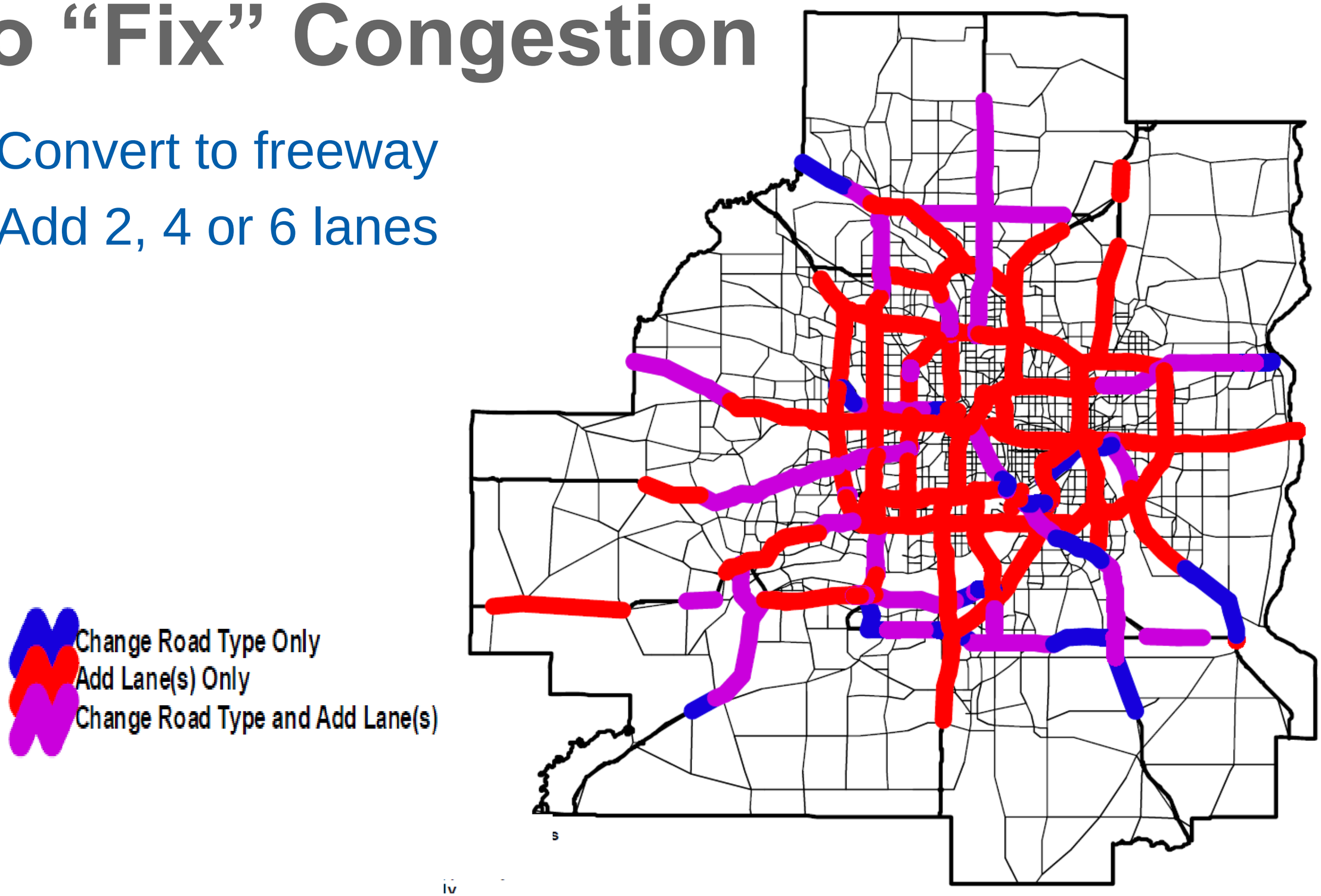
Investment Direction History cont.

2008 Principal Arterial Study/2009 Metropolitan Highway Investment Study

- To largely eliminate congestion would cost > $40 billion while revenues estimated at $6 B
- Equivalent to $2.30 per gallon gas tax increase
- Virtually every principal arterials converted to a freeway and/or widened by 2, 4, or 6 lanes.
- Conclusions:
  - Public is unwilling to fund this strategy
  - Impacts to communities and the natural environment would be unacceptable
  - Would encourage more travel and low-density development

Principal Arterial Improvements to “Fix” Congestion

- Convert to freeway
- Add 2, 4 or 6 lanes



Investment Direction History cont.

2009 TPP

- 12 major expansion projects called for in 2004 plan could not be funded with existing revenues
- Investment options:

  1: Build one major expansion project every five years and leave the rest of the system's congestion problems unaddressed

  2: Address a large number of problem areas region-wide by relying on system management, innovation, lower-cost/high-benefit solutions, and strategic capacity expansions where needed

- 2010 TPP Update removed $2.9 B in unaffordable major expansion projects (to be reassessed)

2009 TPP Projects to Reassess

12 Projects to Reassess ($2.9 B)	Accomplished Since 2009
I-494 / US 169 Interchange Reconstruction	2012 Largely Accomplished, 2 Movements Delayed
I-35E, I-94 to TH 36 – Add 4th Lane	2015 Fully Accomplished, MnPASS
I-494, TH 55 to I-94 – Add 3rd Lane	2016 Fully Accomplished
TH 100, 36th St to Cedar Lake Rd – Add 3rd Lane	2016 Largely Accomplished, Reduced Scope
TH 610, CR 130 to I-94 – 4-Lane Freeway & I-94 Interchange	2017 Largely Accomplished, Reduced Scope
I-694, I-35W to W Jct I-35E – Add 3rd Lane	Largely Accomplished, 2013 US 10 Interchange, 2017 3rd Lane Project, Reduced Scope
I-35W, 46th St to I-94 – Add HOV Lane & Lake St Interchange	Largely Accomplished, 2009 UPA & Currently Under Construction, Reduced Scope
I-494, TH 77 to TH 100 – 1997 EIS	2013 Auxiliary Lane I-35W through France Av
TH 252, 73rd Ave to TH 610 – 4-Lane Freeway	66th St Interchange Funding, Hennepin County Corridor Study Underway
TH 36, I-35W to I-35E – Add 3rd Lane	Eastbound Tier II MnPASS, Corridor Under Study
I-694 E Jct I-35E to TH 36 – Add 3rd Lane	
I-35E, TH 110 to TH 5 – Add 3rd Lane	

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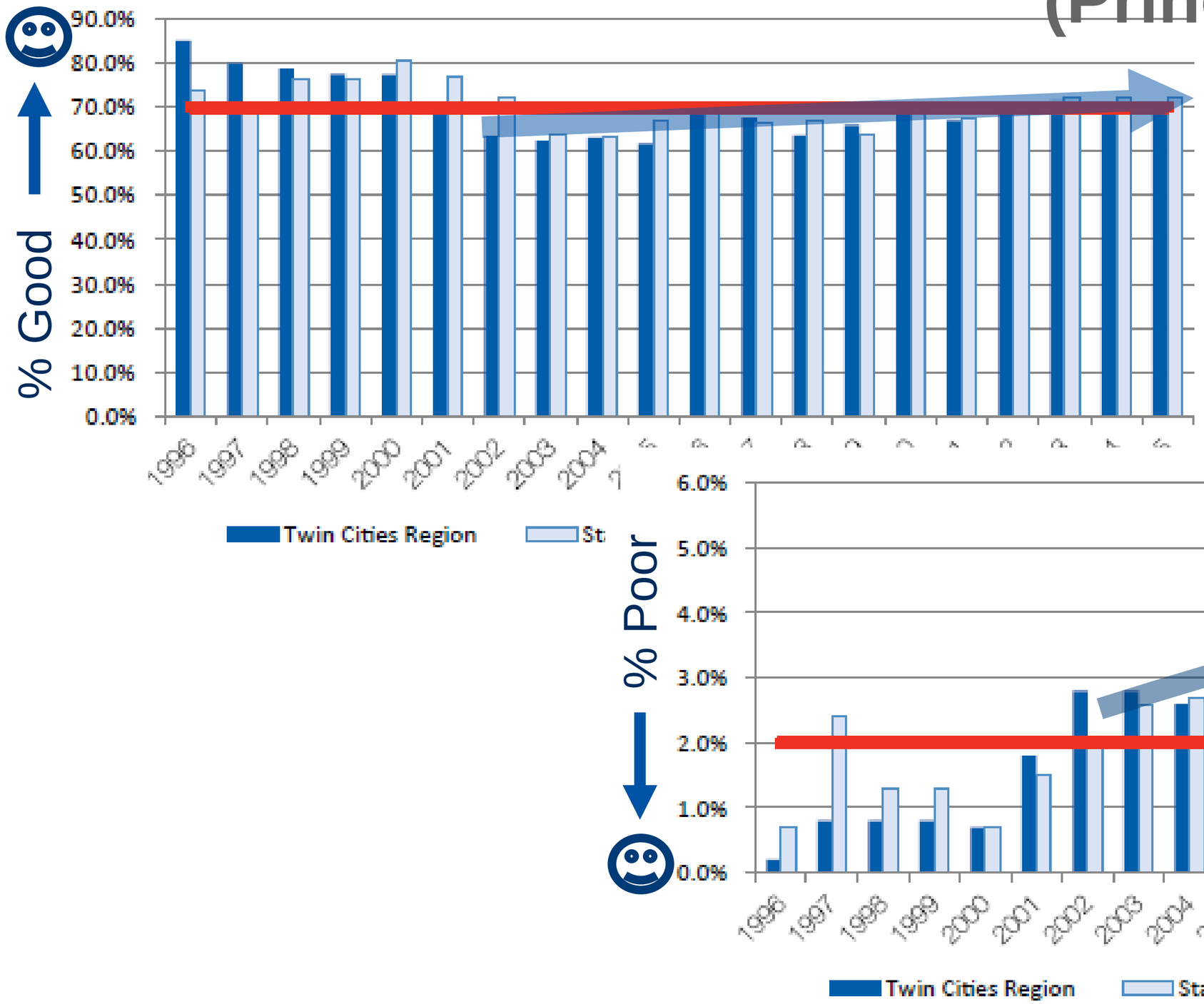
Where are Highways Now?

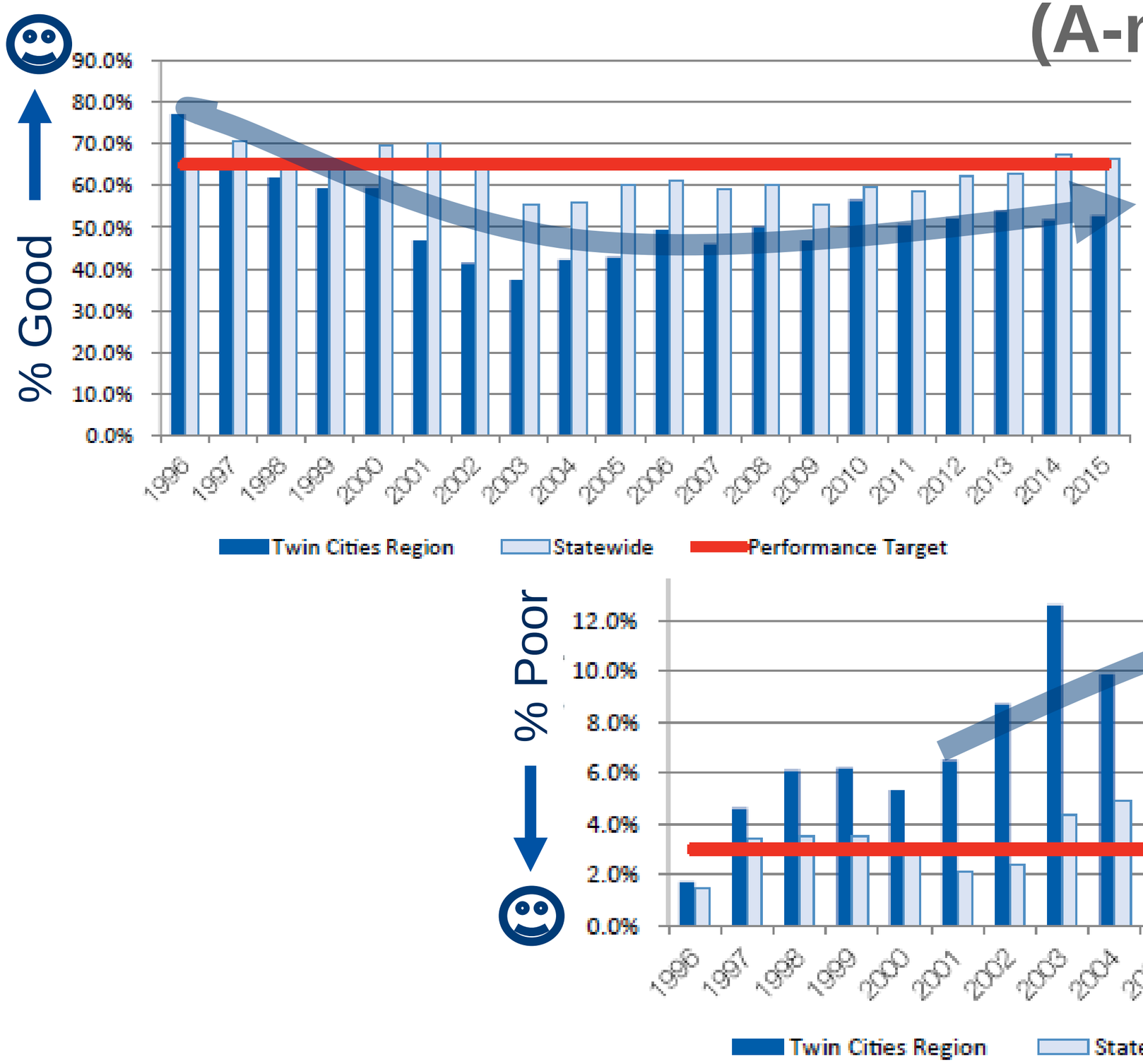
Existing System Performance and Issues

Highways: Pavement Condition

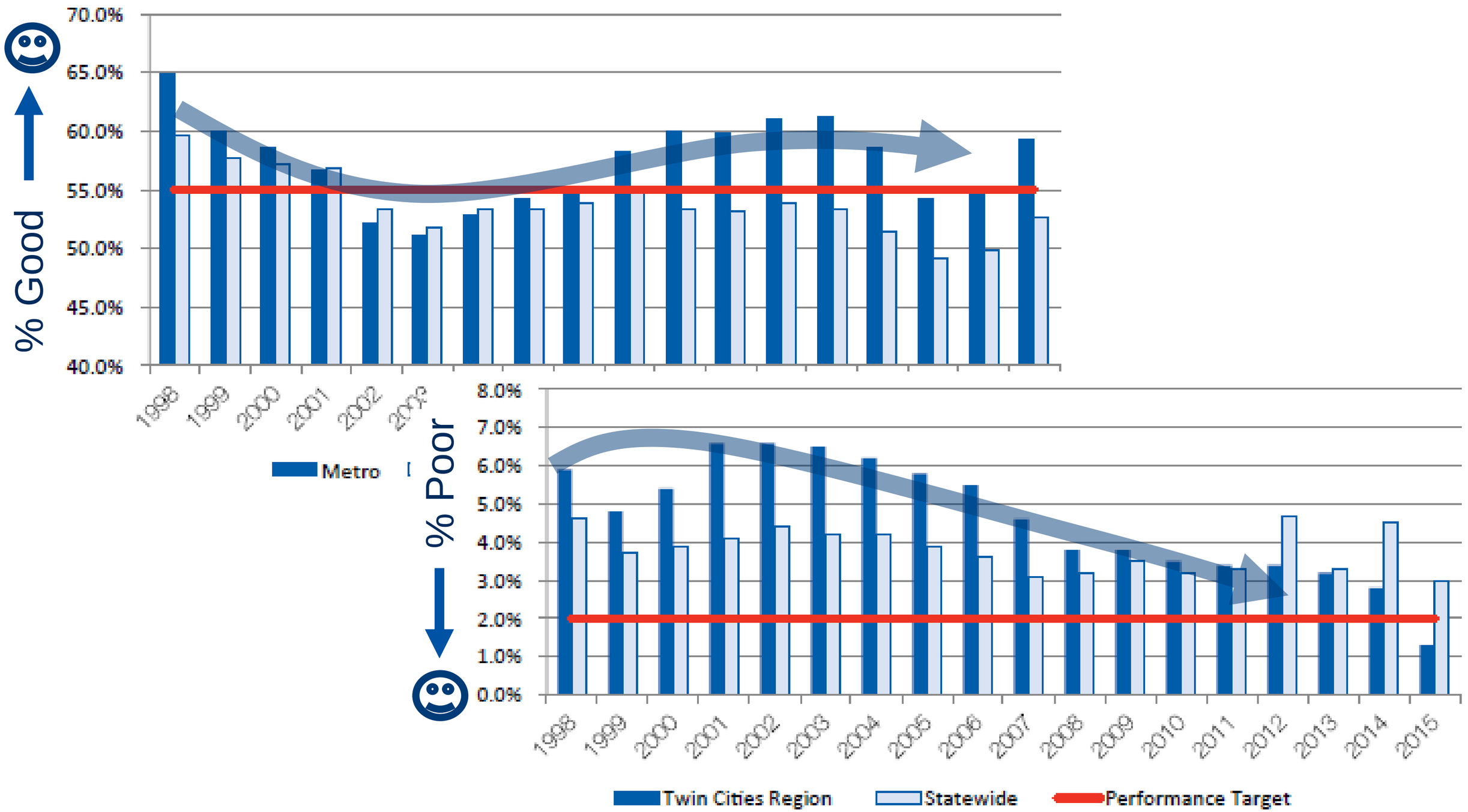
(Principal Arterials)



Highways: Pavement Condition
(A-minor Arterials)



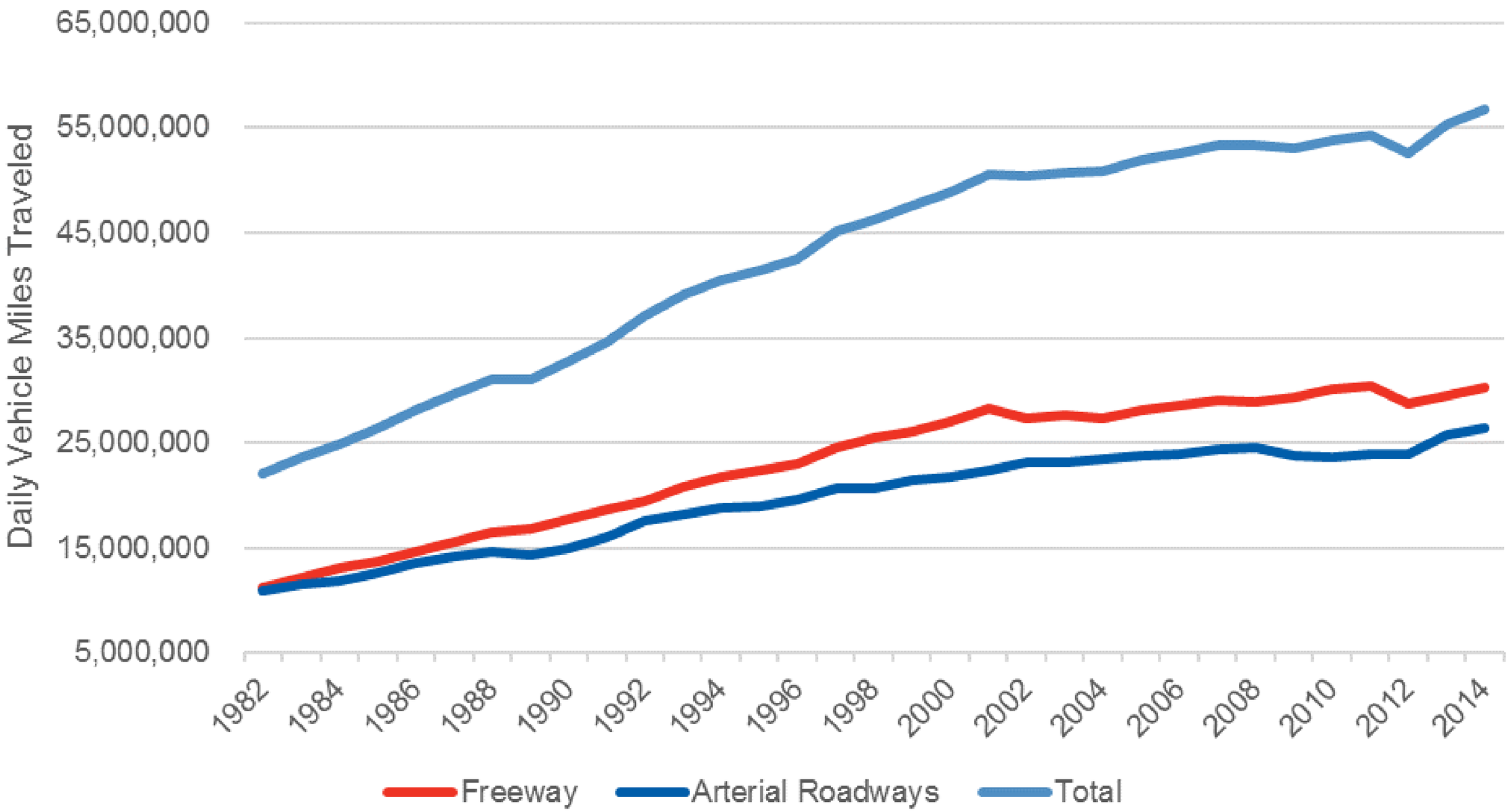
Highway System: Bridges
(Principal Arterials)



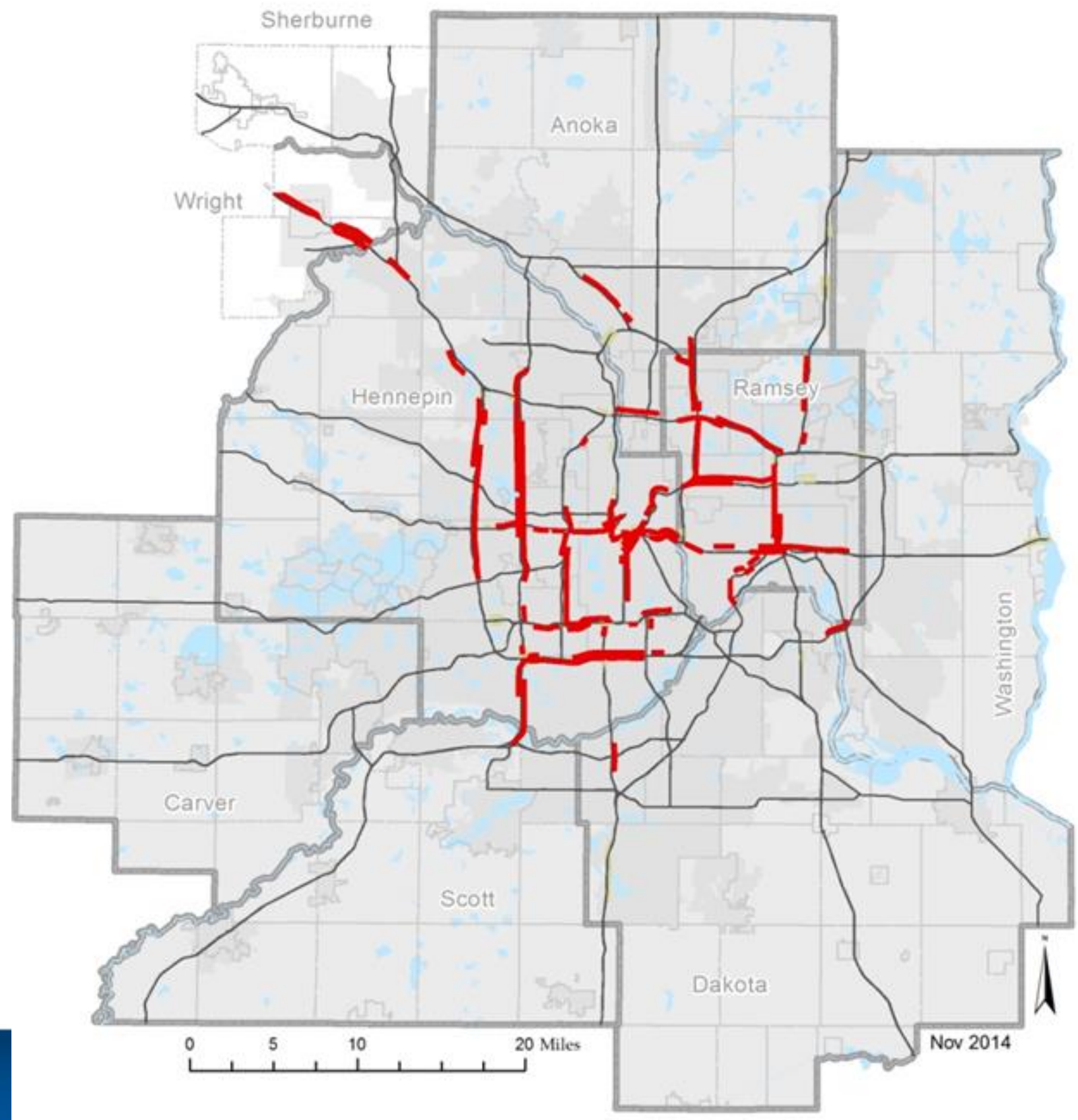
Road Miles and Vehicle Miles Traveled by Functional Class

	Total miles	% of total road miles	% of vehicle miles traveled (all)	% of vehicle miles traveled (buses)
Principal Arterial Highways	700	4%	50%	20%
“A” Minor Arterial Highways	1,900	11%	25%	33%
Other highways and roads	14,900	85%	25%	47%
Total roads	**17,500**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**

Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled

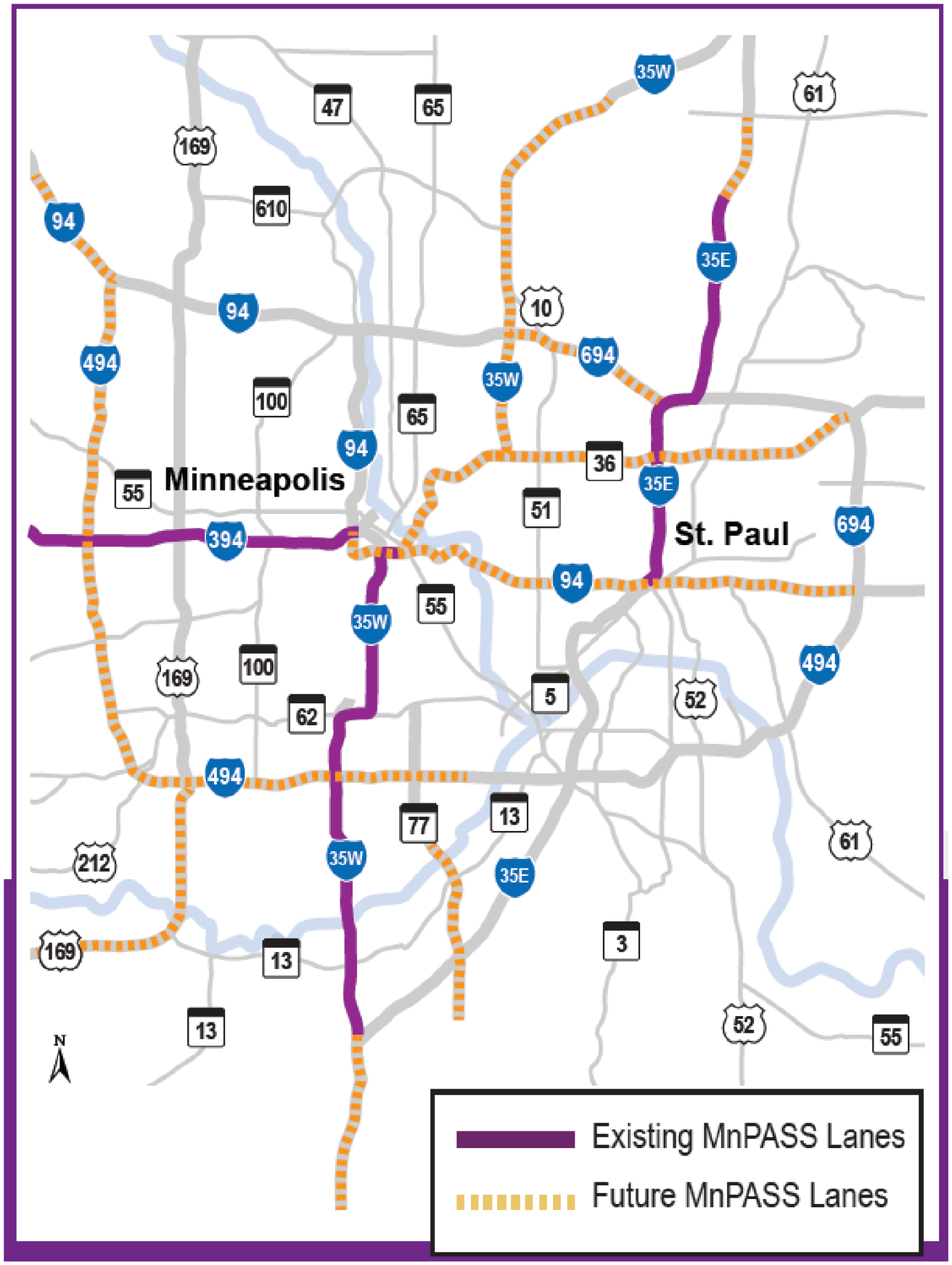


Principal Arterial Congestion (2013)



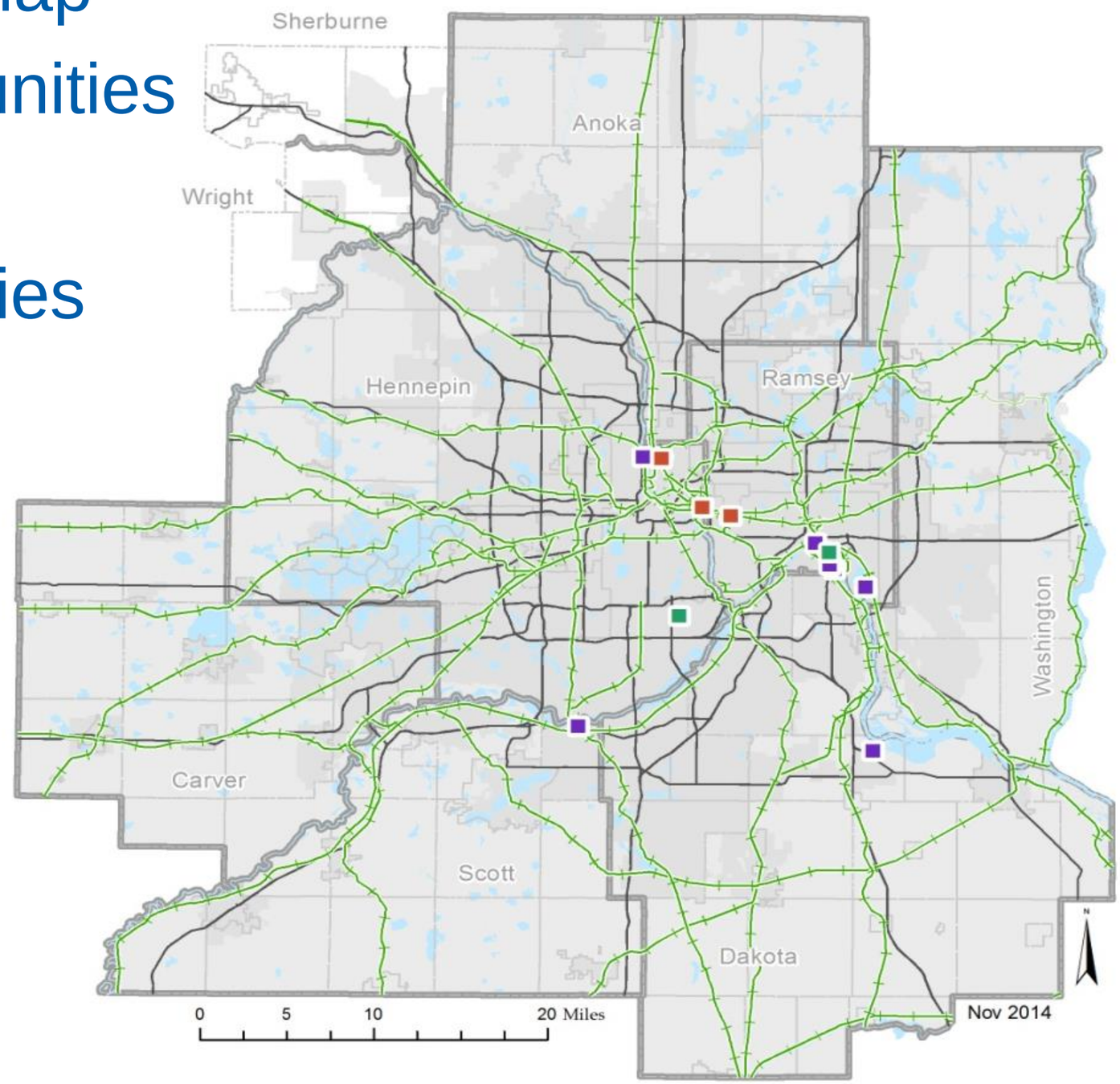
Existing MnPASS

- I-394 (2005)
- I-35W South (2009/2010)
- I-35E
  - To Little Canada Road (2015)
  - To CR J/CR 96 (2016)

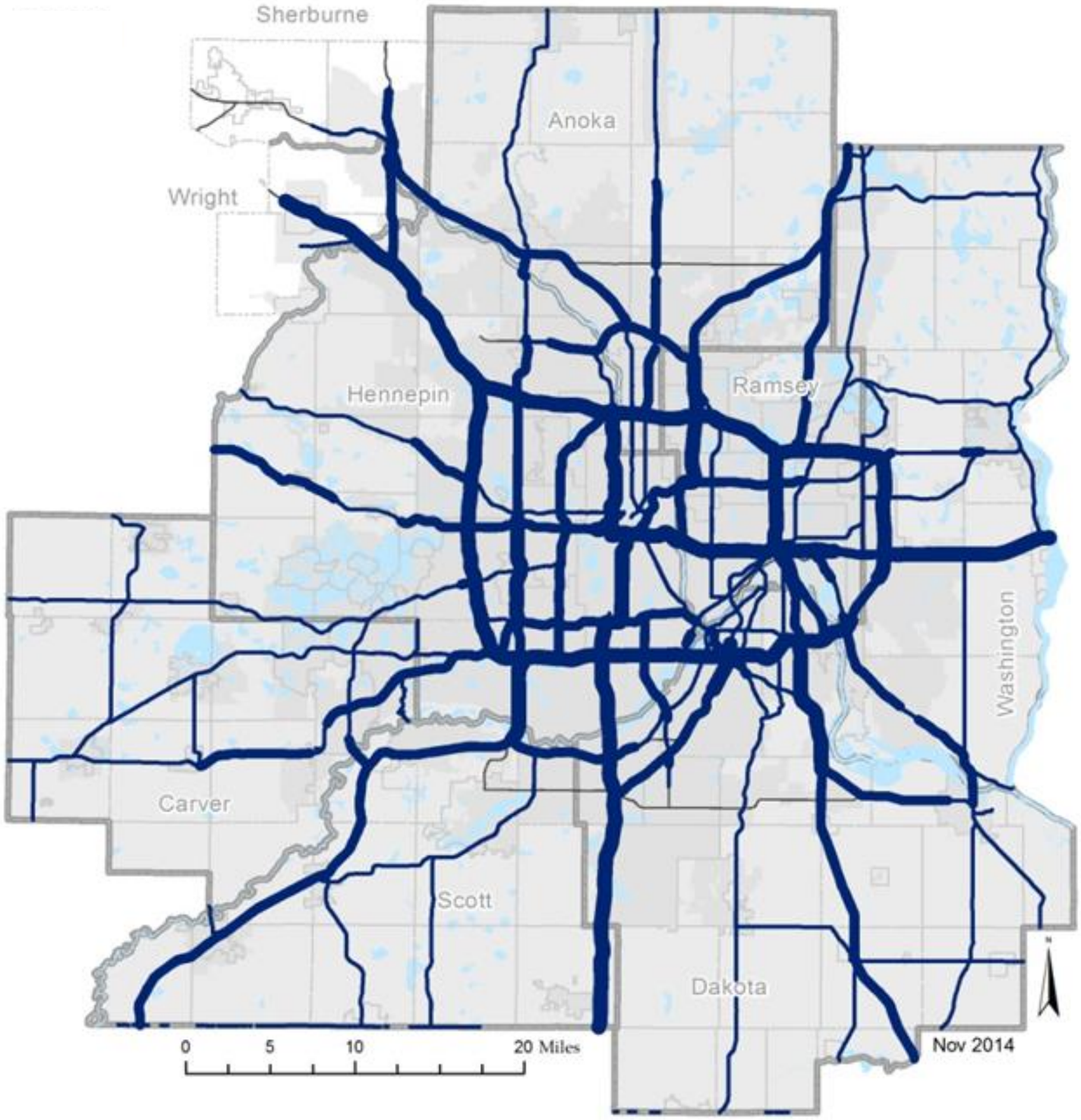


Current Freight System

- Freight modal systems/trends
- Metro Freight System map
- Challenges and opportunities
- Future direction
- Other freight plans/studies



Heavy Commercial Vehicles



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Where are Highways Headed?

Investment Focus

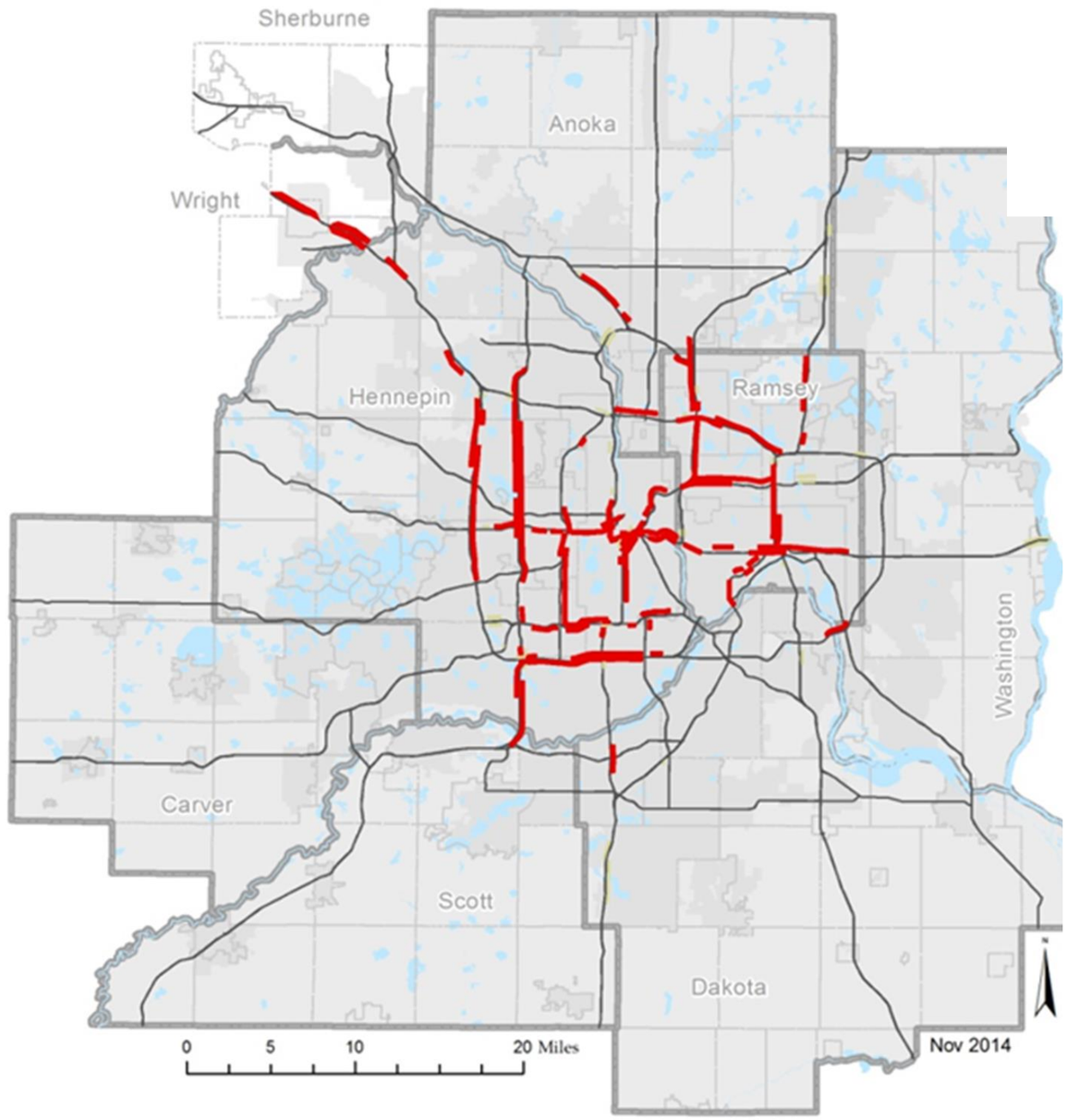
- Existing pavement and bridge targets are largely being met
- Large bridge bubble for Metro in near future
- Continuing to meet targets will require increased percentage of MnDOT Metro District's resources
- MnSHIP projects that after 2023, $0 available for mobility
- 2017 session provided short-term ability for limited investments

Vehicle Trips & Miles Traveled

	2010	2040 Current Revenue Scenario	Change	Percent
Population	2,850,000	3,673,860	+823,860	+29%
Daily Vehicle Trips	6,600,000	9,776,000	+2,152,000	+28%
Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled	72,900,000	89,420,000	+16,520,000	+23%
Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled per Resident	25.6 miles per resident within the 7-county region	24.3 miles per resident within the 7-county region	-1.3 miles per resident within the 7-county region	-5%

Principal Arterial Congestion

2013



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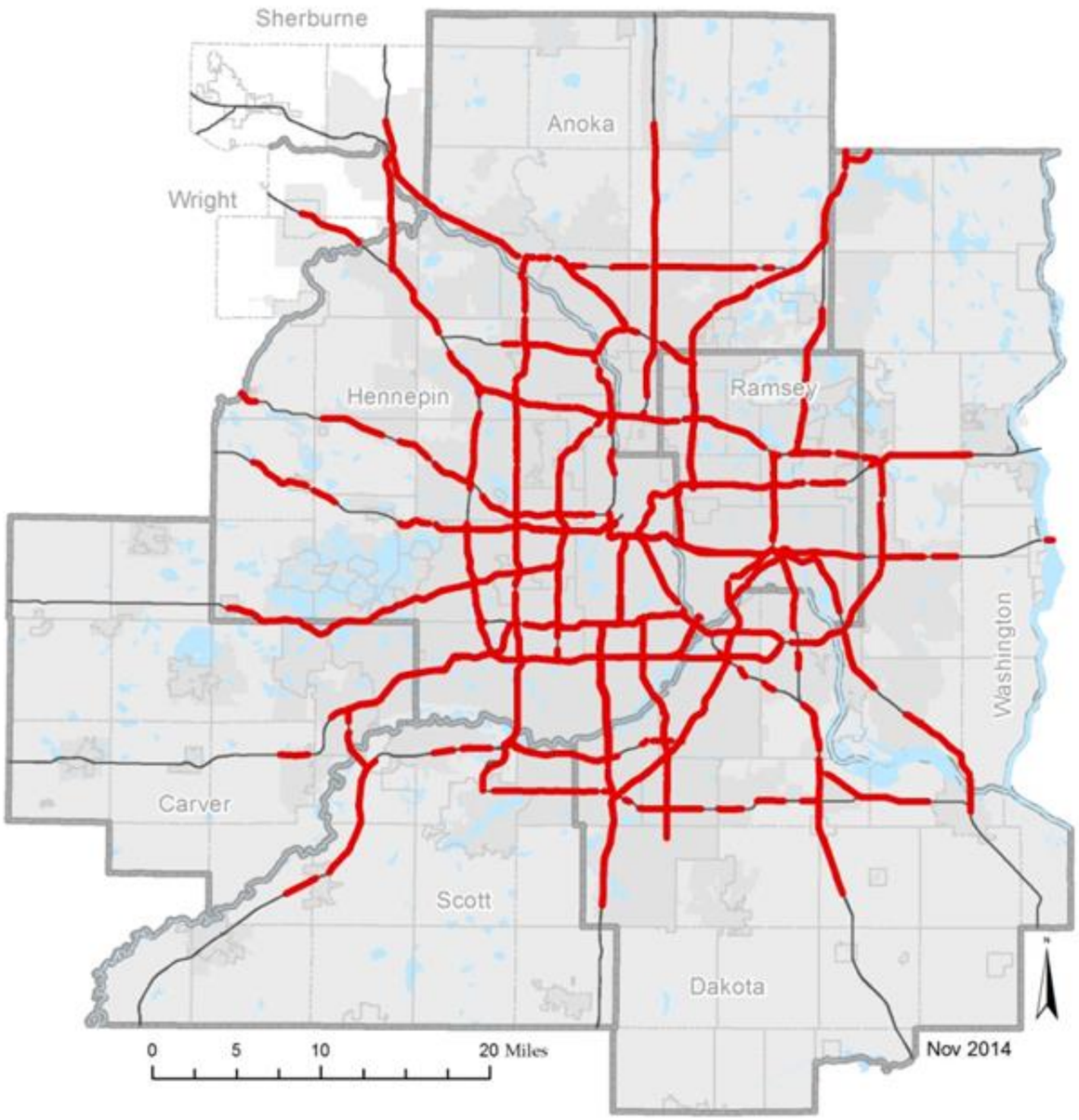

Pavement and Bridge Outcomes

	System	Targets	2015	2037
Pavement Condition	Interstate	2% poor	2.1% poor	4% poor
	Remaining NHS	4% poor	2.7% poor	8% poor
	Non-NHS	10% poor	5.1% poor	18% poor
Bridge Condition	NHS	2% poor	3.0% poor	6% poor
	Non-NHS	8% poor	3.1% poor	7-8% poor

Highway Investment Direction

- Highway System Investment Prioritization Factors in TPP
- Requirements
    - Safety and security
    - Operate, maintain, and rebuild
- Prioritization Factors
    - Economic vitality
    - Critical system connectivity
    - Travel time reliability
    - Support job and population growth forecasts and local comprehensive plans
    - Regional balance of investments

Highway Investment Philosophy

1. Priority is to operate, maintain and preserve the existing highway system.
2. Preservation projects can be a catalyst for including other investments (i.e. safety, spot mobility and lower cost/high benefit improvements)
3. Prioritize today's problems over forecasted problems
4. Existing infrastructure and right-of-way should be utilized to the maximum extent possible

Highway Investment Philosophy

5. Focus on lower cost/higher benefit solutions (i.e. 80% of the benefit at 30% of the cost)
6. Coordinate projects with local governments to achieve cost effective results with minimum disruption
7. Where mobility needs are identified, explore in order:
   - Traffic management technologies
   - Lower cost/high benefit spot mobility improvements
   - MnPASS lanes
   - Strategic capacity investments

Highway Investment Categories

1. Operate and maintain highway assets
2. Program support
3. Rebuild and replace highway assets
4. Safety improvements
5. Bicycle and accessible pedestrian improvements
6. Mobility Improvements:
    - Traffic management technologies
    - Spot mobility improvements
    - MnPASS
    - Strategic capacity enhancements

Highway Investment Summary

	Operations and Maint.	Program Support	Rebuild and Replace	Safety Bicycle Ped.	Mobility	Total
Current Revenue Scenario 2015-2040	$2.0 billion	$900 million	$6.9 billion	$700 million	$700 million	$11.2 billion
Increased Revenue Scenario 2015-2040	+ $1.0 billion	+ $700 million	+ $2/$2.5 billion	+ $600 Million	+ $4/$5 billion	+ $8/$10 billion

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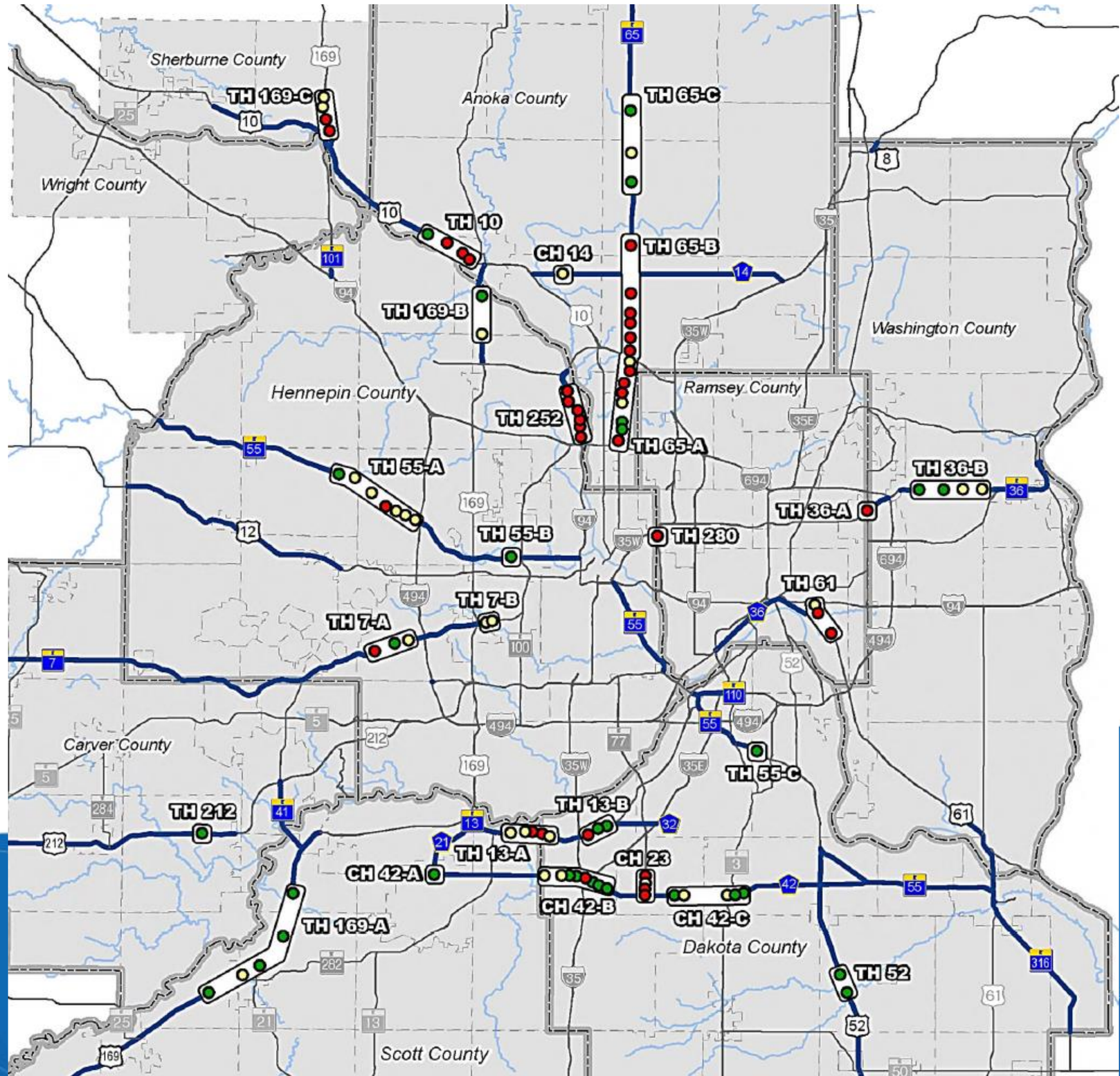
What Changes are Expected in the Plan?

Update Informed by Studies

- Principle Arterial Intersection Conversion Study (Feb)



Update Informed by Studies

- Congestion Management and Safety Plan IV (September)
- MnPASS III (October)
- Highway Truck Corridors Study (June)
- Regional Highway Spending & Investment Needs (October)
- Statewide Freight System Plan (February)

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Increases to Current Revenue Since 2014 TPP

- 2015 FAST Act
  - Freight Projects ($23M/year statewide)
  - STP/CMAQ ($90M/year)
- 2017 State Legislative Action
- 2017 Changes to County Sales Tax
  - Potential inclusion of projects in TPP

Increased Revenue Scenario

- Context:
  - 2014 Increased Revenue Scenario
    - TFAC Recommended + $8-10 B
  - Revenue equivalent of + $0.40/gallon Gas Tax
  - + $0.25 Required to Match Inflation
- Issue: Should the Increased Funding Scenario be higher or lower than + $8-10 B?

Appendix F: Interchange Review Committee

- Appendix F of the Transportation Policy Plan
- First Developed in 1979
- Early Review of Interchange Proposals by Council and MnDOT (FHWA included for Interstates)
  - Include County and/or 7W Representatives
- Qualifying Criteria for Competitive Funding
- Focus on new ramps or new interchanges

Interchange Review Criteria

- Consistency with Local and Regional Plans
- Project Need
- Functional Classification of Cross-Street
- Local Roadway Network and Access Management
- Interchange Spacing

Additional Changes to TPP

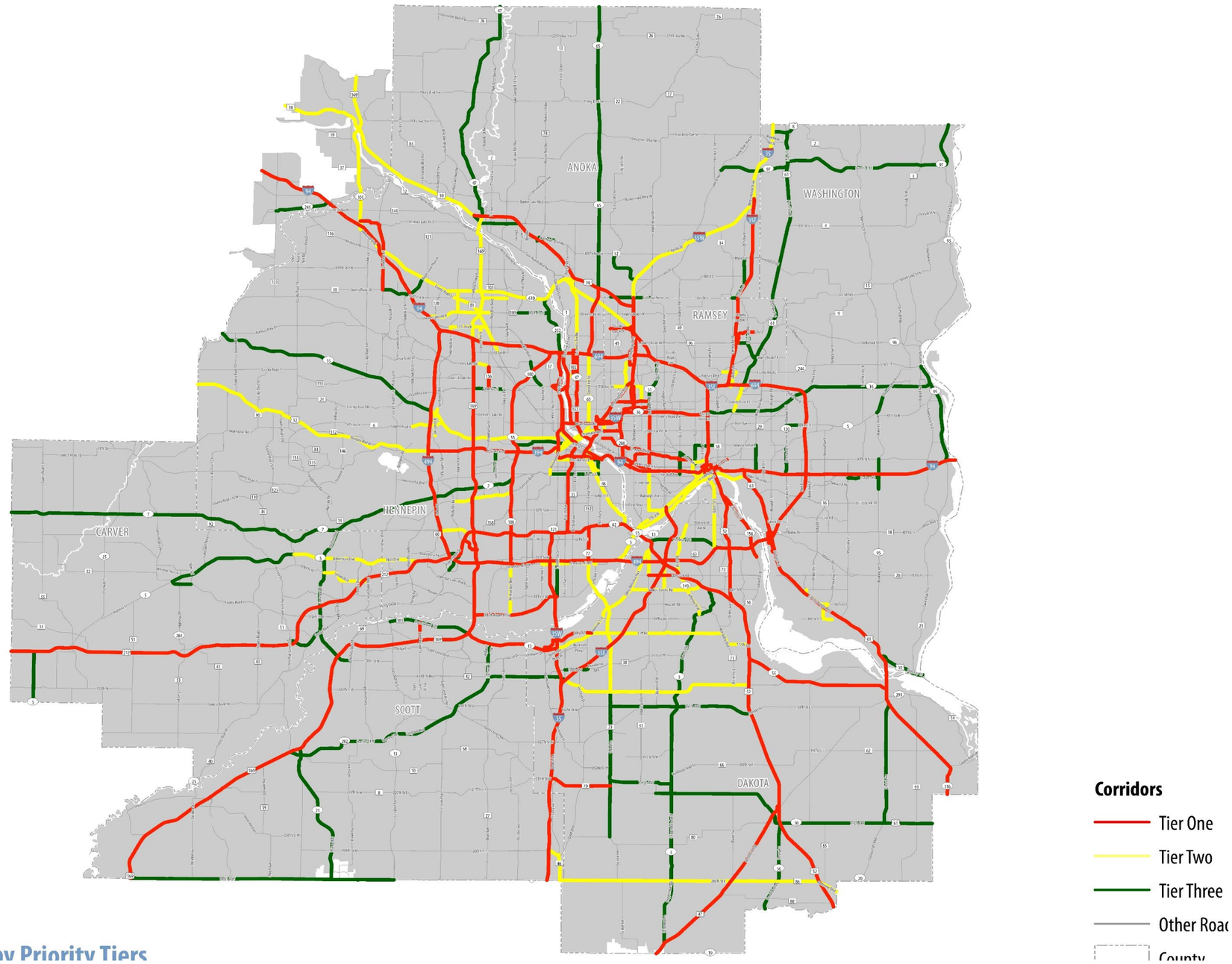
- Inclusion of major preservation projects out to 2040 (Fall)
- Performance Based Planning/Performance Measures (Fall)
- Congestion Management Process (CMP) (November)
- Regional Highway Spending and Investment Needs Study (October)
- Future with Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (Fall)

Freight Changes to TPP

- Freight modal trends updates
  - e.g., Trucking delivery systems
- Metro Freight System map update
- Railroad Bottlenecks map update
- Industrial lands inventory results relative to river barge and rail spur access
- Incorporate results from Regional Truck Corridors Study

Freight Changes to TPP

Key Regional Truck Corridors



Regional Truck Corridors by Priority Tiers

Freight Changes to TPP

Proposed Key Regional Truck Corridors will provide guidance on:

- Regional planning
  - Coordinated data collection at state and local levels
  - System performance measures
- Regional Investment
  - Highway project selection criteria for Regional Solicitation
  - Guidance to local investments
  - Guidance to federal and state funding programs

Work Program Items Freight

- Periodic updates to key regional truck corridors
- Develop process for coordinating truck counts on key truck corridors
- Investigate application of new & emerging technologies
- Others?

Work Program Items Highways

- System-to-System Interchanges
  - High volume/high cost investments
  - Recent investments illustrate demand
  - Comparative analysis to help establish priorities under Strategic Capacity Investments

- Others?

What's Next?

Future Meeting Schedule

Month	Topic(s)
September	Bike/Ped and Other
October	Aviation and Other

Thank you

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