# **MnDOT/Met Council: Freeway System Interchange Study**

**TAB Technical Advisory Committee** February 6, 2019









## **Example: 494/35W Bloomington/Richfield**



- North to west directional ramp
- Corridors of Commerce awarded \$70 million to begin in 2021
- Includes directional ramp and "bridge braids"



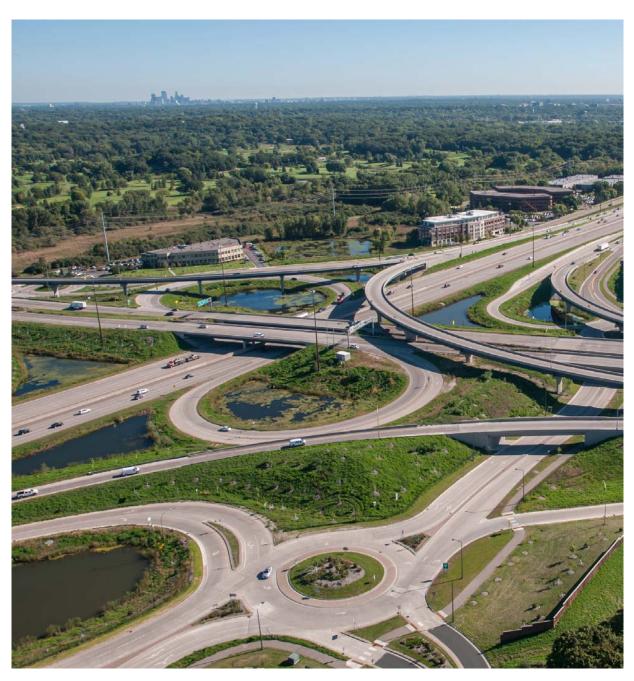




## Background

- System studies context
- System interchanges: connect two freeways
- Congestion and crash concentrations
- Recent major investments
- Numerous identified needs
- Locations have been evaluated independently

I-494/US 169 built in 2012 @ \$125 million Eden Prairie/Edina/Bloomington

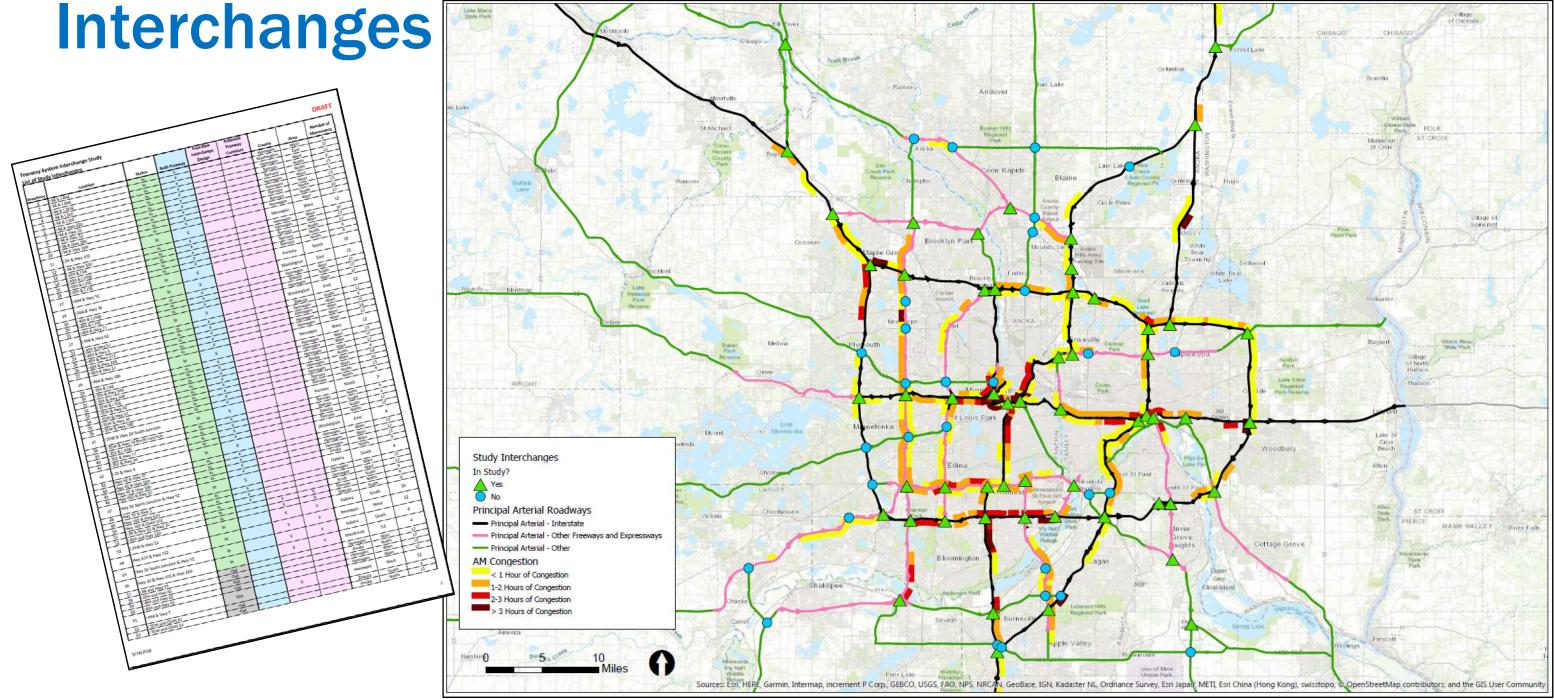








### 56 Study Interchanges

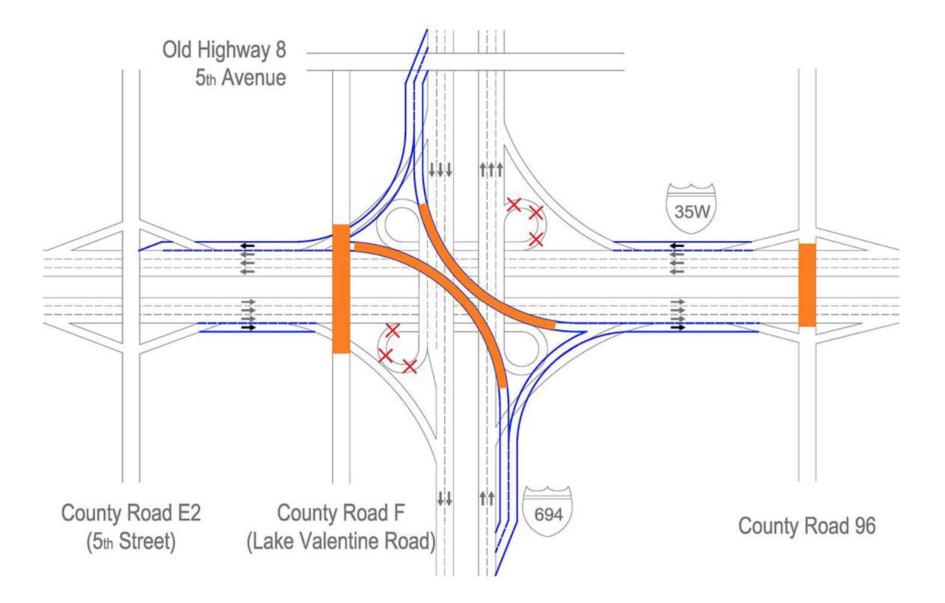












### Purpose

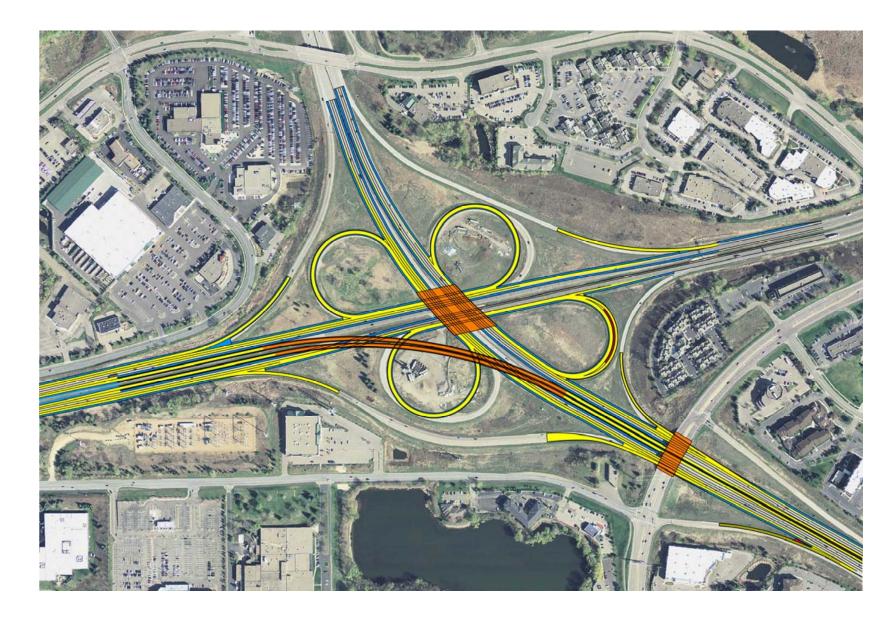
- Reduce delay and crashes
- Consider needs of freight and transit
- Systematically discover and prioritize opportunties across region
- Right size investments





### **Outcomes**

Prioritized list of projects that can improve the region's freeways at these targeted locations to continue supporting and improving economic vitality and quality of life in our region.











## Stakeholder Engagement

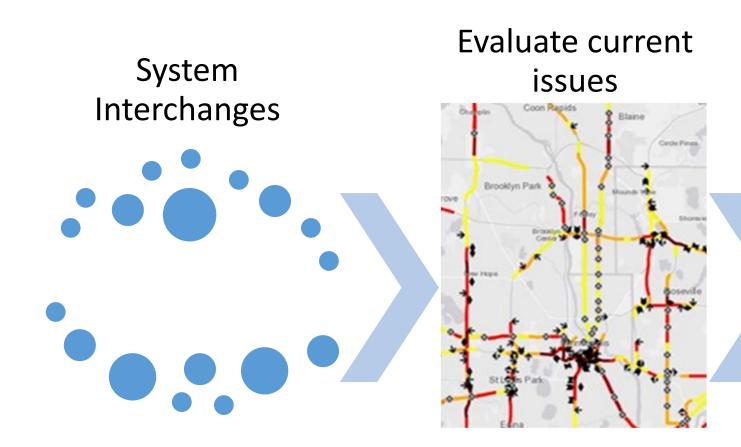
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Technical Advisory Committee	Minnesota Freight Adv
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<ul> <li>Wright and Sherburne counties</li> </ul>	-Technical Advisory
Local governments	
<ul> <li>Federal Highway Administration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Congestion Managem</li> </ul>
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### **Analysis Process**



#### Develop a range of solutions



Determine locations to be studied

Identify highest problem magnitudes

Estimate return on investment

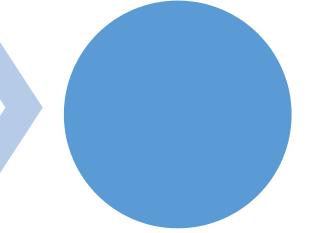
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~20 locations



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### Identify priority locations



#### Document recommendations for future investments

### 10-12 locations



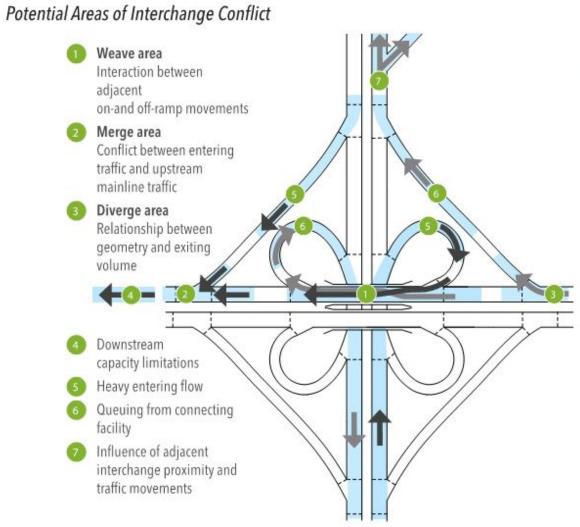






### **Problem Assessment and Screening**

- 1) Data collection and evaluation
  - Collect appropriate data to quantify problems considering: delay, safety, reliability, heavy commercial vehicles
  - Consider weighting of criteria
- 2) Select interchanges for solution development





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#### Other Interchange **Problem Sources**

- Left-side access
- Combined entrance/exit ramps
- Ramps with reduced speeds (geometric deficiencies)
- Ramp spacing
- Local access
- Collector-Distributor roads
- Multi-lane ramps
- Low-speed ramps or curves
- Steep vertical grades
- Downstream lane drops
- Inside merges
- Auxiliary lanes to downstream exit
- Heavy vehicle acceleration









### Performance Measures – Recommended Approach

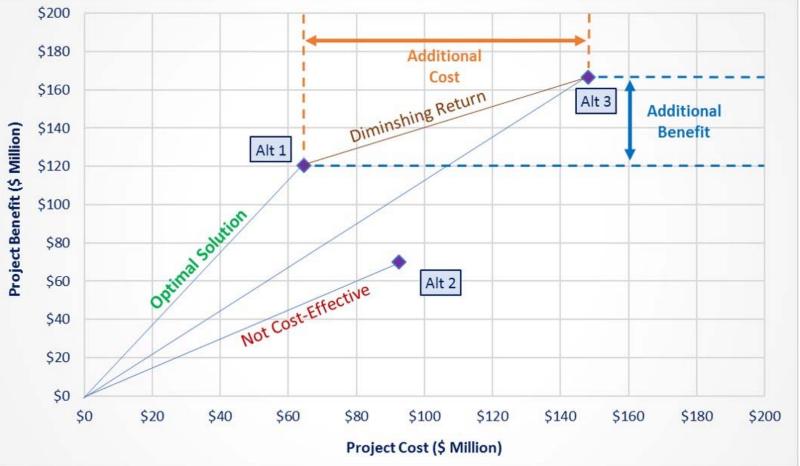
Metric Category	Performance Measure(s)	Units	Source
Mobility	Travel time delay	Vehicle-hours of delay (VHD)	Loop detectors, NPMRDS/INRIX data
Reliability	Variability of congestion	Standard deviation (minutes)	Loop detectors, NPMRDS/INRIX data
Safety	Cost of crashes	Dollars	MN DPS crash data
Freight	Freight Volume	HCAADT	ATR/VC counts
Transit	Transit ridership	Persons	Met Council





### **Next Steps: Issue Identification, solution** development, and prioritization

- 1) Collect data to analyze interchange problems
- 2) Methods for developing design solutions
- 3) Develop design solutions and suggest implementation priority
- 4) Documentation of results by end of 2019 --> Next TPP Update



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### **Questions for you:**

- What are your concerns about freeways and connections?
- Keys to making this study succesful?
- Other questions or concerns?







### Thank you!

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