

FINAL REPORT
ATTACHMENT 1
Detailed Phase II Data Tables

This attachment contains the entire set of data tables that were developed for the Phase II portion of the project. The Capacity Analysis for Planning of Junctions (CAP-X) tool was used to analyze all 91 conventional at-grade intersections in the study. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) developed this tool to provide high-level technical capacity analysis for intersections needing future consideration for funding and projects.

There are two tables that were used to analyze all 91 intersections. Each are **formatted for 11x17 printing** and organized by:

- Table 1-1 Composite Score/Priority Sort
- Table 1-2 County and Focus Area Sort

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Table 1-1. Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study - Grade-Separation Priorities by Composite Score (DRAFT Final Report)

Intersections	County Name	Corridor ID	Locally Identified Future Grade Separation	Entering Daily Traffic Volume (AADT)	Speed Limit (mph) (Maximum)	Intersection Thru Lanes	Corridor Thru Lanes	Mobility Weighted Score Subtotal	Safety Weighted Score Subtotal	Corridor Context Weighted Score Subtotal	Grade Separation Options				Hybrid Intersection (Partial Grade Separation)	Full Grade Separation (Interchange)	Total Weighted Score	Normalized Weighted Score	CAP-X Existing V/C	Normalized Capacity Analysis Score (CAP-X)	Composite Score	Grade-Sep Priority
											Existing Intersection	Expanded Conventional Intersection	Alternative Intersection	Arterial Capacity Improvements								
TH 65 & MOORE LAKE DR	Anoka	TH65		36,000	50	4	4	1.4	0.5	0.9	G	G	G	G	G	2.8	3.5	0.8	5.9	4.7	L	
TH 13 & PORTLAND AVE	Dakota	TH13		33,100	50	4	4	1.2	0.5	1.7	G	G	G	G	G	3.4	4.2	0.7	5.2	4.7	L	
CH 42 & PORTLAND AVE	Dakota	CH42		35,200	45	4	4	1.5	0.7	0.8	G	G	G	G	G	3.0	3.7	0.7	5.2	4.5	L	
TH 65 & MISSISSIPPI ST	Anoka	TH65		36,900	50	4	4	1.2	0.3	0.9	G	G	G	G	G	2.4	3.0	0.8	5.8	4.4	L	
TH 52 & 200TH ST	Dakota	TH52	Yes	30,530	65	4	4	0.8	0.7	2.7	G	G	G	G	G	4.2	5.2	0.5	3.4	4.3	L	
TH 13 & 12TH AVE	Dakota	TH13		35,400	50	4	4	1.1	1.0	1.7	G	G	G	G	G	3.8	4.8	0.5	3.8	4.3	L	
TH 52 & 190TH ST	Dakota	TH52	Yes	30,052	65	4	4	0.9	0.3	2.6	G	G	G	G	G	3.8	4.7	0.5	3.6	4.1	L	
TH 212 & CH 43	Carver	TH212	Yes	13,900	55	2	2	0.9	0.3	2.2	R	G	G	G	G	3.4	4.2	0.6	4.0	4.1	L	
TH 169 & 150TH ST	Scott	TH169	Yes	27,725	65	4	4	0.7	0.3	2.0	G	G	G	G	G	3.0	3.7	0.6	4.3	4.0	L	
CH 42 & CH 11	Dakota	CH42		35,400	45	4	4	1.3	0.7	0.9	G	G	G	G	G	2.9	3.6	0.6	4.4	4.0	L	
TH 169 & 173RD ST W	Scott	TH169	Yes	28,000	65	4	4	1.1	0.3	2.1	G	G	G	G	G	3.5	4.3	0.5	3.5	3.9	L	
TH 169 & TH 21/BROADWAY ST	Scott	TH169		28,000	65	4	4	1.0	0.4	1.4	G	G	G	G	G	2.8	3.5	0.5	3.5	3.5	L	
TH 169 & DELAWARE AVE	Scott	TH169	Yes	22,625	65	4	4	0.4	0.3	2.1	G	G	G	G	G	2.8	3.5	0.5	3.3	3.4	L	
CH 42 & BISCAYNE AVE	Dakota	CH42		16,210	55	4	4	0.8	0.7	1.3	G	G	G	G	G	2.8	3.5	0.3	2.2	2.9	L	
CH 42 & BUSINESS PKWY	Dakota	CH42		14,668	55	4	4	0.4	0.3	1.4	G	G	G	G	G	2.1	2.6	0.3	2.2	2.4	L	
CH 42 & 145TH ST/PLYMOUTH AVE	Dakota	CH42		30,425	45	4	4	1.0	0.5	0.8	G	G	G	G	G	2.3	2.8	0.2	1.7	2.2	L	
CH 42 & CH 21	Scott	CH21		25,300	40	4	4	1.4	0.5	1.4	Missing Data				3.2	4.0		0.0	2.0	L		
Distribution of intersection grade-separation priorities:		High	34																			
		Medium	27																			
		Low	30																			
			91																			
Other Initially Considered Phase 2 Intersections (Removed)																						
CH 42 & PIKE LAKE TRL	Scott	CH42	Removed at Request of Scott County																			
CH 42 & CHICAGO AVE	Dakota	CH42	Removed at Request of Dakota County (Future RIRO)																			
TH 36 & HADLEY AVE	Washington	TH36	Funded Interchange																			
TH 169 & 101ST AVE	Hennepin	TH169	Current RIRO																			
				Legend for Cap-X Results Summary: R V/C >= 1 Volume to Capacity Ratio Unacceptable Y V/C > 0.85, <1 May be acceptable, may be possible to optimize to less than 0.85 with signal timing DLY V/C > 0.85, <1 May be acceptable, Only Displaced Left Alternative At-Grade DLG V/C <= 0.85 Only Displaced Left Alternative At-Grade G6 V/C <= 0.85 Volume to Capacity Ratio Acceptable, With 6-Lane, if corridor already 6-Lane G V/C <= 0.85 Volume to Capacity Ratio Acceptable N/A Not Applicable (ramp intersections)																		

Table 1-2. Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study - Grade-Separation Priorities by County and Focus Area (DRAFT Final Report)

Intersections	County Name	Corridor ID	Corridor Segment	Corridor Sub-Segment	Locally Identified Future Grade Separation	Entering Daily Traffic Volume (AADT)	Corridor Type	Speed Limit (mph) (Maximum)	Intersection Thru Lanes	Corridor Thru Lanes	Mobility Weighted Score Subtotal	Safety Weighted Score Subtotal	Corridor Context Weighted Score Subtotal	Existing Intersection	Expanded Conventional Intersection	Alternative Intersection	Arterial Capacity Improvements	Hybrid Intersection (Partial Grade Separation)	Full Grade Separation (Interchange)	Total Weighted Score	Normalized Weighted Score	CAP-X Existing V/C	Normalized Capacity Analysis Score (CAP-X)	Composite Score	Grade-Sep Priority
TH 13 & DAKOTA AVE	Scott	TH13	A	1	Yes	47,365	CLAE	55	4	4	1.7	0.7	2.0	Y	Y	Y	G	G	G	4.4	5.4	0.9	6.5	5.9	M
TH 13 & QUENTIN AVE	Scott	TH13	A	2		48,275	CLAE	45	4	4	1.8	0.6	1.9	R	R	Y	G	G	G	4.3	5.3	1.0	7.3	6.3	M
TH 13 & LYNN AVE	Scott	TH13	A	3		50,050	CLAE	55	4	4	2.2	1.0	1.7	R	Y	Y	G	G	G	4.9	6.1	1.0	7.2	6.6	H
TH 13 & CHOWEN AVE	Dakota	TH13	A	4	Yes	48,950	CLAE	55	4	4	1.7	1.2	2.5	Y	Y	Y	G	G	G	5.4	6.7	0.9	6.6	6.7	H
TH 13 & WASHBURN AVE	Dakota	TH13	A	5		49,735	CLAE	55	4	4	1.9	1.0	1.8	Y	Y	DLY	G	G	G	4.8	5.9	1.0	7.1	6.5	M
TH 169 & DELAWARE AVE	Scott	TH169	A	1	Yes	22,625	ULAE	65	4	4	0.4	0.3	2.1	G	G	G	G	G	G	2.8	3.5	0.5	3.3	3.4	L
TH 169 & TH 282	Scott	TH169	A	2	Yes	30,450	CLAE	55	4	4	1.5	1.2	2.1	G	G	G	G	G	G	4.8	6.0	0.8	5.7	5.8	M
TH 169 & TH 21/BROADWAY ST	Scott	TH169	A	3		28,000	CLAE	65	4	4	1.0	0.4	1.4	G	G	G	G	G	G	2.8	3.5	0.5	3.5	3.5	L
TH 169 & 173RD ST W	Scott	TH169	A	4	Yes	28,000	ULAE	65	4	4	1.1	0.3	2.1	G	G	G	G	G	G	3.5	4.3	0.5	3.5	3.9	L
TH 169 & 150TH ST	Scott	TH169	A	5	Yes	27,725	ULAE	65	4	4	0.7	0.3	2.0	G	G	G	G	G	G	3.0	3.7	0.6	4.3	4.0	L
TH 169 & MAIN ST	Sherburne	TH169	C	1	Yes	61,550	CLAE	55	4	4	2.7	2.4	2.1	Y	Y	R	G	G	G	7.2	9.0	1.0	6.8	7.9	H
TH 169 & SCHOOL ST	Sherburne	TH169	C	2	Yes	50,450	CLAE	55	4	4	2.1	1.8	2.1	Y	Y	DLG	G	G	G	6.0	7.4	0.9	6.2	6.8	H
TH 169 & 193RD AVE	Sherburne	TH169	C	3	Yes	45,350	CLAE	55	4	4	1.8	1.0	1.6	G	G	Y	G	G	G	4.4	5.4	0.9	6.1	5.8	M
TH 169 & 197TH AVE	Sherburne	TH169	C	4	Yes	35,800	CLAE	65	4	4	1.9	0.7	1.5	Y	Y	Y	G	G	G	4.1	5.1	0.9	6.5	5.8	M
TH 36 & DEMONTREVILLE TRL	Washington	TH36	B	1	Yes	37,600	CLAE	65	4	4	1.0	0.3	2.4	G	G	G	G	G	G	3.7	4.6	0.8	5.5	5.0	L
TH 36 & KEATS AVE	Washington	TH36	B	2	Yes	37,650	CLAE	65	4	4	1.0	0.4	2.0	G	G	G	G	G	G	3.4	4.3	0.8	5.8	5.0	L
TH 36 & LAKE ELMO AVE N	Washington	TH36	B	3	Yes	41,975	CLAE	65	4	4	1.6	1.2	2.4	G	G	G	G	G	G	5.2	6.5	0.8	5.5	6.0	M
TH 36 & MANNING AVE	Washington	TH36	B	4	Yes	43,700	CLAE	60	4	4	1.7	0.7	2.6	G	G	G	G	G	G	5.0	6.1	0.7	4.7	5.4	M

Other Initially Considered Phase 2 Intersections (Removed)

CH 42 & PIKE LAKE TRL	Scott	CH42	Removed at Request of Scott County
CH 42 & CHICAGO AVE	Dakota	CH42	Removed at Request of Dakota County (Future RIRO)
TH 36 & HADLEY AVE	Washington	TH36	Funded Interchange
TH 169 & 101ST AVE	Hennepin	TH169	Current RIRO

Corridor Types:

- CLAE: Constrained limited-access expressway
- ULAE: Unconstrained limited-access expressway
- 4-LSA: 4-Lane suburban arterial
- 6-LSA: 6-Lane suburban arterial

Legend for Cap-X Results Summary:

R	V/C >= 1 Volume to Capacity Ratio Unacceptable
Y	V/C > 0.85, <1 May be acceptable, may be possible to optimize to less than 0.85
DLY	V/C > 0.85, <1 May be acceptable, Only Displaced Left Alternative At-Grade
DLG	V/C <= 0.85 Only Displaced Left Alternative At-Grade
G7	V/C <= 0.85 Volume to Capacity Ratio Acceptable, With 6-Lane, if corridor already
G	V/C <= 0.85 Volume to Capacity Ratio Acceptable
N/A	Not Applicable (ramp intersections)

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ATTACHMENT 2
Ramp Intersections

This attachment contains detailed analysis of principal arterial intersections with freeway ramps. During the Phase II project, ten (10) ramp intersections were identified for detailed analysis. A summary of each ramp intersection and its relation to the focus area corridors is in the table below.

Intersection	Intersection Entering AADT	Nearby Intersections Priority
Anoka County		
TH 65 & TH 10 Eastbound	55,974	H
TH 65 & TH 10 Westbound	59,982	H
TH 65 & I-694 Westbound	42,438	L
Dakota County		
CH 42 & I-35W Southbound/Buck Hill Rd.	74,390	M
CH 42 & I-35W Northbound	51,000	H
CH 42 & I-35E Southbound	56,330	H
CH 42 & I-35E Northbound	41,517	L
Ramsey County		
I-35E Southbound & Shepard Rd.	16,200	N/A
I-35E Northbound & Shepard Rd.	27,029	N/A
Sherburne County		
TH 169 & TH 10 Westbound	50,603	H

These intersections are already grade-separated but are at-grade intersections placed on a non-freeway principal arterial, which are the centerpiece for the study. Each of the ramp intersections have different operational components than the conventional at-grade intersections analyzed in the body of the study. Also, ramp intersection improvements differ from at-grade intersections. Therefore, the ten ramp intersections are analyzed separately from the 91 intersections.

Analysis of Principal Arterial Intersections with Freeway Ramps

Overview

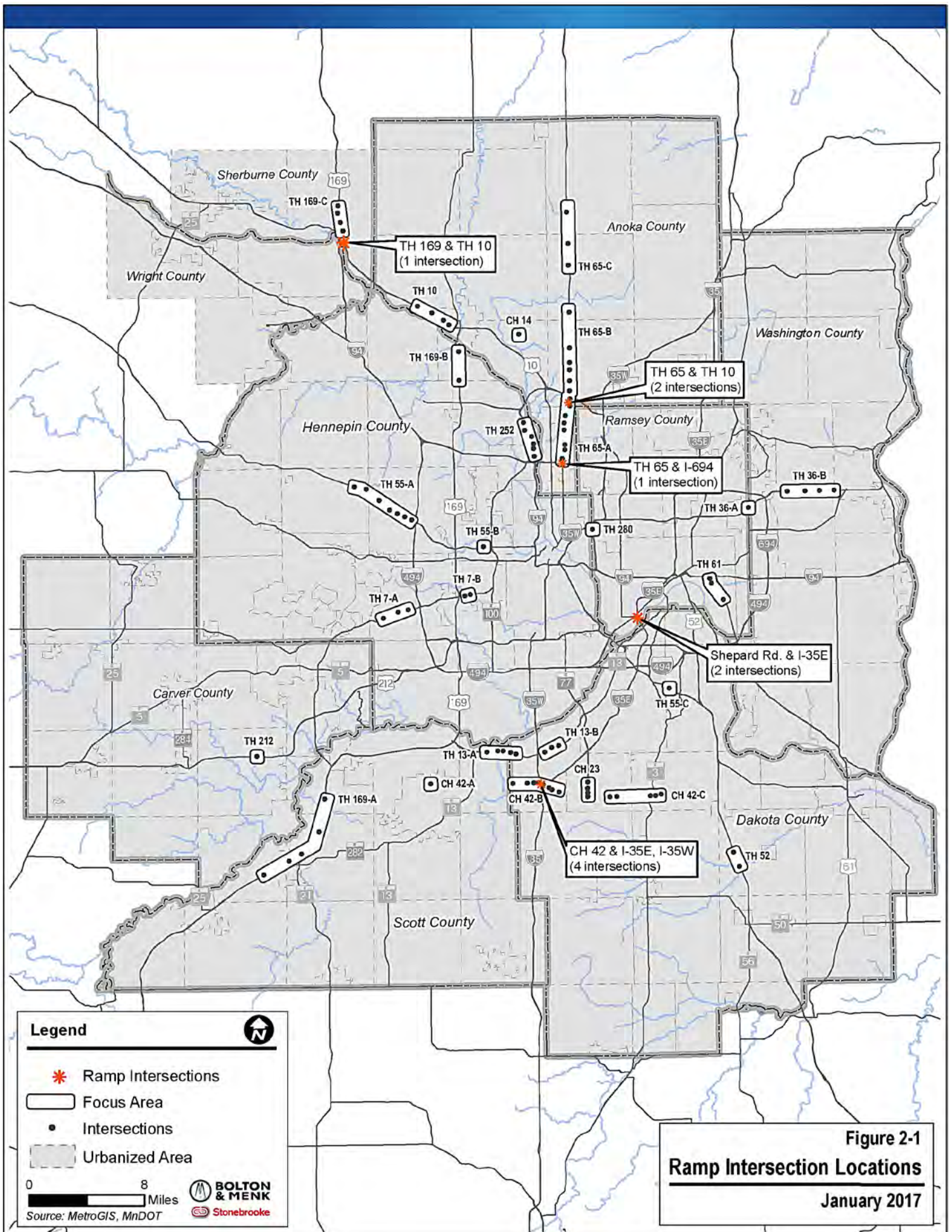
Principal arterials are the highest functional classification highways in the Twin Cities area with their purpose to optimize mobility. This mobility advantage for principal arterials puts an emphasis on conveying traffic through a corridor quickly and with as little delay as possible. Intersections and crossing volumes are the primary impediment to corridor mobility and need to be considered due to their influence and impacts. Intersections that do not effectively convey traffic and are in need of capacity improvements have been identified through this study. These intersection locations could be considered for solutions including grade separation or at-grade intersection improvements. This overview focuses on the intersection locations that are already grade separated but have an at-grade intersection on the non-freeway principal arterial. This includes at-grade intersections between freeway ramps and a non-freeway principal arterial.

The ramp intersections (see **Figure 2-1**) addressed in Phase II of the study were included because of their association with specific non-freeway principal arterials, which are the main subject of the study. Therefore, the study does not provide a complete metro-wide evaluation of ramp intersections that connect from a freeway principal arterial to a non-freeway principal arterial. Additionally, the study recognizes that the ten (10) ramp intersections which are addressed in Phase II of the study operate differently than the 91 conventional intersections prioritized for grade separation. There are operational differences as compared to conventional at-grade intersections and the types of improvements available for ramp intersections are also different.

The ramp intersections brought forth in Phase II of the study are limited to locations in Anoka, Dakota, Ramsey, and Sherburne counties as shown in Table 1.

Table 2-1: Phase II Ramp Intersections

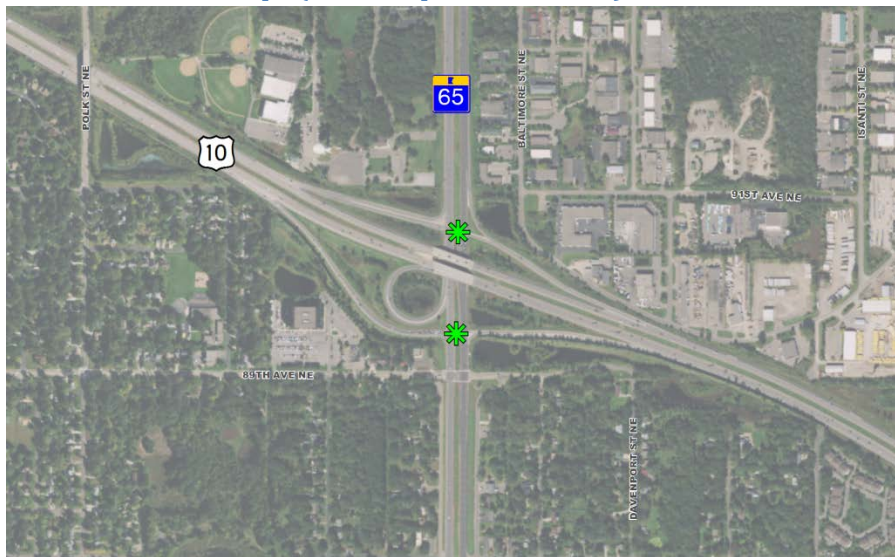
Intersection	Through Lanes	Speed Limit	Intersection Entering AADT	Nearby Intersections Priority	Existing v/c Ratio
Anoka County					
TH 65 & TH 10 Eastbound	6	55	55,974	H	0.82
TH 65 & TH 10 Westbound	7	55	59,982	H	1.15
TH 65 & I-694 Westbound	6	40	42,438	L	1.11
Dakota County					
CH 42 & I-35W Southbound/Buck Hill Rd.	6	40	74,390	M	0.71
CH 42 & I-35W Northbound	6	40	51,000	H	0.62
CH 42 & I-35E Southbound	7	40	56,330	H	0.75
CH 42 & I-35E Northbound	6	40	41,517	L	0.62
Ramsey County					
I-35E Southbound & Shepard Rd.	4	50	16,200	N/A	0.99
I-35E Northbound & Shepard Rd.	4	50	27,029	N/A	0.61
Sherburne County					
TH 169 & TH 10 Westbound	5	55	50,603	H	1.15



The ramp intersections considered in the study generally serve high traffic volumes and the associated non-freeway principal arterials often have more than two lanes in each direction and multiple turn lanes. The opportunities for capacity improvements are generally limited to additional lanes to increase capacity or the full or partial conversion from a service interchange to a system-to-system interchange. The intersections are all within areas that are surrounded by development or environmental constraints which may make capacity improvements difficult to implement. Some of the intersection locations may be candidates for further detailed evaluation under the Congestion Management Safety Program (CMSP).

Anoka County

TH 65 & TH 10 Ramps (two ramp intersections)



The TH 65 ramp intersections at TH 10 (eastbound and westbound) are located along TH 65 between focus areas (Focus Areas TH 65-A and TH 65-B). The north ramp (TH 10 westbound) currently exhibits operational and capacity issues. The surrounding TH 65 corridor includes a range of priorities for grade-separation, including six high-priority intersections immediately north of TH 10 in Focus Area TH 65-B.

The current interchange is a partial cloverleaf interchange with two movements that are not impacted by conflicting traffic and have full merge/diverge areas. This includes a system to system free movement for southbound TH 65 to eastbound TH 10 and westbound TH 10 to northbound TH 65. The westbound ramp intersection has an average entering daily traffic volume of 59,982 vehicles while the eastbound ramp intersection experiences slightly less entering volume at 55,974 vehicles. While the volume is higher on the westbound ramp, the eastbound ramp has ramp volumes that are closer to mainline volumes. The speed limit is 55 miles per hour on TH 65 indicating that this is a high speed corridor. While there are seven through lanes on TH 65 (three northbound and four southbound through the intersection) additional capacity expansion is constrained by residential and commercial uses nearby.

A capacity analysis was completed to examine current interchange conditions and assess the potential need for improvements. The existing partial cloverleaf interchange fails to meet daily capacity needs. The volume to capacity (v/c) ratio of the westbound TH 10 ramp intersection is 1.15, indicating that

demand exceeds capacity. The eastbound TH 10 ramps may also exhibit operational or capacity problems. The v/c ratio for the TH 65/TH 10 eastbound ramps was 0.82, indicating that demand is nearing capacity.

Neighboring intersections to the south in Focus Area TH 65-A experience medium priority for grade separation while intersections north of this interchange in Focus Area TH 65-B experience a high priority for grade separation. The high-priority need extends about five miles north from the TH 65/TH 10 interchange to Bunker Lake Road.

Implementing an expanded conventional intersection improvement at the westbound TH 10 ramps, the v/c ratio could potentially be decreased to an acceptable level. Possible solutions include constructing additional left turn lanes or reconstructing the intersection to make more free movements (loop ramps).

TH 65 & I-694 Westbound Ramps (one ramp intersection)



The Interstate 694 (I-694) westbound ramp intersection with TH 65 exhibits operational and capacity issues and is located at the south end of Focus Area TH 65-A. This corridor includes a range of study priorities, including one high-priority intersection (Medtronic Parkway) located immediately north of the ramp intersection.

The current interchange is a partial cloverleaf interchange with four movements that are not impacted by conflicting traffic and have full merge/diverge areas. This includes a system to system free movement for southbound TH 65 to westbound TH 10, southbound TH 65 to eastbound TH 10, northbound TH 65 to westbound TH 10 and northbound TH 65 to eastbound TH 65. The westbound ramp intersection experiences an average daily traffic of 42,438 vehicles. TH 65 has a speed limit of 40 miles per hour through the interchange making this a low speed corridor. This urban interchange is constrained by residential and commercial uses but has possible space for expansion within the interchange area.

A capacity analysis was completed to examine current interchange conditions and assess the potential need for improvements. The existing partial cloverleaf interchange fails to meet current capacity needs. The v/c ratio of this intersection is 1.11, indicating that demand exceeds capacity. The next intersection to the north, Medtronic Parkway, along Focus Area 65-A experiences a high priority for grade separation or some other high capacity improvement. The need for improvement at both intersections will be

interrelated due to the close proximity of the intersections. Implementing a full grade separated interchange would be expected to lower the v/c ratio to an acceptable level.

Dakota County

CH 42 Interchange With I-35W AND I-35E (four ramp intersections)



The series of four County Highway (CH) 42 ramp intersections with I-35W and I-35E present a challenging study area for possible improvements. One improvement is planned for the I-35W interchange in spring 2017 which will extend the eastbound left at the I-35W north ramp through the southbound ramp. All four of the ramp intersections are located along Focus Area CH 42-B, which exhibits the full range of intersection priorities in a closely spaced and complex corridor. The four intersections west of the I-35W interchange exhibit medium-priority for improvement (Burnhaven Drive ranked low). Both intersections east of the I-35E interchange ranked low. The Nicollet Avenue intersection, located between the I-35W and I-35E ramp intersections is the only high-priority intersection within the CH 42-B corridor.

The current interchange at I-35W is a partial diamond, with no direct access to and from I-35W to the south. The daily entering traffic is 51,000 (northbound ramp) and 74,390 (southbound ramp) and a speed limit of 40 mph on CH 42. This interchange is constrained by commercial uses including Burnsville Center on the southwest corner. Though volumes are high and congestion is common, the capacity analysis suggests the existing interchange is able to meet demand. The v/c ratio for the northbound ramp intersection is 0.62, and the southbound v/c ratio is 0.71. While the v/c ratio is acceptable, congestion is common through the area during the peak hours. The number of lanes accounts for the

low volume to capacity ratio, but the capacity analysis does not take into account the backups that occur from the turn lanes onto the mainline through lanes and the close spacing of intersections that results in queue backups from one intersection to the next.

The I-35E and CH 42 interchange is a full diamond with a daily entering traffic of 41,517 (northbound ramps) and 56,330 (southbound ramps) and a speed limit of 40 miles per hour on CH 42. This interchange is constrained by commercial uses around the interchange and residential uses starting approximately one quarter mile to the east. Though volumes are high and congestion is common, the capacity analysis suggests that this interchange meets current demand. The v/c ratio for the northbound ramps was 0.62 while the southbound v/c ratio was 0.75. Similar to the I-35W ramps, the number of lanes accounts for the low volume to capacity ratio, but the capacity analysis does not take into account the backups that occur from the turn lanes onto the mainline through lanes and the close spacing of the intersections which limits queue storage. This results in some congestion in the area.

The need for improvements at both interchanges will be interrelated to each other and with Nicollet Avenue and Aldrich Avenue due to the close proximity of the intersections. With CH 42 already a six-lane facility through the area and dual left and right turn lanes for most movements, the possible improvements will likely have significant impacts. Improvements that would impact the service levels would include making many of the left turn movements into right turn free type movements.

Ramsey County

Shepard Road Interchange with I-35E (two ramp intersections)



Shepard Road is identified as a principal arterial for this study and the two ramp intersections with the I-35E were carried forward for Phase II analysis to see if there are operational or capacity problems based

on current traffic. The current interchange is a partial diamond, with no direct access to and from I-35E to the north. The daily entering traffic is 27,029 (northbound ramp) and 16,200 (southbound ramp) and a speed limit of 50 mph on Shepard Road. This interchange is constrained by vertical environmental features on the north side and river area environmental features on the south side. A traffic signal was most recently added to the west ramp. These ramp intersections are not located along a Focus Area corridor and the nearest significant intersections are 0.10 miles to the west and 0.85 miles to the east.

A capacity analysis was completed to examine current interchange conditions and assess the potential need for improvements. The v/c ratio for the northbound ramp intersection is 0.61 and the southbound v/c ratio is 0.99. The capacity analysis indicates that the interchange is functioning acceptably today but the southbound ramp intersection is very close to meeting and exceeding the capacity of the intersection due to the westbound left versus the eastbound right turn movement in the PM peak hour. Potential capacity improvements to the interchange possibly include dual left turn lanes but the environmental and bridge impacts would be anticipated to be significant. There is potential for other adjustments to this interchange, which is not fully directional with no access to and from the north. The interchange could be modified to provide the missing movements and accommodate traffic diverted from the TH 5 (West 7th Street) which parallels Shepard Road. This would necessitate the bridge reconstruction which could then be designed to accommodate a dual left turn. The analysis indicates that there are currently few safety problems at these two ramp intersections.

Sherburne County

TH 169 & Highway 10 Westbound Ramps (one ramp intersection)



The westbound TH 10 ramp intersection with TH 169 is signalized and is subject to peak-period congestion due to the westbound off-ramp delay associated with the at-grade westbound to southbound left turn. This congestion is most prevalent during the PM peak hour and during summertime weekend traffic. The intersection is located along Focus Area TH 169-C. There are two high-priority intersections to the north of the intersections of TH 169 with Main Street and School Street in Elk River.

The current interchange is a partial cloverleaf interchange. The westbound ramp experiences an average entering daily traffic of 50,603 vehicles with a speed limit of 55 miles per hour on TH 169. This urban interchange is unconstrained, though a nearby railroad runs northwest and southeast, with a grade-separated crossing over TH 169 approximately 500 feet north of the westbound TH 10 ramp intersection.

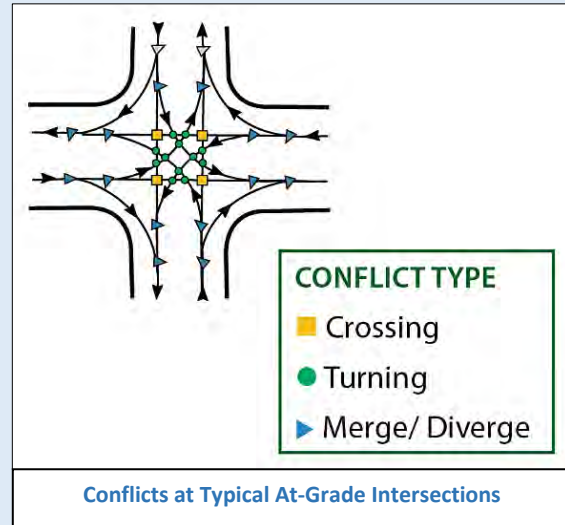
A capacity analysis was completed to examine current interchange conditions. The existing partial clover interchange experiences traffic volumes that exceed the intersection capacity. The v/c ratio of this intersection is 1.15, indicating that demand exceeds capacity. Implementing a full grade separated interchange by adding a westbound to southbound loop would be expected to reduce the v/c ratio to an acceptable level. The loop would eliminate at-grade westbound to southbound left turns. However, it appears that the railroad to the north could be an issue.

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ATTACHMENT 3
Solution Sets

This attachment provides an informational resource on the types of improvements, or design solutions that may be considered for major intersection projects. As illustrated here, conventional at-grade intersections present many conflict points which increase delays and the potential for crashes. These include crossings movements on the minor legs and the many left turn movements required at a fully directional intersection. The progression of potential improvements at major intersections trend toward designs that reduce the number of conflicts and promote lower-risk turns and improved merging and diverging over traditional crossing maneuvers.



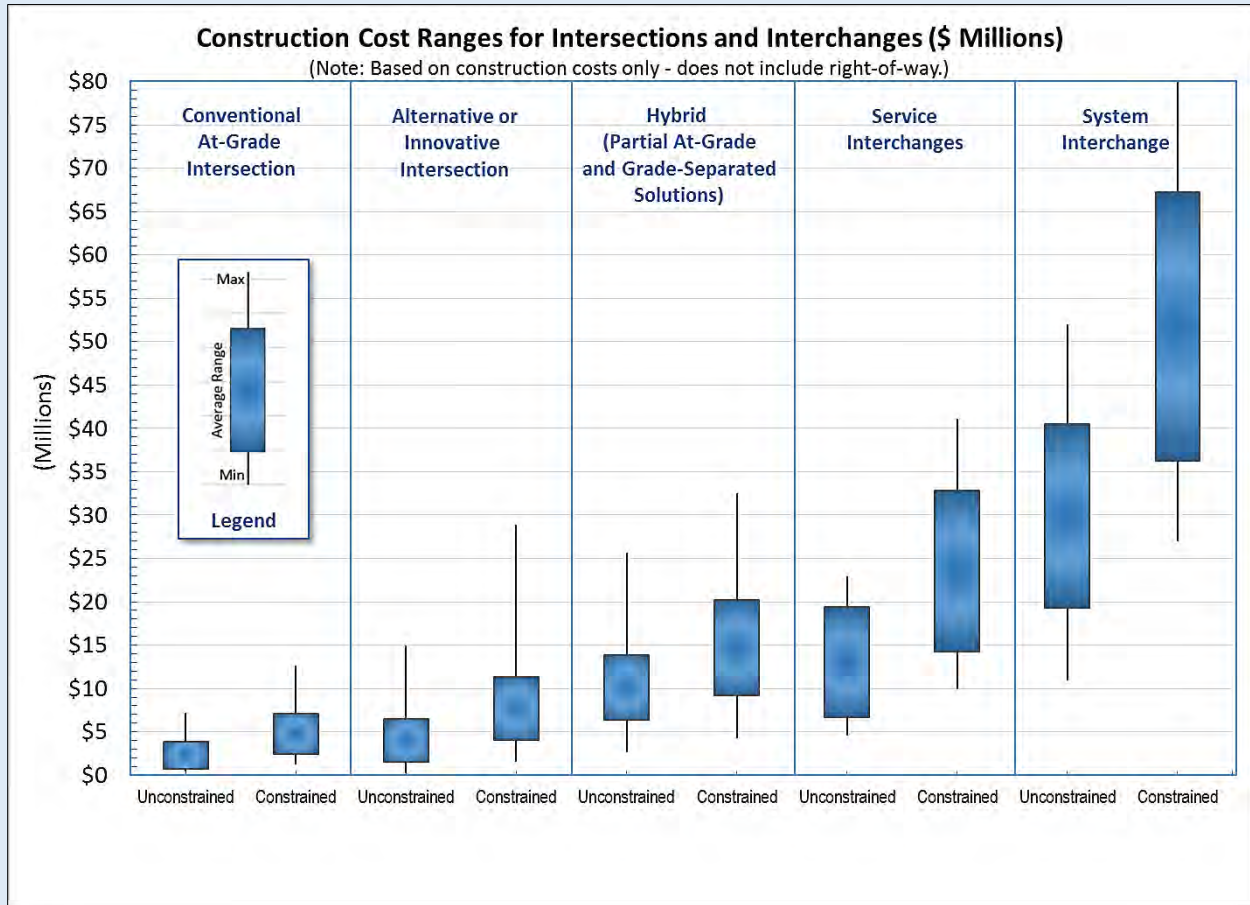
The solutions sets and cost ranges presented in this attachment are based on general definitions, assumptions, research, and professional judgement. In terms of cost, the solutions can vary widely based on scale, quantities, construction materials used, complexity of design solutions, and the presence or need of three-dimensional structures such as bridges or walls. Solutions for unconstrained (rural) settings require less structures and pavements and thus are less expensive than solutions for constrained (urban) settings.

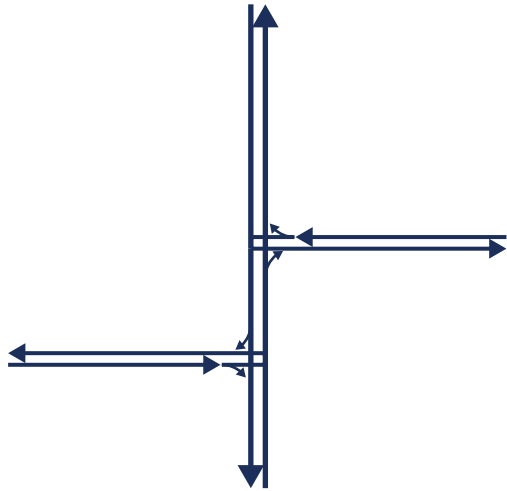
The general construction cost ranges computed for potential design solutions are presented on the next page, with line diagrams of various solution sets attached for cross referencing. NOTE: These cost ranges are based on construction costs only. These costs do not include engineering or right-of-way.

The types of intersection/interchange solution sets which follow the two cover pages include:

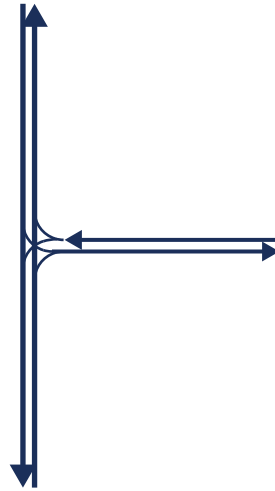
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- Hybrid (Partial At-Grade and Grade-Separated Solutions)
- Service Interchanges
- System Interchanges

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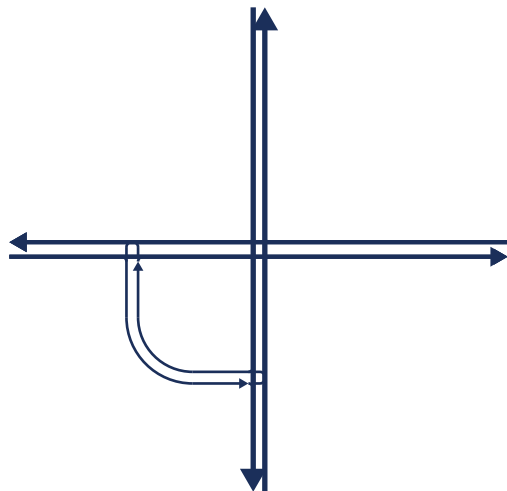




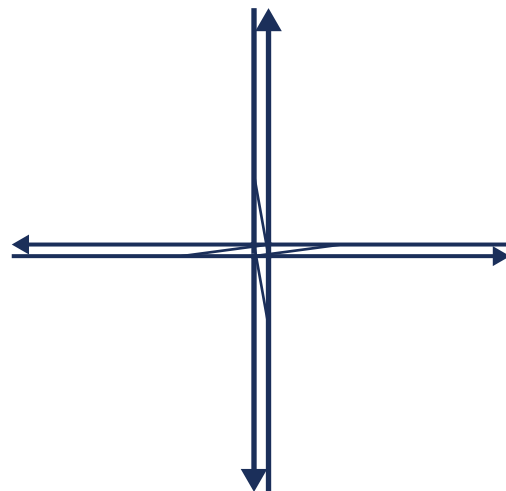
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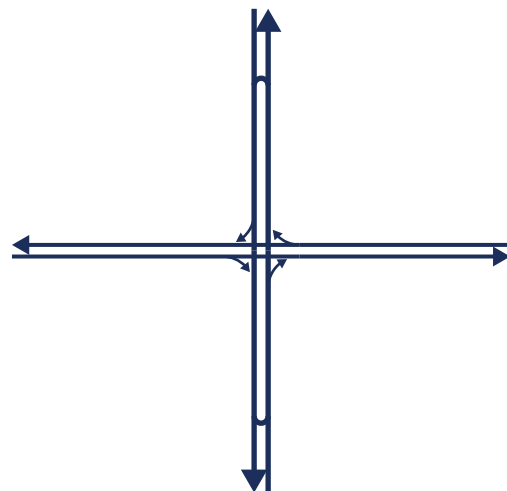
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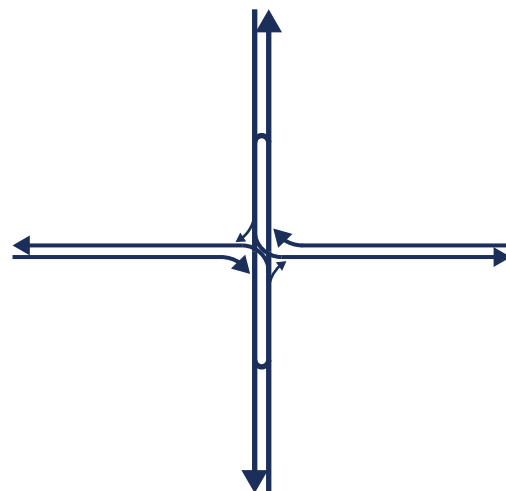
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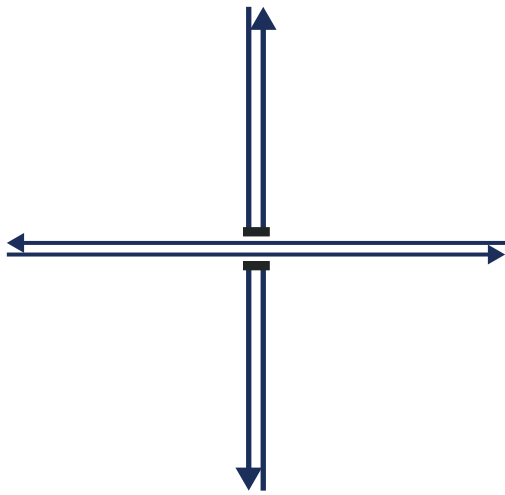


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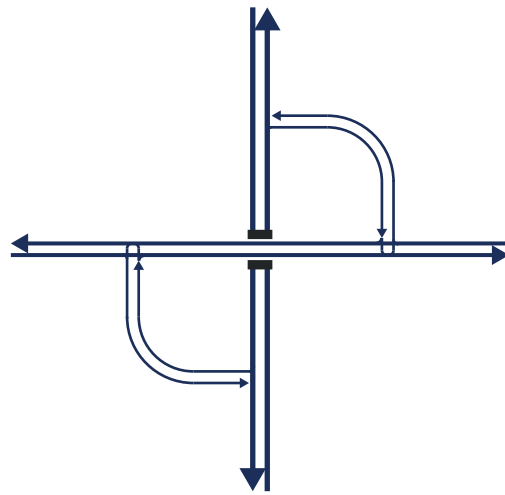


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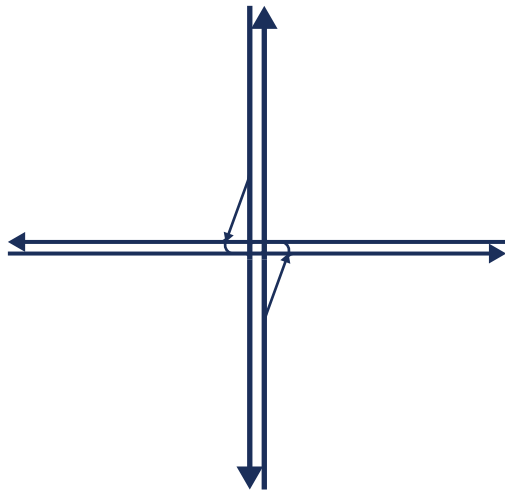
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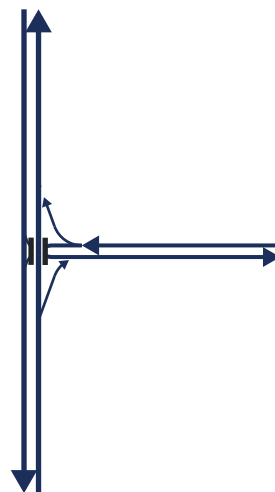
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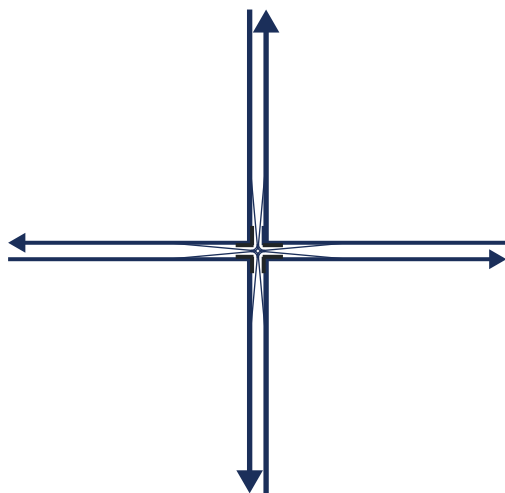
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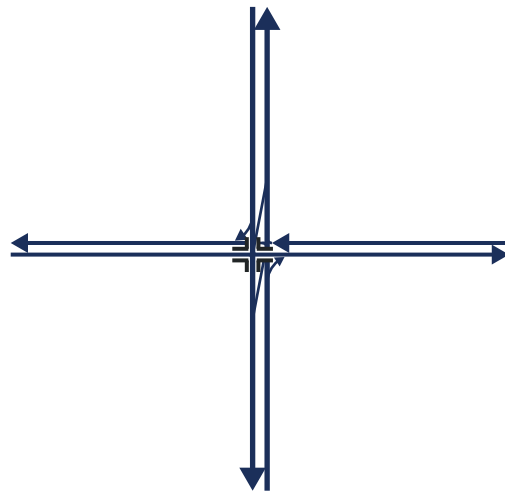
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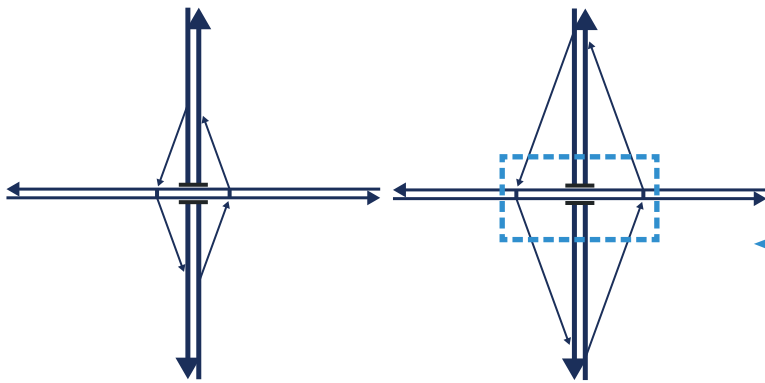
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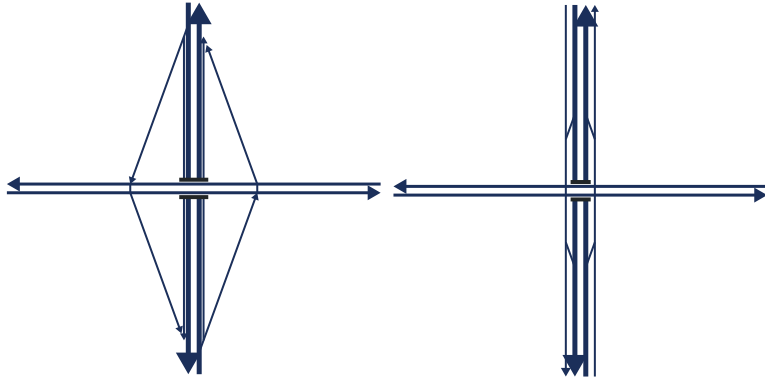


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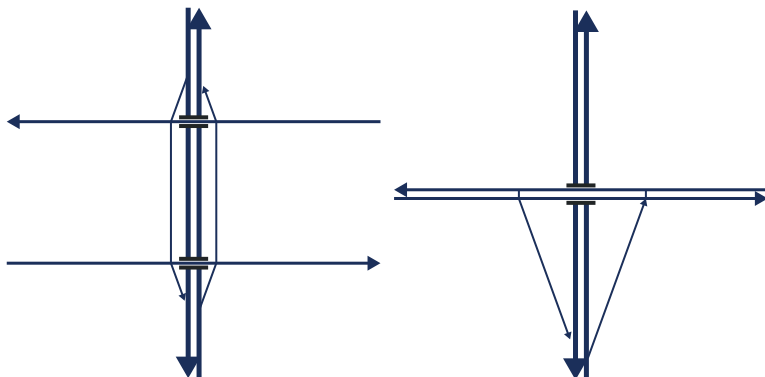
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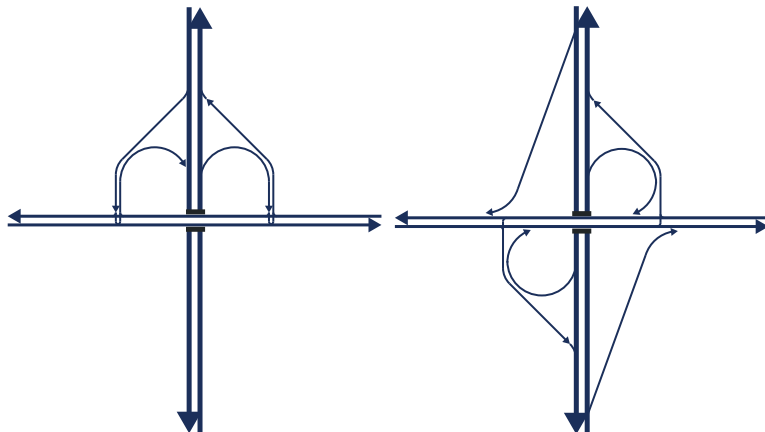
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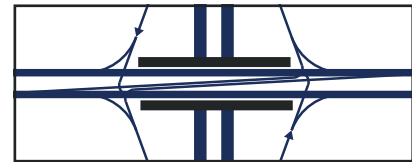
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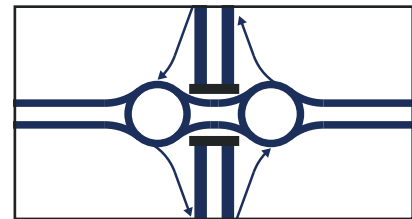
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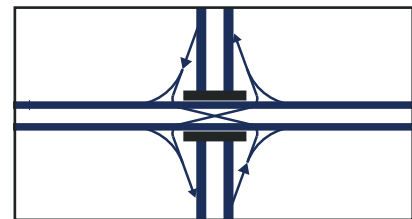
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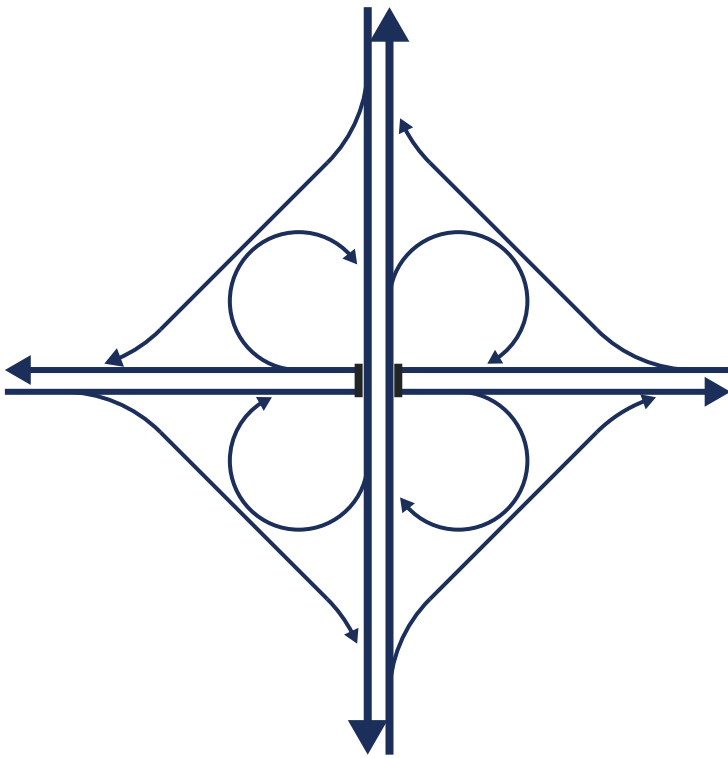
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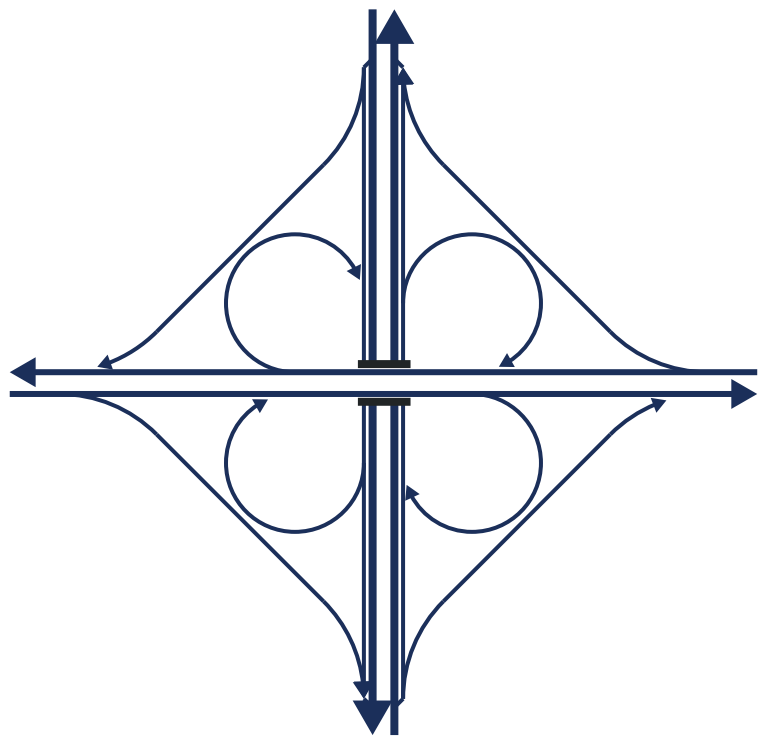
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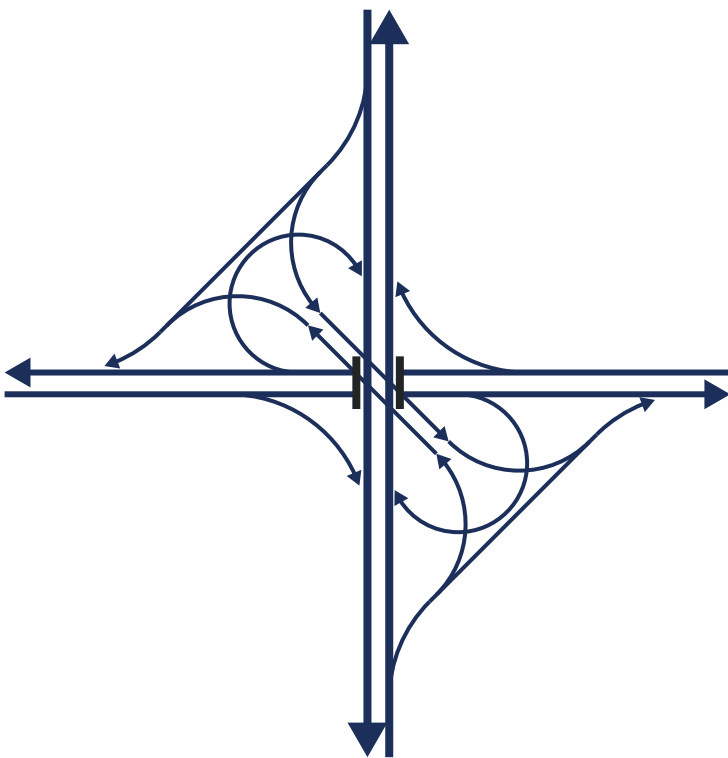
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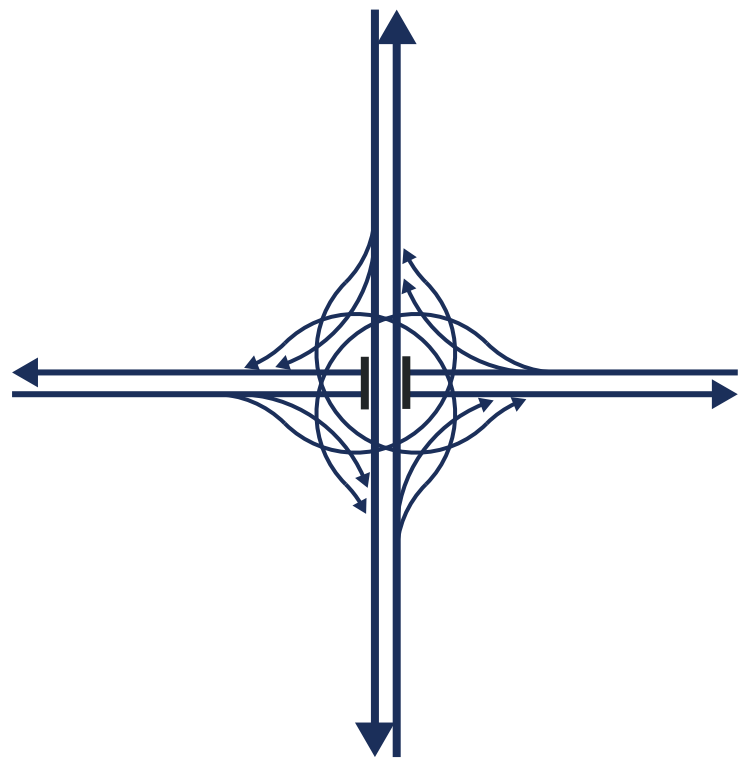
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Cloverleaf with C/D Roads



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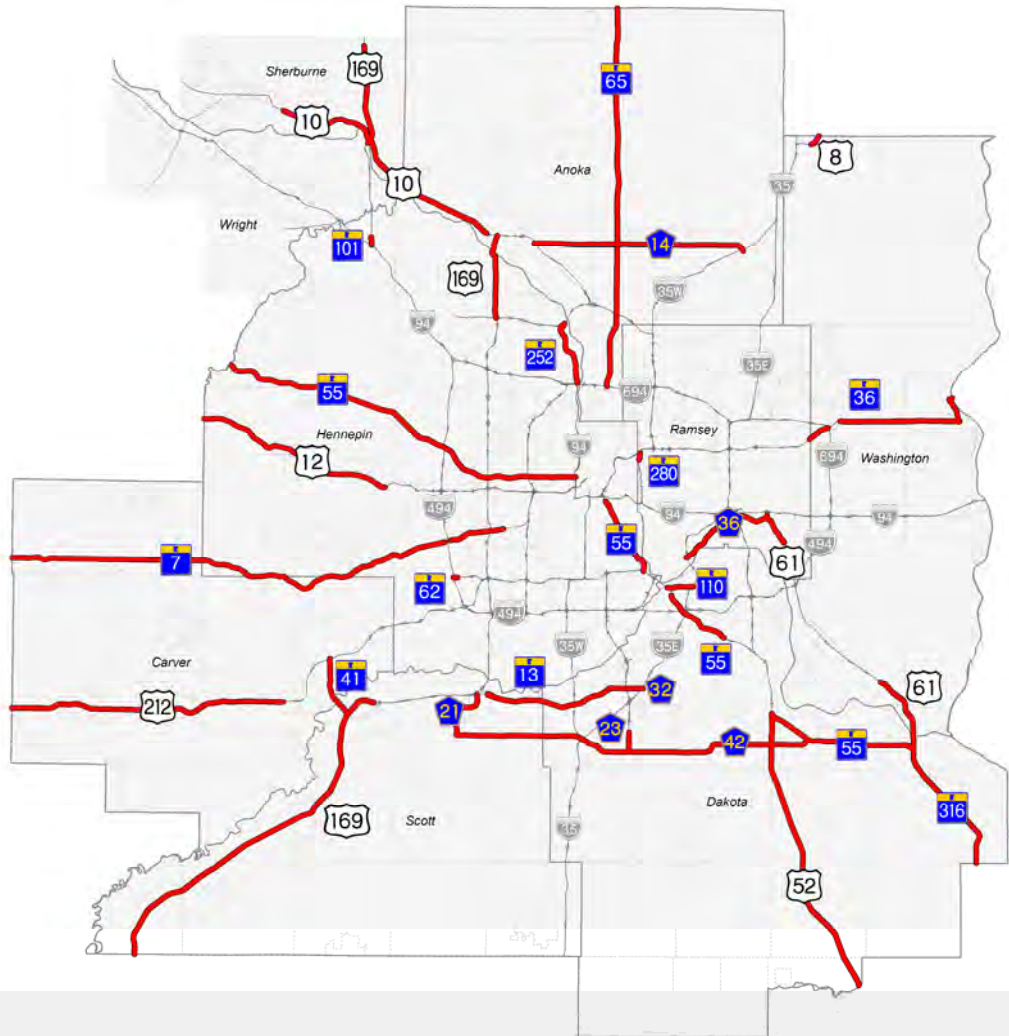
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Phase I Technical Memorandum

This attachment contains the Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study Phase I Technical Memorandum. The Tech Memo covers all of the Phase I study screening activities. The major component was the identification of corridors and intersections to advance for detailed analysis in Phase II of the study. During Phase I, there was considerable background research and outreach to all stakeholders of the study.



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Description:
This deliverable provides a complete review of study activities and results through completion of the Phase I screening process, which identified corridors and intersections to advance for detailed study. The next steps (Phase II) will include additional studies and prioritization for the selected intersections to identify potential grade separations and priorities.

Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study

Background Data, Outreach Summary, and Phase I Screening (Technical Memo)

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List of Acronyms

ADT	Average Daily Traffic
CH	County Highway
CMSP	Congestion Management Safety Plan
CSAH	County State Aid Highway
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
HCM	Highway Capacity Manual
ICE	Intersection Control Evaluation

MnSHIP	Minnesota Highway Investment Plan
PA	Principal Arterial
PMT	Project Management Team
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TED	Transportation Economic Development
TH	Trunk Highway
TSC	Technical Screening Committee
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VPD	Vehicles Per Day

1 Introduction

1.1 Need for the Intersection Conversion Study

Principal arterials are the highest functional classification highways in the Minneapolis-St. Paul (Twin Cities) metropolitan area. Their purpose within the roadway hierarchy is to optimize mobility – to provide reliably safe and high-speed travel over significant distances. While principal arterials make up less than five percent of the region’s roadways (by mileage), they carry approximately 50 percent of its vehicle miles traveled (VMT). The majority of metro-area principal arterials are limited-access freeways, which provide the greatest mobility and safety characteristics of all roadway types. However, there are approximately 300 miles of non-freeway principal arterial highways which must balance mobility, safety, and access to destinations – typically within footprints that are smaller than freeways.

Non-freeway principal arterials typically operate with a mobility advantage for through traffic; but this mobility objective becomes more challenging with at-grade intersections as total volumes and crossing volumes increase. Such intersections may limit the ability to best provide for long-term mobility and safety. This sometimes leads to proposals for new interchanges or “grade-separation” projects. These types of projects have regularly been completed and have resulted in mobility and safety improvements and the conversion of non-freeway arterials into either:

- Extensions of metro-area freeways, or
- Limited segments along principal arterials that operate like freeways but still include at-grade intersections off each end of the converted segment.

The demand to develop additional projects is high, as are the potential benefits. However, there is also a need to prioritize intersection conversions through region-wide reviews, to more strategically guide investments and help set long-term corridor visions.¹ Specifically, this first-of-its-kind study led by the Metropolitan

Non-freeway principal arterial highways in the Twin Cities metro are the focus of the study. These roadways serve critical mobility functions and their at-grade intersections need region-wide reviews to guide investments and help set visions.

Council and MnDOT’s Metro District recognizes that many needed intersection conversion projects cannot be delivered in the foreseeable future due to expected funding constraints. Illustrating this point, MnDOT’s *Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan* (MnSHIP) identifies 20-year highway investment needs at \$30 billion,² and corresponding anticipated revenues at \$18 billion, leaving a 20-year \$12-billion gap (40 percent).

¹ While regional prioritizations have been applied to managed lane (MnPASS) investments and to transit, a similar approach has not been used to prioritize new grade-separation projects.

² <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/mnship/> (December 2013). The \$30-billion figure covers a full range of statewide transportation infrastructure needs including maintenance, vehicle mobility improvements, non-motorized accommodations, regional and community priorities, and others. The MnSHIP supports 10-Year MnDOT Work Plans by district and will be periodically updated to reflect new funding cycles.

The types of intersection improvements to be undertaken is another dimension of this study. This aspect of the work will reflect current transportation planning and engineering practice, which may find cost-effective intersection mobility investments that do not require complete grade separations (full-movement interchanges). Recent and emerging project development and design approaches show that lower-cost, high-benefit intersection projects are often possible without grade separations or by combining at-grade and grade-separated design elements. Therefore, the study will strive to guide intersections that warrant strategic investments toward the right solutions, whether interchanges, innovative high-capacity arterials (“superstreets”), or hybrid combinations, typically along corridors with some at-grade intersections and some grade separations. Therefore, the study will recognize the context of specific corridors and intersections and will help to align locally and regionally driven investments on non-freeway principal arterials.

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Given the current and anticipated funding climate, there is broad recognition of the need to ensure transportation investments reflect sound analysis, effective local/regional collaboration, and strategic prioritization to target system needs and maximize the value of investments. The *Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study* was identified as a work program item in the Metropolitan Council’s 2040 *Transportation Policy Plan*:

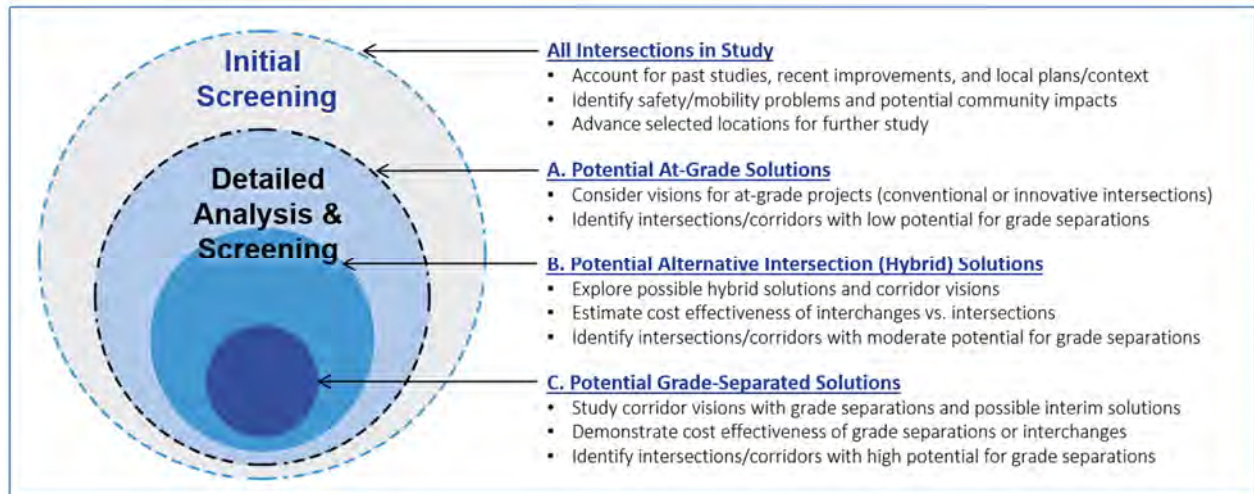
The Council and MnDOT will work with regional highway partners to analyze key intersections on the non-freeway principal arterial system within the urban service area to identify and prioritize specific intersection conversion projects.

1.2 Study Organization, Approach, and Outcomes

To optimize the allocation of resources, the study was organized into two analytical phases (see the graphic on next page):

- **Initial Screening (Phase I)** – To identify intersections that will not be prioritized for grade-separation or similar investments at this time
- **Detailed Analysis and Screening (Phase II)** – To identify grade-separation investment priorities as Low, Medium, and High, and to place locations into context in terms of solutions

The objectives of this Technical Memorandum are to strengthen understanding of the study’s objectives, summarize the Phase I screening activities, and present recommendations on locations to be advanced for more detailed Phase II analysis.



Overall, the study will help organize investment priorities for intersection mobility projects on non-freeway principal arterials. Discussions during the December 2015 outreach meetings (summarized below) helped the Project Management Team (PMT) members and local representatives refine the study’s approach and understanding. Based in-part on these inputs, the results of the study will:

- Focus on opportunities and priorities for new grade separations.** Meaningful results will be best attained by keeping the focus on strategic high-priority investments for grade separations (interchanges or other projects using bridges to reduce conflicts). Subject to available resources, and in coordination with other planning, the study will also identify other opportunities for high-capacity intersections, including potential for lower-cost/high-benefit innovative-intersection projects, with or without grade separation. MnDOT has been engaged in related studies, to identify cost-effective highway projects for many years – most notably the Congestion Management Safety Plan (CMSP), now in Phase IV.³
- Address relevant timeframes for funding and implementation.** The study’s outcomes will clarify investment priorities within a foreseeable timeframe, approximately 10 years—similar to MnDOT District’s 10-Year Work Plans noted previously. While 20 years (or more) is consistent with the *Transportation Policy Plan’s* long-term planning framework, the Intersection Conversion Study’s focus is on more near-term priorities. The needs identified for intersection upgrade projects should stretch beyond expected funding levels, in case additional funding becomes available and to support long-term plans and. However, corridor visions must not be so far-reaching and comprehensive that the most achievable and strategic projects are unclear. Relevant short-term planning cycles include:

 - The Regional Solicitation (every two years)
 - The *Transportation Policy Plan* update cycle, which is every four years, and other funding and programming cycles which range from about two to five years, including the

³ The CMSP planning framework (led by MnDOT’s Metro District and the Metropolitan Council) recognizes that system-wide capacity expansion will not be feasible and focuses a portion of Metro District resources on opportunities for lower-cost/high-benefit mobility and safety improvements.

Transportation Economic Development (TED) and similar funding programs, the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and local capital improvement budget cycles⁴

- The anticipated practical timeframe for updates to this study, which is roughly 10 years (significant changes should not be expected with every *Transportation Policy Plan* update)
- **Continue to be driven both locally and regionally.** Local support and participation in this regional study and in project development is critical to the successful and complete development of high-capacity intersection projects, including efforts to leverage funding sources.

1.3 Lead Agencies, Study Contacts, and Local Representatives

This study is the first of its kind and has been undertaken jointly by the Metropolitan Council and MnDOT's Metro District. The project managers and lead contacts are:

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Local participation in the Study was facilitated through the Technical Steering Committee (TSC), which includes representatives of each participating county:

- Doug Fischer, Anoka County
- Lyndon Robjant, Carver County
- Mark Krebsbach, Dakota County
- Carla Stueve, Hennepin County
- Joe Lux, Ramsey County
- Lisa Freese, Scott County
- John Menter, Sherburne County
- Jan Lucke, Washington County
- Jean Keely, City of Blaine (City Rep. on TSC)

The TSC also includes leadership representatives from MnDOT, Metropolitan Council, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA):

- Pat Bursaw, MnDOT Metro District
- Tom O'Keefe, MnDOT Metro District
- Steve Voss, MnDOT District 3
- Amy Vennewitz, Metropolitan Council
- Mark Filipi, Metropolitan Council
- Jim McCarthy, Federal Highway Administration

⁴ This study does not represent any change in funding cycles or funding available; however, it will be used to help organize studies and priorities for funding in the Regional Solicitation process and in other funding programs like the TED program.

2 Phase I Screening Overview

2.1 Basic Screening Question, Work Elements, and Result

This Technical Memorandum concludes the study's Phase I screening. This part of the study was conducted to answer the basic question:

Which non-freeway principal arterial locations are not candidates for grade separation at this time?

The primary work elements in Phase I have included:

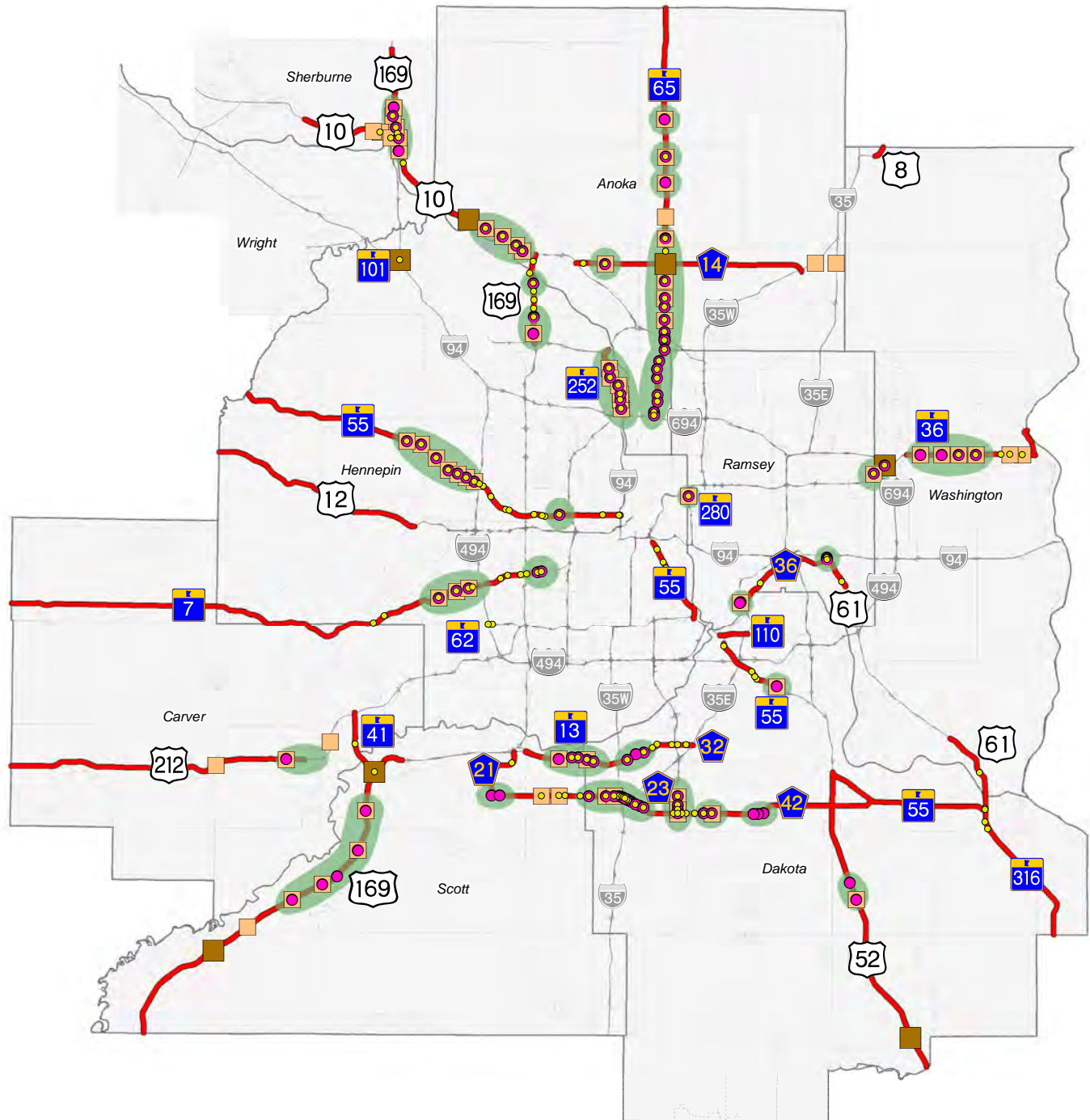
- Document reviews to determine locations previously identified as priorities for grade separation, or locations where grade separation was not preferred due to site constraints or other factors.
- Outreach to county and local stakeholders to discuss needs and priorities.
- Technical screening using data-driven methods refined through the outreach process; this process recommended locations for Phase II analysis.

The Phase I screening identified 104 (28 percent) of the initially identified 374 intersections to advance to Phase II analysis as candidates for grade separation. PMT and TSC members reached consensus on recommended locations to advance to Phase II based on the Phase I analysis and local input, as reflected throughout this Tech Memo. Recommended Phase II locations are highlighted on **Figure 1** (next page) and more detailed information about screening results is provided in Section 5.3 and in the referenced county maps, attached. The work elements and criteria which supported the Phase I screening result are summarized below in Sections 3, 4, 5.1 and 5.2.

2.2 Study Focus and Phase I Screening Objectives

Many discussions with study participants during Phase I concerned the approach and focus of the study and the Phase I screening objectives. With emphasis on the Phase I screening, the planning process and study will:

- **Focus on intersections and related mobility needs**, not general highway capacity expansion needs. The focus on intersections provided in the study will identify potential mobility and safety benefits along corridors. However, setting priorities for strategic intersection mobility is a fundamental objective, and this will help to build visions and priorities for the non-freeway principal arterials throughout the Twin Cities.
- **Address in Phase II** those intersections and segments for which grade-separated design solutions (or innovative high-capacity intersections) warrant planning-level consideration in the foreseeable future.
- **Dismiss from Phase II** intersections and segments that do not exhibit local support for grade-separated design solutions or innovative high-capacity intersections. Locations were not



Legend

- Intersections Meeting Volume Criteria
- Phase II Intersections
- Locally Identified Future Grade Separation
- Recent or Funded Grade Separation
- Principal Arterial
- Non-Freeway Study Segments
- Phase II Study Area
- ⊕ City/Township Boundaries
- County Boundaries

0 9 Miles
Source: MetroGIS, MnDOT



Figure 1
Phase II Study Areas
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advanced if the balancing of data, planning background, context, and input received did not support investments in intersection mobility projects in the foreseeable future.

Intersections and segments that did not advance to Phase II represent locations where investments are expected to address “business as usual,” meaning conventional at-grade intersections in the study’s practical planning cycle (roughly 10 years as noted in the previous section). Screening intersections out from Phase II does not preclude future safety projects or other adjustments such as turn lanes, signal improvements, realignments, or access management. It also does not preclude a later shift toward a grade-separated vision based on future intersection conversion priorities. Section 5 of this Technical Memorandum provides the following information for intersections and segments not advanced to Phase II:

Screening intersections out from Phase II does not preclude future safety projects or other adjustments, nor a later shift toward a grade-separated vision based on future intersection conversion priorities.

- The basis for the screening recommendation
- Reference to local input
- Information about needs and context – locations screened out may be considered in MnDOT’s Congestion Management Safety Plan (CMSP), noted above in Section 1.2, and in future *Intersection Conversion Study* updates

3 Document Review – Previously Identified Priorities

A comprehensive web-based review of documents was conducted as part of the Phase I work. This type of review is facilitated by the fact that many government agencies have well organized collections of on-line documents. Documents by the following levels of government were reviewed:

- Metropolitan Council
- MnDOT
- Eight metro counties⁵
- Cities as appropriate

The types of documents included:

- Regional policy/planning documents
- Technical studies (primarily MnDOT and county/city corridor studies)
- 2030 and 2040 comprehensive (transportation) plans
- Programming documentation (primarily MnDOT and county)

⁵ The eight metro counties in the study include the seven counties typically addressed by the Metropolitan Council (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties) plus the portion of Sherburne County closest to the metropolitan area (the City of Elk River). This area is included in the study because it is part of the U.S. Census defined Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and has strong connectivity with the region.

Regarding comprehensive plans, the primary level of review was at the county level. However, select city plans were reviewed based on content in the host county plans, as well as knowledge of potential improvements/improvement corridors relative to city boundaries, to get more detailed local information.

The results of the review process were summarized by county as presented in **Attachment A, Previous Document Reviews by County**. For each county, intersections were organized by study corridor, and recommendations for grade-separated treatments (or further evaluation of such treatments) were identified. These sheets were brought to each of the county meetings (see information below, in Section 4) to facilitate discussion of local priorities.

4 Local Outreach Meetings

4.1 Background

Formal county involvement will occur throughout the *Intersection Conversion Study* by means of the TSC. The TSC includes one representative from each of the metro counties, one city representative, and representatives of the Metropolitan Council, MnDOT, and FHWA (Section 1.3). To date, the TSC has met on November 13, 2015; January 14, 2016; and March 17, 2016. This group will continue to meet regularly to review work products and provide oversight and guidance.

To get detailed local input early in the study process, a series of meetings was held with each of the metro counties in December of 2015. These meetings were held on the following dates:

- Ramsey County (Tue, 12/01/15 – morning)
- Washington County (Tue, 12/01/15 – afternoon)
- Dakota County (Wed, 12/02/15)
- Hennepin County (Tue, 12/08/15)
- Sherburne County (Thur, 12/10/15)
- Carver County (Mon, 12/14/15 – morning)
- Anoka County (Mon, 12/14/15 – afternoon)
- Scott County (Tue, 12/15/15)

The meetings were led by the PMT and were attended by the TSC representative for the given county, and other county/local representatives as advised by the county in question. The meetings were facilitated through distribution of project information sent by email in advance, and proceeded based on the following agenda items:

1. Introductions and Roles
2. Study Overview
3. Review of Meeting Purpose and Desired Outcomes
4. Initial Screening Criteria
 - a. Previous Planning and Local Input
 - b. Entering Volumes at Intersections

- c. Crashes
 - 5. Local Input by Corridor
 - 6. Discussion: Local Priorities and Input on Screening Criteria

A listing of attendees is provided in **Attachment B, Local Outreach Meetings Attendees**.

4.2 Outreach Meeting Content and Input Received

Meeting participants were briefed on the purpose, goals, and objectives of the study, the study schedule, and anticipated products. A key outcome identified was the opportunity for participants to provide input on overall study approach and methods. Accordingly, participants were asked to comment on the study’s guiding principles and initial screening criteria as provided and discussed at the meetings. Participants were also asked to validate or supplement early data collection efforts that identified plans, studies, and programmed projects on non-freeway principal arterials.

The Phase I screening criteria as initially proposed by the PMT included the following minimum factors, considered necessary for an intersection to advance to Phase II:

- **Traffic Volumes:**
 - Generally, intersections with greater than 20,000 entering vehicles per day should be considered for prioritization in Phase II of the study. This threshold was based partly on the daily capacity of a single-lane roundabout and partly on MnDOT Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) guidance. The ICE guidance identifies grade separation as a potential control option (among many other choices) for a wide range of total entering volumes, from 10,000 to 80,000 (see chart below).⁶

Generalized MnDOT ICE Guidance (2007)

APPROXIMATE COMBINED ADT	FOUR-WAY STOP	SIGNAL	ROUNDABOUT	NON-TRADITIONAL INTERSECTION	ACCESS MANAGEMENT TREATMENTS	GRADE SEPARATION
7,500 – 10,000	X		X		X	
10,000 – 50,000	X	X	X	X	X	X
50,000 – 80,000		X	X	X	X	X
> 80,000						X

- The initial criteria also noted that intersections should carry 1,000 vehicles per day or more on the minor leg, or should be treated with traditional strategies (this is also consistent with ICE guidance).
- **Crash Rates:** Intersections where the Critical Crash Index is above 1.0 and the traffic volumes are greater than 25,000 vehicles per day were identified as candidates for grade separation.
- **Previous Planning:** This factor considered the presence of studies completed over approximately the past five-10 years which recommended intersections for grade separations or

⁶ http://www.dot.state.mn.us/trafficeng/safety/ice/2007_ICE_Manual.pdf.

other major capacity improvements. If such studies were present, and were confirmed through the outreach meetings, they were considered indicators that the intersection(s) should be evaluated in Phase II.

- **Functional Classification:** Intersections with A-Minor arterials were considered priorities for more detailed evaluation.
- **Local Input:** The local project partners were proposed to have input in whether intersections would proceed to Phase II or would be eliminated from further analysis.

In addition to the criteria above, the meeting participants discussed the overall scope and objectives of the study. This included data referencing more than 370 public road intersections on about 300 miles of non-freeway principal arterials. As the outreach meetings progressed, the following comments and issues came through most consistently in reference to the study’s objectives and the Phase I screening criteria:

- The above-noted traffic volume thresholds were typically considered too low and warranted more technical study and evaluation. Total entering intersection volumes of 20,000 vehicles per day (VPD) (and 1,000+ VPD on the minor leg) were noted as low thresholds in practice – often not enough to justify studies of grade-separated intersections. Many participants said these volume thresholds alone were too “permissive” and would allow too many intersections to advance to Phase II.
- The ratio of the mainline volume to cross street volume is an important factor to consider, to measure conflicts; this means there are a range of volume relationships to consider.
- The study should demonstrate that some locations are appropriate (or not appropriate) for detailed study and prioritization based on several criteria, not based solely on one criterion – for example, a volume threshold or local input.
- Locally adjacent cross-street volumes should be considered when making screening recommendations because consolidation of multiple intersections to one grade separation can often be proposed – for example, in higher-speed rural areas.
- Several local stakeholders supported functional classification of the crossing highway as a factor in the screening (i.e., intersections with other principal arterials or with minor arterials should be more important to consider).
- Some comments pointed out the value of right-of-way preservation at minor arterials for future grade separations or other projects.

The volume thresholds presented at the local outreach meetings were typically considered too low and “permissive” – potentially allowing too many intersections to advance to Phase II.

- The speed and mobility functions of the principal arterial should be part of the context considered in screening. High-speed expressways are often less compatible with at-grade intersections than streets with lower posted and design speeds.
- Additional speed-related mobility factors include interregional and freight connectivity between urban centers. These contextual factors consider the roles of non-freeway principal arterials in providing reliable mobility and safety over longer distances and around the edges of the metro area.
- Unique context, including land uses, growth trends (i.e., economic development areas), and industrial/truck demands should be considered in the screening criteria. Specific major traffic generators exist in some areas and may warrant special consideration along with other criteria (for example, the Ports of Savage area near Trunk Highway (TH) 13 in Scott County).
- Other contextual factors to consider include: railroad crossings of principal arterials, railroads next to principal arterials (and near intersections), presence of pedestrian crossings or related needs, presence of transit or future plans, right-of-way, and input on such factors from local jurisdictions.
- Where significant intersection investments have recently been made or are programmed in the near future, should the location be advanced to Phase II as a priority for grade separation? Discussions of this question raised the need to understand the timeframes to be considered in the study and the opportunity to revisit locations as part of future updates. In general, participants stated there was merit in screening locations out from further study when there were recent or current committed investments (in current funding cycles) and there will be need to derive value in the lifecycle of the new at-grade intersection improvements.
- Locally known background in opposition to grade separation projects should be a factor in recommendations against advancement to Phase II screening, similar to background of support in previous plans.
- Can safety issues alone be a driver for a possible grade separation project? In general, participants agreed that the need for intersection volume and mobility should be a key factor, balanced with safety considerations.
- Study outcomes should serve as regional guidance for strategic mobility and safety projects on non-freeway principal arterials. The results should not preclude local actions to propose interchange projects.

After discussion of the screening criteria as well as general analytical considerations for the study, participants of the county/city meetings were asked to provide observations on a corridor-by-corridor basis for the intersections that should either be included in a more detailed screening evaluation, or, if appropriate, removed from further consideration. These recommendations are captured in the listing of projects to be advanced/not advanced for Phase II analysis (Section 5).

5 Refined Technical Screening and Phase I Recommendations

5.1 Traffic Volume Screening Approach

Based on input received at the county outreach meetings, the PMT worked to refine the Phase I screening approach and criteria. The first consideration was to adjust the traffic volume criteria based on more sophisticated observations about intersection capacity and conflicts.

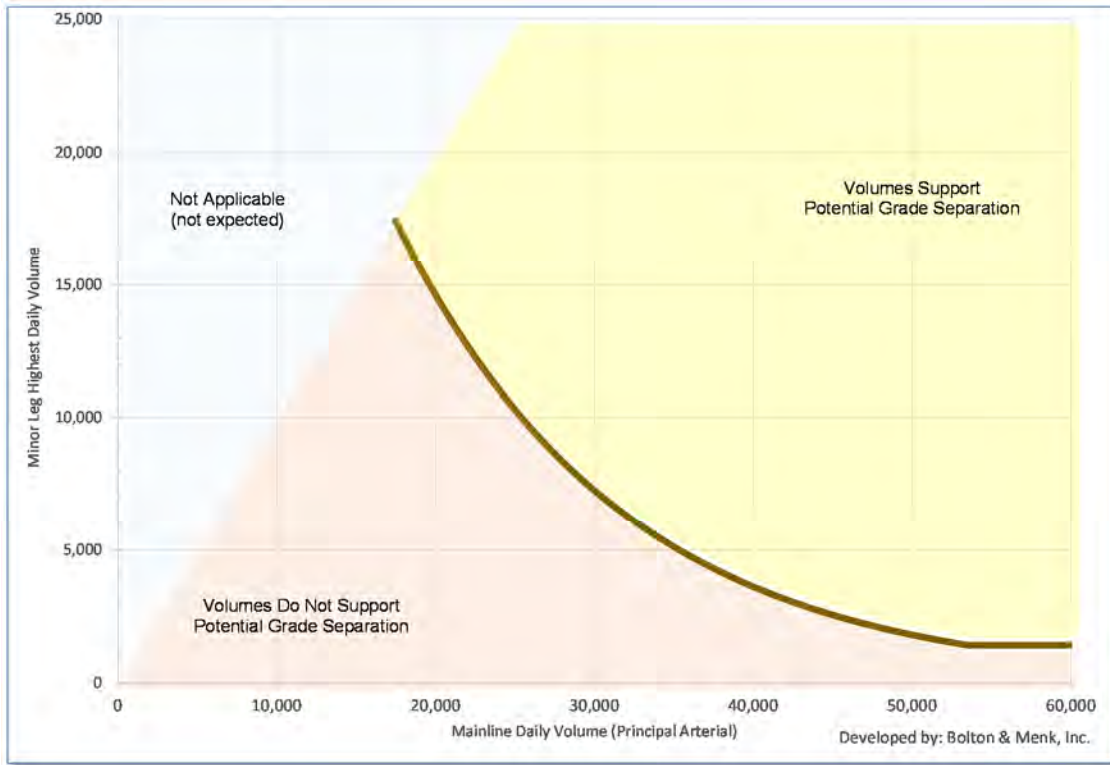
As noted in Section 4.2, above, the ICE-based thresholds proposed at the county meetings were typically seen as representing the low end of guidance to justify grade-separated intersection designs and projects. Many participants said such thresholds did not adequately reflect industry experience in decision-making for an intersection project, including conversion to a grade separation. The refinements to the traffic volume criteria considered the discussions at the outreach meetings and other industry guidance – primarily Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) methodologies to analyze the capacity of a signalized intersection. The resulting guidance on intersection volumes (see the curve on the next page) takes into account a range of conditions for mainline (principal arterial) volumes and crossing volumes and is now proposed as the study’s threshold guidance to identify potential grade separations.

The refined guidance on intersection volumes is based on the capacity of a signalized intersection and takes into account a range of conditions for mainline and crossing volumes.

The volume threshold plot specifically depicts a range of volume scenarios at the level of service D/E threshold of a signalized intersection, with various volumes for both the mainline principal arterial and the intersecting roadways. The development of the curve considered the capacity of an intersection based on the HCM methodology for a four-lane roadway. Because this methodology is peak-hour orientated, different directional splits and peak-hour ranges were used to determine the volume ranges. Some of the specific inputs included:

- The lane capacity was assumed to be 1,900 vehicles per hour per lane with adjustments for lane utilization.
- The peak-hour factors ranged from 10 to 12 percent of daily traffic, while the directional distribution factors ranged from 0.55 to 0.75.
- A range of signal cycle lengths, split of the green time between phases, and other signal parameters were used to obtain a range of values.⁷

⁷ Signal cycle lengths ranged from 120 to 180 seconds and splits range from 50 to 95 percent of the green time to the principal arterial with the various volumes. Clearance time was assumed to be five seconds for each phase and was assumed to be “lost time” and consequently eliminated. It was assumed that only two movements are made concurrently.



Intersection Volumes and Threshold Guidance for Potential Grade Separation

The fitted curve was developed based on the best fit to the range of volume, cycle length, and green time split scenarios. Results in the “higher” part of the plot, which supports potential for grade separation, exhibit greater potential for unacceptable delay and congestion (at or worse than level-of-service D/E).

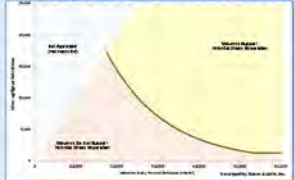
5.2 Other Phase I Screening Criteria and Overall Screening Approach

The flowchart below (next page) outlines a series of criteria considered to formally complete the Phase I screening, both data-driven factors (e.g. volume and safety) and context-driven factors (based on the arterial’s role in the system, previous planning, and local context). The flowchart structure and methodology was refined from the initial criteria in response to the outreach meetings, including screening discussions for specific intersections and related practical observations.


With reference to the flowchart, the refined approach was not intended to advance an intersection based on just one of the criterion. Instead, the approach was to build support for advancement to

Volume and Capacity Factors

Guidance Based on ADT Thresholds
Study of volume criteria yielded the plot (explanation above).



Thresholds considered MnDOT ICE and HCM guidance, based on capacity of a signalized intersection (plot)



Safety, Context & Local Input Factors

Criteria Based on PA Role, Previous Planning, and Local Context

1. **Safety.** Is the critical crash rate index > 1.0? Are there observed safety deficiencies or concerns?
2. **Functional Class & System Context.** Intersection with another PA or A-Minor arterial? In context with multiple intersections and cumulative demands? Nearby interchange(s) on the PA?
3. **Local Planning Support.** Recent/current studies recommend grade separation? Support at local meetings? (No strong opposition?)
4. **Right-of-Way and Physical Feasibility.** Expressway to freeway character or potential within right-of-way? (Not an urban arterial/street with dense development and little/no setback?)
5. **Regional Mobility or Growth Corridor.** Priority corridor for mobility in region? Serving growth area(s)?
6. **Infrastructure and Funding Cycle.** Need for new infrastructure? (No large recent/committed projects in 10-year funding cycle?)

- *Answering “yes” to questions 1-6 increases support to advance high-volume intersections/corridors to Phase II analysis.*
- *Some locations, even with high volumes, may not advance to Phase II based on lack of support, right-of-way or context issues, or the presence of new infrastructure (questions 3, 4, and 6).*

Phase I Screening Flowchart

Phase II based on accumulated “yes” answers. This left opportunities open to be responsive to unique circumstances, local input, and even changing priorities and context over time. The “Infrastructure and Funding Cycle” factor (no. 6) was a noteworthy addition to the Phase I criteria, based on the outreach meetings. While this is the first time the *Intersection Conversion Study* has been undertaken, it was

identified in the current 2040 *Transportation Policy Plan* Work Program. Revised priorities are periodically anticipated, most likely during selected *Transportation Policy Plan* update cycles.⁸ Therefore, this screening factor recognized the importance of the proper timeframe for advancement of a major intersection capacity project. As noted in Section 3.2, participants generally agreed there can be merit in screening locations out from further study when there were recent or current committed investments (in current funding cycles). Conversely, if the infrastructure is in poor condition and in need of reconstruction, this factor could help to justify advancement to Phase II.

In practice, the safety, context, and local input factors provided examples in the outreach meetings which transcended the volume and mobility factors in the Phase I screening process. As noted on the Phase I Screening Flowchart, these examples were based especially on safety, local support, right-of-way or context issues, or the state of new infrastructure (questions 1, 3, 4, and 6). Such outcomes resulted in recommendations to not advance several high-volume locations. This was expected in the study because some principal arterial stretches (for example, the TH 55 Hiawatha corridor) present current context and constraints that are incompatible with planning for grade-separated intersections. In a few cases, the PMT recommended that some relatively low-volume locations advance to Phase II based on local/regional context and support in local planning.

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5.3 Phase I Screening Summary and Recommendations

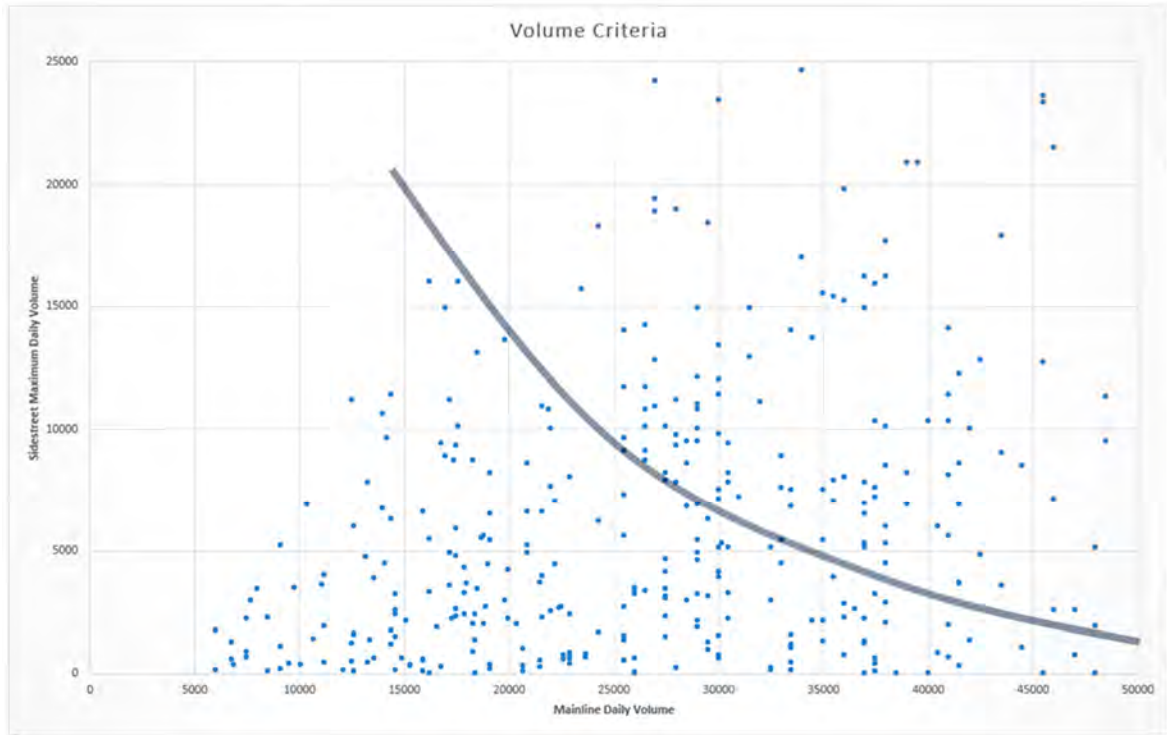
In summary, 374 at-grade intersections were initially identified for the study. These are at-grade intersections on principal arterials, including cross streets and intersections with ramps. Of these 104 intersections (28 percent) were ultimately advanced to Phase II analysis.

In total, out of the 374 intersections:

- 148 (38 percent) of the met the volume criteria based on the refined data analysis (see the plot on the next page as an illustration).
- Of those 148 intersections, 83 were not advanced to Phase II based on stakeholder input on context-based criteria. This left 65 intersections that meet the volume criteria for advancement to Phase II.
- 39 additional intersections were brought into Phase II which did not meet the volume criteria, but were proposed to advance based on potential needs and the strength of other criteria— safety, system context, local planning support, and other factors.

The Phase I screening result is that 104 of 374 intersections (28 percent) were identified for more detailed study in Phase II.

⁸ *Transportation Policy Plan* updates are completed every four years. Major revisions to the intersection conversion priorities will be completed periodically when appropriate – not necessarily with each *Transportation Policy Plan* update.



Study Intersection Data with Volume Criteria Curve (GIS Data Set)

The above-noted screening initially resulted in a total of 117 intersections (31 percent) to be advanced for Phase II analysis. In preparing for the Phase II analysis, 13 other intersections were identified as not needing technical analysis, even though they are located along segments to be carried forward. These 13 intersections are minor connections that are incidental to nearby high-volume intersections (in most cases, these 13 locations are not fully directional intersections).

Therefore, the Phase I end result is that 104 of the 374 intersections (28 percent) were identified for more detailed study in Phase II.

Based on the local outreach meetings discussed in Section 3 and the refined screening procedures discussed above, the PMT recommended locations to advance to Phase II analysis at a TSC meeting held on January 14, 2016. The TSC members were substantially in agreement with the selected locations, with some minor adjustments (the adjustments are reflected in Tech Memo). The resulting final locations to be advanced to Phase II analysis are summarized on **Figure 1** (entire study; region, referenced in Section 2, above) and in more detail for each county in **Figures 2 to 9** (individual counties).

The screening recommendations are summarized for each county in the referenced figures, subsections, and tables below.

5.3.1 Anoka County (see Figure 2)

Table 1. Anoka County Locations Advanced for Phase II Analysis

PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
CSAH 14	Hanson Blvd	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locally identified grade separation
TH 10	CH 56 (Ramsey Blvd) to Fair oak Ave	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow TH 10 corridor study recommendations
TH 65	Between I-694 and TH 10	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be good candidates for hybrid solutions
TH 65	North of TH 10 to CH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential grade separations previously identified
TH 65	North of CH 116 (Bunker Lake Rd) to County boundary – CH 20 (Constance Blvd), CH 18 (Crosstown Blvd), CH 22 (Viking Blvd)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locally identified potential grade separations

Table 2. Anoka County Locations Screened Out of Phase II

PA	Location (s)	Meet Vol. Criteria	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
CSAH 14	All except Hanson Blvd	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing interchange at TH 65 Several recent at-grade investments have been made Extension to east (I-35W, I-35E) should be studied in the future
TH 10	Between county boundary and CH 83 (Armstrong Blvd)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No stakeholder grade-separation priorities identified
TH 65	North of CH 116 (Bunker Lake Rd) – other than CH 20 (Constance Blvd), CH 18 (Crosstown Blvd), CH 22 (Viking Blvd)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder input identifies at-grade solutions can likely work for many years, with the possible exceptions of CH 116, CH 20, and CH 22 which should be monitored
TH 169	County boundary to TH 10	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH 14 (Main Street) – Lack of local support due to downtown Anoka context, potential adverse impacts, and environmental constraints TH 10 – no current plans to remove TH 169 signals at TH 10 ramps

5.3.2 Carver County (see Figure 3)

Table 3. Carver County Locations Advanced for Phase II Analysis

PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
TH 212	CR 43	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local stakeholders identified that this location warrants Phase II consideration based on potential land use development and the overall TH 212 capacity expansion concept Stakeholder input suggested that access modification between CR 43 and the existing interchange to the east at Jonathan Carver Parkway be considered

Table 4. Carver County Locations Screened Out of Phase II

PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
TH 7	County boundary to county boundary	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainline investment needed prior to grade separations Local stakeholders identified that current at-grade improvements are operating well
TH 41	Between county boundary and TH 212	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only one location meets volume criteria (at CSAH 61 [Chaska Blvd]); 2019 at-grade improvements programmed through downtown Chaska
TH 212	Between county boundary and CH 43	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential interchange at CH 41/TH 284 (east of Cologne) has been studied; stakeholder input identified the need for these improvements is beyond the timeframe of the study

5.3.3 Dakota County (see Figure 4)

Table 5. Dakota County Locations Advanced for Phase II Analysis

PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
CSAH 23 (Cedar Ave)	From CSAH 42 to 140 th St	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High to very high volumes warrant inclusion in Phase II analysis City of Apple Valley identified local impact concerns
CSAH 42	From Burnsville Pkwy to CSAH 11 (Lac Lavon Dr)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs are present at I-35W and I-35E, but the context is challenging
CSAH 42	CSAH 23	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very high volumes City of Apple Valley does not support interchange
CSAH 42	From Johnny Cake Ridge Rd to CH 31 (Pilot Knob Rd)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future grade separation at CH 31 in plans
CSAH 42	From TH 3 to Biscayne Ave	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future grade separation plans at TH 3 with rail grade separation
TH 13	From county boundary (Chowen Ave) to Washburn Ave	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing frontage road system tied to TH 13/CH 5 interchange to east
TH 13	From Nicollet Ave to Parkwood Dr/12 th Ave	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMSP evaluating at-grade options at Nicollet Ave
TH 52	190 th St or CH 66 (200 th St)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential future interchange identified
TH 55	CH 63/CH 28 (Argenta Trl)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential future interchange identified

Table 6. Dakota County Locations Screened Out of Phase II

PA	Location (s)	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
CH 32 (Cliff Rd)	From TH 13 to TH 35E	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dakota County implementing advanced traffic management systems
CH 42	Between CH 11 (Lac Lavon Dr) and CH 23 (Cedar Ave)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only one location (Pennock Ave) meets volume criteria (proximity to CH 23) Local stakeholders identified that future plans are for at-grade intersections
CH 42	Between CSAH 23 (Cedar Ave) and Johnny Cake Ridge Road	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grade-separation priorities identified
CH 42	Between CH 31 (Pilot Knob Rd) and TH 3	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No stakeholder grade-separation priorities identified
CSAH 42	Between Biscayne Ave and TH 55	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interchange reconstruction at TH 52 programmed
CH 13	From CH 11 (White River Hills Dr) to CH 32 (Cliff Rd)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grade-separation priorities identified
TH 52	Between county boundary and CH 66 (200 th St)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade-separation programmed at CH 86; no other local grade-separation priorities identified

PA	Location (s)	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
TH 52	Between 190 th St and TH 55	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconstruction of TH 52/CH 42 interchange programmed; no other local grade-separation priorities identified
TH 55	Between TH 52 and TH 61	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent at-grade improvements at TH 55/TH 61; local outreach indicated grade separations unlikely due to context
TH 55	Between CH 63/CH 28 (Argenta Trl) and TH 110 *	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grade-separation priorities identified
TH 61	From county boundary to TH 316	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grade-separation priorities identified
TH 110	Between TH 55 and I-35E	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grade-separation priorities identified
TH 316	From TH 61 to county boundary	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grade-separation priorities identified
<p>*Note: As a special case, a future interchange is planned at I-494/TH 55; this could help avoid a potential future grade separation at TH 149 and CH 26</p>			

5.3.4 Hennepin County (see Figure 5)

Table 7. Hennepin County Locations Advanced for Phase II Analysis

PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
TH 7	From CH 101 to Woodhill Rd	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hennepin County identified that TH 7 west of I-494 warranted Phase II analysis at Williston Rd and Woodland Rd There is significant development at TH 7 at CH 101, and it has not previously been studied for interchange conversion, but Hennepin County supports advance to Phase II at this location
TH 7	From Blake Rd to Texas Ave	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hennepin County supports advance to Phase II analysis
TH 55	From CH 115/CH 116 (Hamel Rd) to Fernbrook Ln	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locations previously identified as potential interchanges Hennepin County supports advancing to Phase II analysis
TH 55	CH 102 (Douglas Dr)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local support for grade separation including considerable study of options; site issues are challenging
TH 169	From 101 st Ave to 109 th Ave	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interchange at 101st Ave has been locally studied; north to 109th Ave should also be considered based upon stakeholder input
TH 169	Hayden Lake Rd	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through Hennepin County, the City of Champlin requested that this location be advanced to Phase II analysis to see how it would rank
TH 252	Between I-694 and I-610	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very high volumes and crash rates Preliminary design is being advanced for the conversion of the intersections at 66th Ave to an interchange Hennepin County requested that the 81st Ave/Humboldt Ave intersection and the 85th Ave intersection be considered as appropriate in the analysis

Table 8. Hennepin County Locations Screened Out of Phase II

PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
TH 7	Between west county boundary and CH 101	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grade-separation priorities identified
TH 7	Between I-494 and TH 169	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grade-separation priorities identified
TH 12	Between county boundary and CH15 (Shoreline Dr)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hennepin County reported crash concerns at some locations resulting from rural to urban transition; mainline investment needed prior to grade separations
TH 55	Between county boundary and CH 115/CH 116 (Hamel Rd)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grade-separation priorities identified
TH 55	From I-494 to west of Douglas Dr	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited local support for grade separation due to context and potential land use impacts
TH 55	East of Douglas Dr to I-94	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited local support for grade separation due to context and potential land use impacts Transit, non-motorized needs, and other issues have greater local prioritization
TH 55	Between CH 5 (Franklin Ave) and TH 62	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade separations unlikely due to urban context (beyond existing Lake St interchange) Transit, non-motorized needs, and other issues have greater local prioritization
TH 62	From I-494 to Clearwater Dr	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grade-separation priorities identified
TH 101	From I-94 to 147 th St	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial recent investment in grade-separation improvements
TH 169	Between 109 th Ave and county limit, other than Hayden Lake Rd	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder input identified that a conventional expressway may be the best solution for TH 169 north of 109th Ave based on land use and the high number of access points; a possible exception is at Hayden Lake Rd (see Table 7 Information)

5.3.5 Ramsey County (see Figure 6)

Table 9. Ramsey County Locations Advanced for Phase II Analysis

PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
CH 38 (Shepard Rd)	I-35E	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There may be value in evaluating the interchange ramp intersections to inform current planning for improvements
TH 36	TH 120 (Century Ave)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous plans have supported a new interchange
TH 61/TH 10	CH 36 (Warner Rd)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relatively high volumes including truck/intermodal operations near Fish Hatchery Rd
TH 280	Broadway St	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current ¾ intersection warrants further study; grade separation identified in previous study

Table 10. Ramsey County Locations Screened Out of Phase II

PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
CH 38/CH 36 (Shepard Rd/Warner Rd)	Between I-35E and TH 10/TH 61	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific needs identified in prior planning
TH 280	From north of Broadway St to County Rd B	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No connection of east leg at County Road B; west leg is a commercial driveway

5.3.6 Scott County (see Figure 7)

Table 11. Scott County Locations Advanced for Phase II Analysis

PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
CH 42	From CH 21 to Pike Lake Trl	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH 42/CH 21 is PA to PA connection
TH13	From CH 27 (Dakota Ave) to county boundary (Lynn Ave)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference TH 13 Corridor Study and supplemental data
TH 169	From CH 59 (Delaware Ave) to CH 14 (150 th St)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through outreach process, Scott County requested that the Bluff Dr intersection be advanced for Phase II analysis

Table 12. Scott County Locations Screened Out of Phase II

PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
CH 21	Between TH 169 and CH 42	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently constructed roadway
CH 42	Between Pike Lake Trl and east county boundary	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reevaluate CH 27 (Dakota Ave) intersection as development occurs Other potential grade separation priorities not identified
TH 41	Between TH 169 and county boundary (MN River)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interchange programmed for TH 169/TH 41
TH 169	Between south county boundary and CH 59 (Delaware Ave)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programmed grade separation at CH 3 (Meridian St) Scott County advised that previously identified potential interchange at CH 66 need not be considered at this time; emphasis for advancement should shift to the northeast
TH 169	Between CH 14 (150 th St) and CH 15 (Adams St/Marystown Rd)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programmed interchange at TH 41, completed interchange at CH 69

5.3.7 Sherburne County (see Figure 8)

Table 13. Sherburne County Locations Advanced for Phase II Analysis

PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
TH 169	From TH 10 to 197 th Ave	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main St intersection is the highest volume intersection in the area and has been studied as a future interchange for some time; however, has not qualified for attempted funding to date Upgrade of TH 169/TH 10 interchange to complete system interchange identified in TH 169 EA/EAW

Table 14. Sherburne County Locations Screened Out of Phase II

PA	Location (s)	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
TH 10	Between CH 15/CH 14 (156 th St) and eastern county boundary	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railroad realignment unlikely, and significant business impacts identified as concerns
TH 169	From north of 197 th Ave to 225 th Stand	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritize analysis of TH 169 further to south

5.3.8 Washington County (see Figure 9)

Table 15. Washington County Locations Advanced for Phase II Analysis

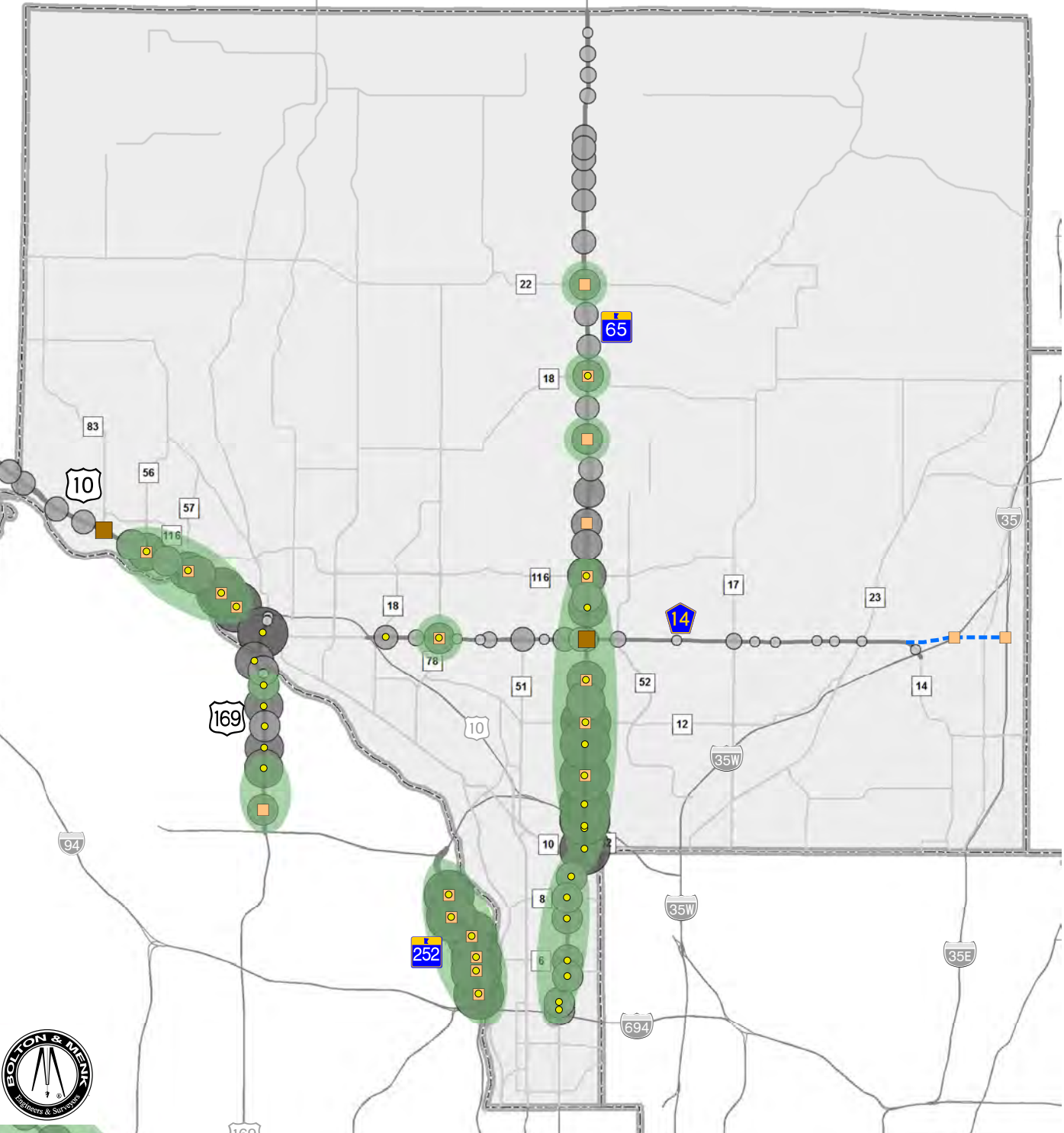
PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
TH 36	TH 120 (Century Ave)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous plans have supported a new interchange
TH 36	From De Montreville Trl to Manning Ave	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manning Avenue is considered by Washington County a higher priority location than Lake Elmo Ave

PA	Location	Meet Vol. Criteria?	Contextual/Outreach Criteria, Remarks
TH 8	Short segment between TH 61 and north county boundary	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grade separation priorities identified
TH 36	Between I-694 and De Montreville Trl	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent interchange at Hilton Trl West of De Montreville Trl should be monitored for potential access/safety improvement needs
TH 36	Between CH 5 (Stillwater Blvd) and east county boundary	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent investments, some associated with the St. Croix River Bridge project St. Croix River Bridge Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) did not identify grade separations in Oak Park Heights area
TH 61	From Kimbro Ave to south county boundary	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volume threshold only exceeded at TH 10 (Point Douglas Dr) At-grade intersection improvement and access management project programmed for 2016 at the TH 61/TH 10 split

Table 16. Washington County Locations Screened Out of Phase II






6 Next Steps

This technical memorandum/report provides the conclusions for the Phase I screening process and will remain the detailed record for that part of the study process. The content will also be summarized and adapted to support other study deliverables.









Legend



-  Intersections Meeting Volume Criteria
-  Locally Identified Future Grade Separation
-  Recent or Funded Grade Separation
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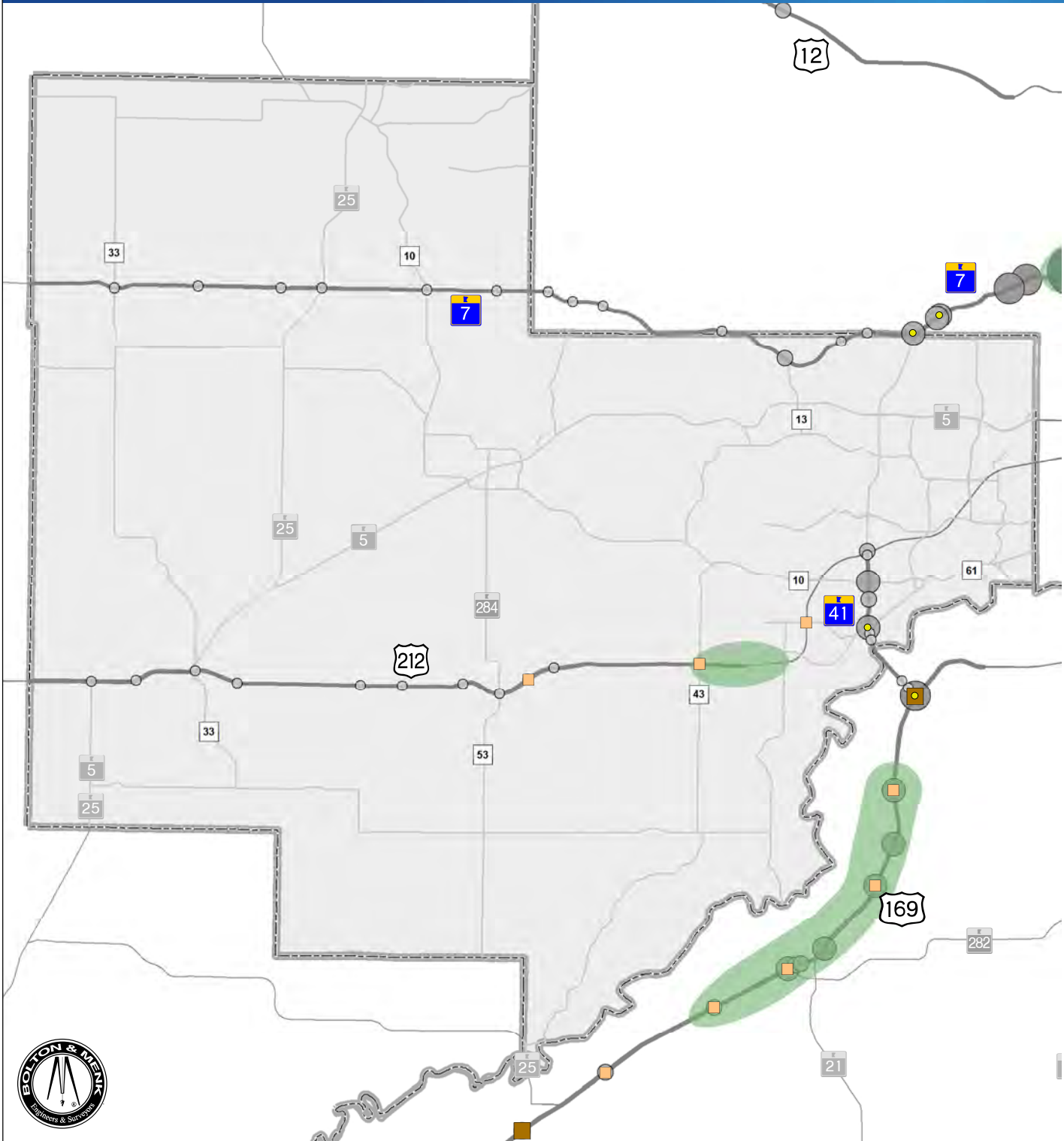
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Figure 2
Anoka County
Phase II Study Areas
February 2016



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- Locally Identified Future Grade Separation
- Recent or Funded Grade Separation
- Planned Roads
- Phase II Study Area

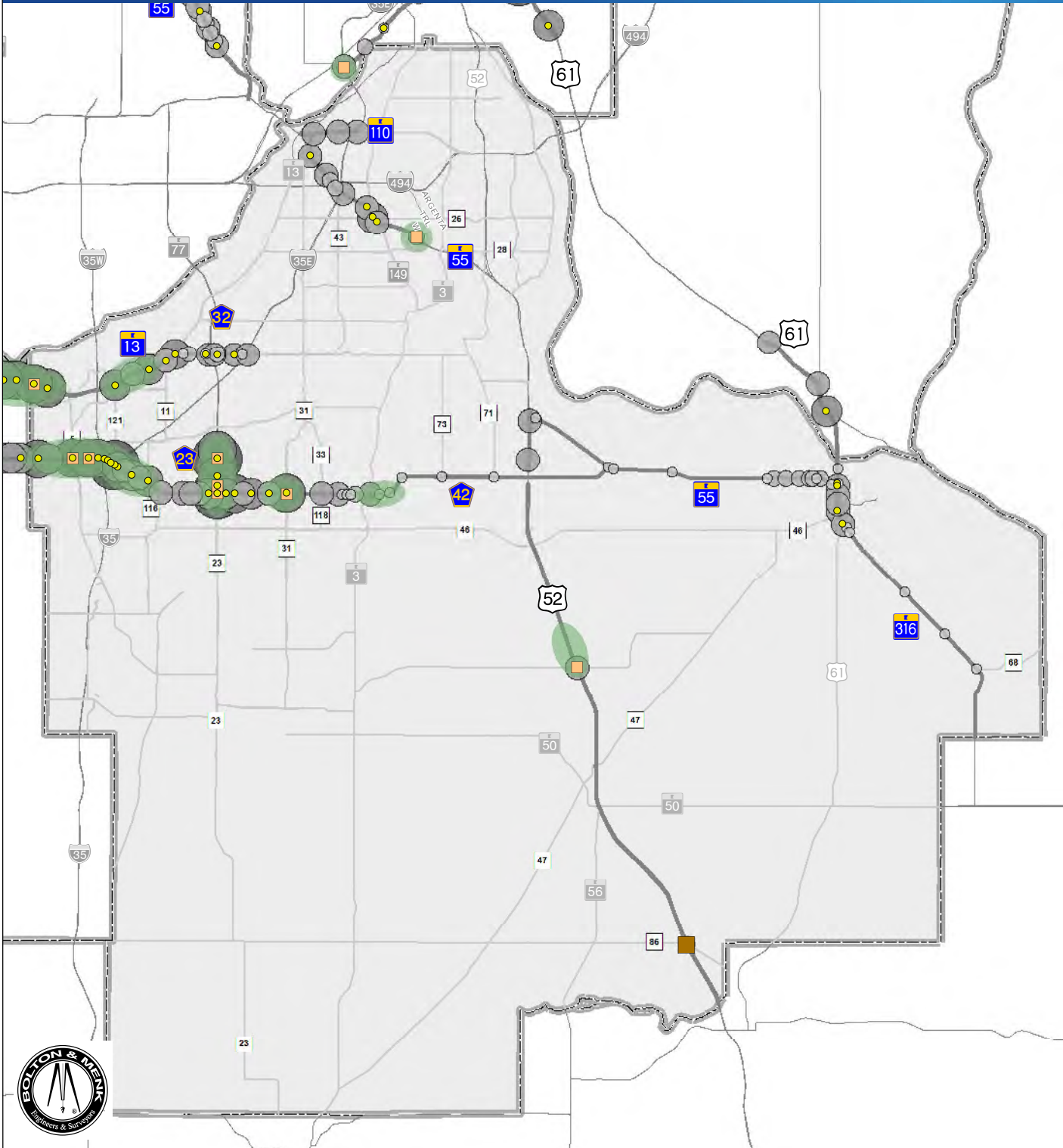
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Figure 3
Carver County
Phase II Study Areas
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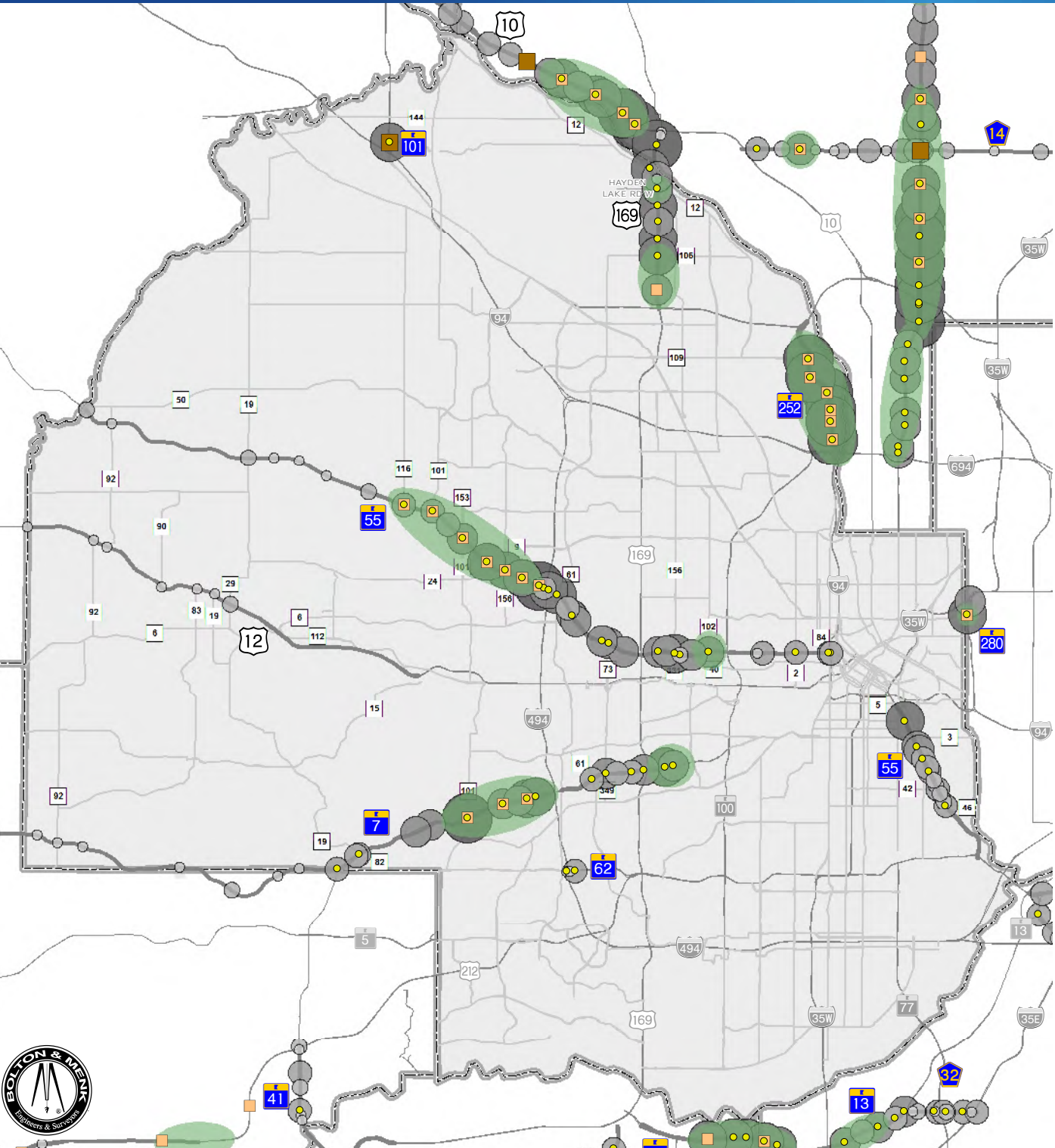
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Figure 4
Dakota County
Phase II Study Areas
March 2016



Legend 

-  Intersections Meeting Volume Criteria
-  Locally Identified Future Grade Separation
-  Recent or Funded Grade Separation
-  Planned Roads
-  Phase II Study Area

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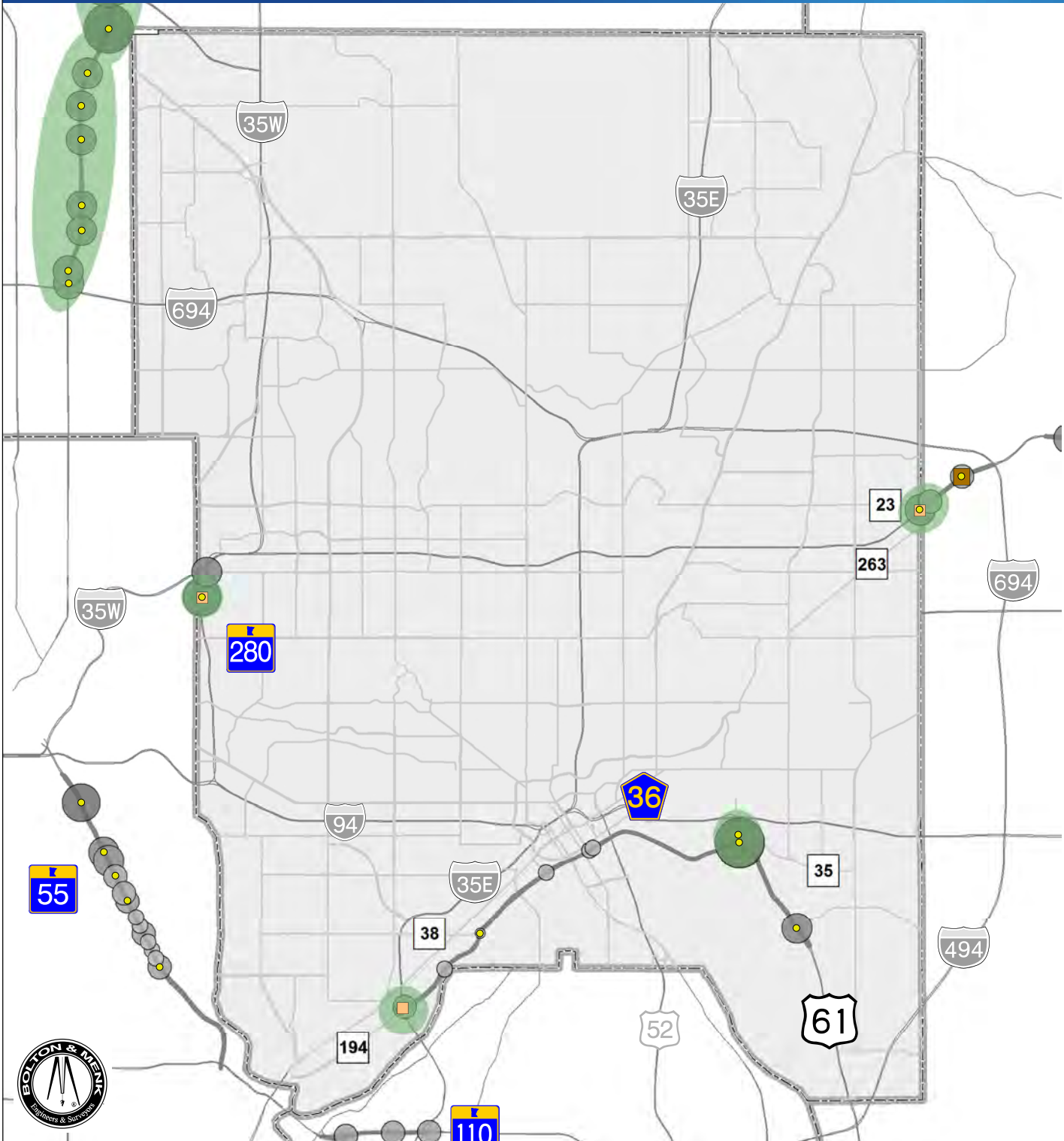
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Figure 5
 Hennepin County
 Phase II Study Areas
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- Planned Roads
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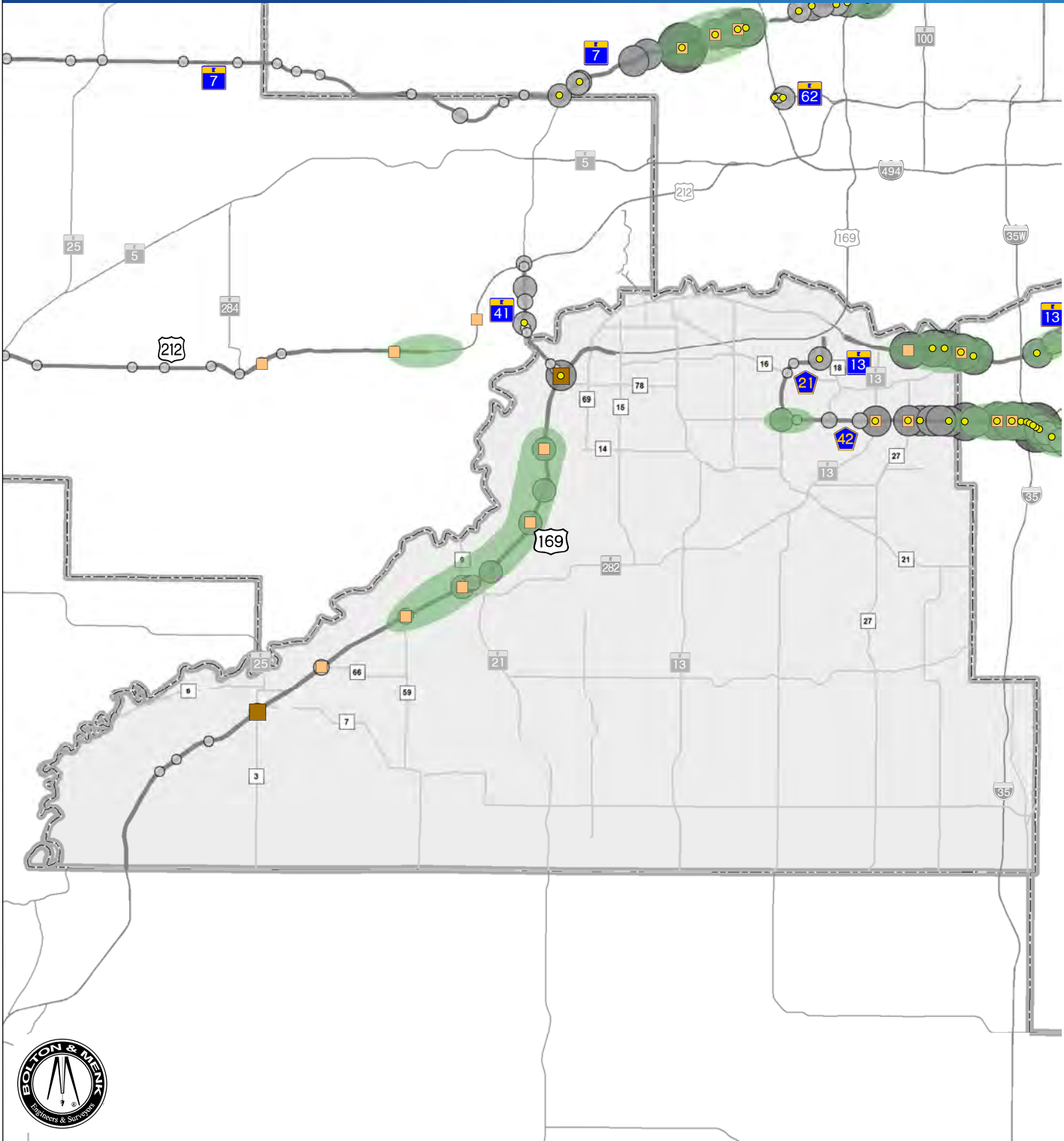
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Figure 6
Ramsey County
Phase II Study Areas
February 2016



Legend



- Intersections Meeting Volume Criteria
- Locally Identified Future Grade Separation
- Recent or Funded Grade Separation
- Planned Roads
- Phase II Study Area

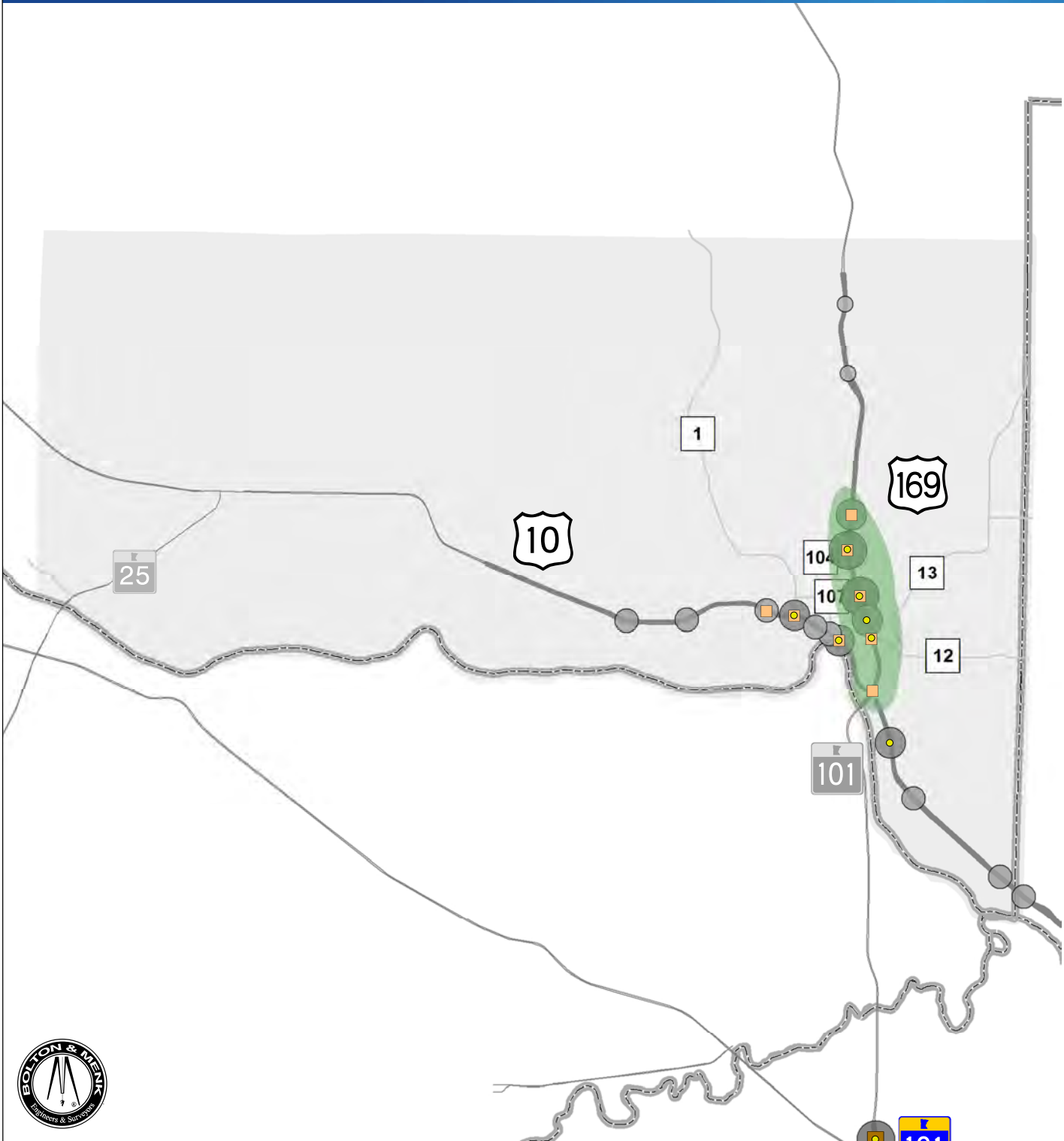
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Figure 7
Scott County
Phase II Study Areas
February 2016




Legend

-  Intersections Meeting Volume Criteria
-  Locally Identified Future Grade Separation
-  Recent or Funded Grade Separation
-  Planned Roads
-  Phase II Study Area

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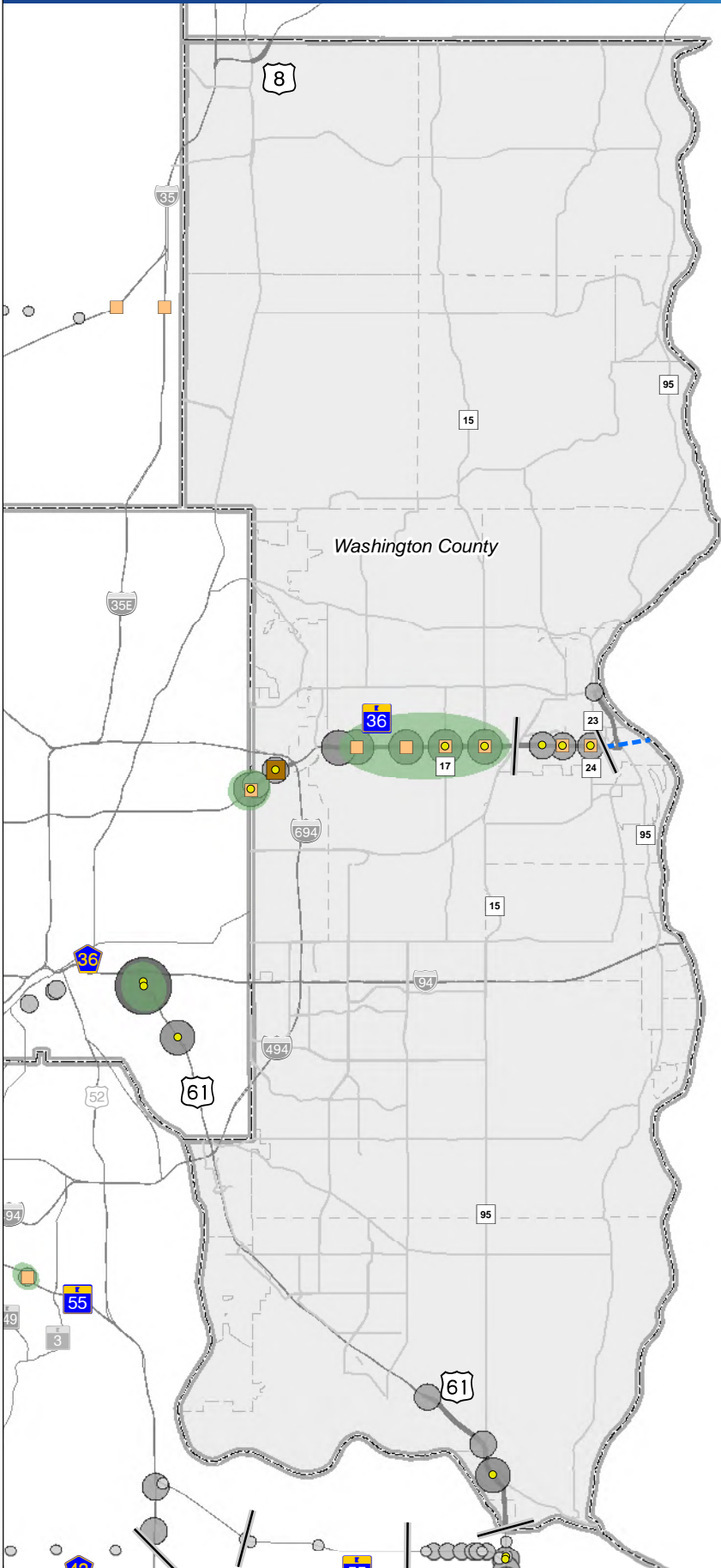
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Figure 8
 Sherburne County
 Phase II Study Areas
 February 2016





Legend

- Intersections Meeting Volume Criteria
- Locally Identified Future Grade Separation
- Recent or Funded Grade Separation
- Planned Roads
- Phase II Study Area

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Figure 9
Washington County
Phase II Study Areas
February 2016

Attachment A

Previous Document Review Summaries by County

Anoka County
Carver County
Dakota County
Hennepin County
Ramsey County
Scott County
Sherburne County
Washington County

Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study

Grade-Separated Treatments Identified – Previous Plans/Studies and/or Programming (readily available documents, from last ten years)

Anoka County

I. IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED

A. County State Aid Highway 14 (Main St/125th Ave NE)

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
Hanson Boulevard	Grade-separated intersection	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County
TH 65	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2009)	Anoka County
I-35W (CSAH 14 east extension)	Overpass	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2009)	Anoka County
I-35W (CSAH 14 east extension)	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2011)	City of Lino Lakes
I-35E (CSAH 14 east extension)	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2009)	Anoka County
I-35E (CSAH 14 east extension)	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2011)	City of Lino Lakes

B. Trunk Highway 10

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
Potential river crossing west of CSAH 83	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	City of Ramsey
CSAH 83 (Armstrong Blvd)	Interchange (under construction)	Numerous documents	Met Council, MnDOT, Anoka County, City of Ramsey
CSAH 56 (Ramsey Blvd)	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County
CSAG 56 (Ramsey Blvd)	Assumed interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	City of Ramsey
CSAH 56 (Ramsey Blvd)	Grade separation	TH 10 Access Planning Study (2014)	MnDOT
CSAH 57 (Sunfish Lake Blvd)	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County
CSAH 57 (Sunfish Lake Blvd)	Assumed interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	City of Ramsey
CSAH 57 (Sunfish Lake Blvd)	Grade separation	TH 10 Access Planning Study (2014)	MnDOT

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Thurston Ave	Interchange/grade separation	Congestion Management Plan Study – Phase I (2007)	MnDOT
Thurston Ave	Assumed Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2008)	City of Anoka
Thurston Ave	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County
Thurston Ave	Grade separation	TH 10 Access Planning Study (2014)	MnDOT

C. Trunk Highway 65

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
CSAH 10	Upgraded interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County
CSAH 12 (109 th Ave)	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County
CSAH 14 (Main St)	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County
CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd)	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County
CR 16 (Andover Blvd)	Grade-separated intersection	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County
CR 60 (Constance Blvd)	Grade-separated intersection	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County
CSAH 18 (Crosstown Blvd)	Grade-separated intersection	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County
CSAH 22 (Viking Blvd)	Grade-separated intersection	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County

D. Trunk Highway 169

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
TH 10	Upgraded interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	Anoka County

II. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED (documents which would identify specific projects)

Metropolitan Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (2015)
Metropolitan Council/MnDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study (2010)
MnDOT Document/Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016-2019 State Transportation Improvement Program (2015) • Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase I (2007) • Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase III Final Report (2013) • TH 10 Access Planning Study (2014)
Anoka County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program (2014) • 2030 Comprehensive Transportation Plan (2009)
Local Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anoka 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2008) • Blaine 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2009) • Ham Lake 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2008) • Lino Lakes 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2011) • Ramsey 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2009) • Spring Lake Park 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2009)

Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study

Grade-Separated Treatments Identified – Previous Plans/Studies and/or Programming (readily available, from last ten years)

Carver County

I. IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED

A. Trunk Highway 7

No grade-separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the TH 7 study area within Carver County.

B. Trunk Highway 41

No grade-separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the TH 41 study area within Carver County.

C. Trunk Highway 212

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
CH 53/Market Ave	Potential interchange preservation location	2030 Comprehensive Plan – Roadway Systems Plan (2010, amended 2014)	Carver County
CH 43	Potential interchange preservation location	2030 Comprehensive Plan – Roadway Systems Plan (2010, amended 2014)	Carver County
CH 140	Potential interchange preservation location	2030 Comprehensive Plan – Roadway Systems Plan (2010, amended 2014)	Carver County

II. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED (documents which would identify specific projects)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (2015)
Metropolitan Council/MnDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study (2010)
MnDOT Document/Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2016-2019 State Transportation Improvement Program (2015)• Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase I (2007)• Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase III Final Report (2013)• Metro District 10-Year Capital Highway Work Plan (2015)
Carver County
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five-year Capital Improvement Program (2014)• 2030 Comprehensive Plan – Roadway Systems Plan (2010, amended 2014)

**Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study
Grade-Separated Treatments Identified – Previous Plans/Studies and/or Programming
Dakota County**

I. IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED

A. CSAH 23 (Cedar Ave)

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
CSAH 42	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2012)	Dakota County
147 th St	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2012)	Dakota County
140 th St	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2012)	Dakota County

B. CSAH 32 (Cliff Rd)

No grade-separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the CSAH 32 study area within Dakota County.

C. CSAH 42

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
Burnhaven Dr	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2012)	Dakota County
Aldrich Ave	Interchange consideration warranted by volumes but construction unlikely due to excessive implementation costs	2030 Transportation Plan (2012)	Dakota County
CSAH 5	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2012)	Dakota County

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Nicollet Ave	Interchange consideration warranted by volumes but construction unlikely due to excessive implementation costs	2030 Transportation Plan (2012)	Dakota County
CSAH 31	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2012)	Dakota County
CSAH 31	Interchange	CSAH 31 (Pilot Knob Road) Corridor Study (2007)	Dakota County
TH 52	Interchange reconstruction assumed (Dakota County lead identified)	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	City of Rosemount

D. Trunk Highway 13

No grade-separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the TH 13 study area within Dakota County.

E. Trunk Highway 52

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
CSAH 42	Interchange Reconstruction	TH 52 Freeway Partnership TZD Summary Information (2007)	Dakota County and other corridor counties in association with MnDOT
CSAH 42	Interchange reconstruction assumed (Dakota County lead identified)	2030 Transportation Plan (2009)	City of Rosemount
CSAH 66	Interchange	TH 52 Freeway Partnership TZD Summary Information (2007)	Dakota County and other corridor counties in association with MnDOT

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CSAH 47	Interchange	TH 52 Freeway Partnership TZD Summary Information (2007)	Dakota County and other corridor counties in association with MnDOT
CSAH 86	Interchange	TH 52 Freeway Partnership TZD Summary Information (2007)	Dakota County and other corridor counties in association with MnDOT
CSAH 86	Grade separation	Metro District 10-Year Capital Highway Work Plan	MnDOT
CSAH 86	Overpass with connecting local roadways	5-Year Capital Improvement Program (2014)	Dakota County

F. Trunk Highway 55

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
CSAH 63 (Argenta Trl)	Interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2010)	City of Inver Grove Heights

G. Trunk Highway 110

No grade-separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the TH 110 study area within Dakota County.

H. Trunk Highway 316

No grade-separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the TH 316 study area within Dakota County.

II. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED (documents which would identify specific projects)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (2015)
Metropolitan Council/MnDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study (2010)
MnDOT Document/Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016-2019 State Transportation Improvement Program (2015) • Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase I (2007) • Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase III Final Report (2013) • Metro District 10-Year Capital Highway Work Plan (2015)
Dakota County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program (2014) • 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2012) • TH 52 Freeway Partnership TZD Summary Information (2007; includes Goodhue and Olmsted Counties in association with MnDOT)
Local Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakeville 2030 Comprehensive/Transportation Plan (2008) • Apple Valley 2030 Comprehensive/Transportation Plan (2009) • Eagan 2030 Comprehensive/Transportation Plan (2009) • Burnsville 2030 2030 Comprehensive/Transportation Plan (2010) • Inver Grove Heights Comprehensive/Transportation Plan (2010) • Mendota Heights Comprehensive/Transportation Plan (2008) • Rosemount Comprehensive/Transportation Plan (2009)

Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study

Grade-Separated Treatments Identified – Previous Plans/Studies and/or Programming (readily available, from last ten years)

Hennepin County

I. IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED

A. Trunk Highway 7

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
CSAH 101	Interchange	Congestion Management Planning Study – Phase I (2007)	MnDOT
Tonkawood Rd	Remove signal system, provide grade separation and use right in-right out connections as ramps	Congestion Management Planning Study – Phase I (2007)	MnDOT
Williston Rd	Remove signal system, provide grade separation and use right in-right out connections as ramps	Congestion Management Planning Study – Phase I (2007)	MnDOT

B. Trunk Highway 12

No grade-separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the TH 12 study area within Hennepin County.

C. Trunk Highway 55

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
CSAH 115/CR 116 (Pinto Dr)	Interchange (ultimate vision)	CSAH 115/CR 116 at TH 55 project website (2015)	Hennepin County/City of Medina
CSAH 115/CR 116 (Pinto Dr)	Interchange	TH 55 EA/EAW (2008)	Hennepin County
CSAH 101 North	Interchange	TH 55 EA/EAW (2008)	Hennepin County
CSAH 101 South (Peony La)	Interchange	TH 55 EA/EAW (2008)	Hennepin County
CSAH 9/CSAH 24 (Rockford Rd)	Interchange	TH 55 EA/EAW (2008)	Hennepin County

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Vicksburg Lane	Interchange	TH 55 EA/EAW (2008)	Hennepin County
Niagara Lane	Grade separation with “button hook ramps”	TH 55 EA/EAW (2008)	Hennepin County
Fernbrook Lane	Grade separation with “button hook ramps”	TH 55 EA/EAW (2008)	Hennepin County

D. Trunk Highway 62

No grade-separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the TH 62 study area within Hennepin County.

E. Trunk Highway 101

No grade-separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the TH 101 study area within Hennepin County.

F. Trunk Highway 169

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
101 st Ave	Interchange	TH 169/101 st Ave Interchange Study (2014)	Brooklyn Park
101 st Ave	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive/Transportation Plan	Brooklyn Park

G. Trunk Highway 252

- The Brooklyn Center-led 252 Corridor Study appears to be concluded. An interchange at 66th Ave was recommended. Opposition to this location exists.
- MnDOT, Brooklyn Center, and Brooklyn Park have agreed to prepare a long-term freeway vision study. MnDOT has initiated this study. Multiple corridor scenarios are under consideration. All involve an interchange at CSAH 109 (85th Ave).
- The Brooklyn Park 2030 Comprehensive/Transportation Plan recommends reconstruction of TH 252 from I-94 in Brooklyn Center to TH 610 to a freeway design (highest priority rating).

- The Brooklyn Center 2030 Comprehensive/Transportation Plan identifies that system capacity/operational improvements are required in the TH 252 corridor. At 66th Avenue, this potentially includes an interchange to support infill and redevelopment in the Gateway area along TH 252 north of I-694.

II. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED (documents which would identify specific projects)

Metropolitan Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (2015)
Metropolitan Council/MnDOT
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MnDOT Document/Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016-2019 State Transportation Improvement Program (2015) • Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase I (2007) • Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase III Final Report (2013) • Metro District 10-Year Capital Highway Work Plan (2015) • TH 252 Conversion Study – Hennepin County Briefing Document (November 17, 2015)
Hennepin County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program (2014) • 2030 Transportation Systems Plan (2011) • TH 55 at CSAH 115/CR 116 Design Study (2012) • TH 55 from Rockford to Plymouth EA/EAW (2008)
Local Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2030 Brooklyn Park Comprehensive/Transportation Plan • TH 169/101st Avenue Interchange Study (2014), City of Brooklyn Park • 2030 Brooklyn Center Comprehensive/Transportation Plan • Blake Road Corridor Study, City of Hopkins (at-grade improvement recommendations for TH 7/Blake Rd/Aquila Ave)

**Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study
Grade-Separated Treatments Identified – Previous Plans/Studies and/or Programming
Ramsey County**

I. IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED

A. Shepard Rd/Warner Rd – I-35E to TH 61 (St. Paul street/CSAH 37/CSAH 36)

No grade-separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the Shepard Rd/Warner Rd study area within Ramsey County.

B. Trunk Highway 61

No grade-separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the TH 61 study area within Ramsey County.

C. Trunk Highway 280

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
NE Broadway St	Overpass	Congestion Management Planning Study – Phase I (2007)	MnDOT
CSAH 25 (County Road B)	Overpass	Congestion Management Planning Study – Phase I (2007)	MnDOT

D. Trunk Highway 36

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
TH 120 (Century Ave)	Interchange	Hwy 36 Corridor Study (2014)	MnDOT
TH 120 (Century Ave)	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2008)	City of North St Paul

II. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED (documents which would identify specific projects)

Metropolitan Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (2015)
Metropolitan Council/MnDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study (2010)
MnDOT Document/Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016-2019 State Transportation Improvement Program (2015) • Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase I (2007) • Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase III Final Report (2013) • Metro District 10-Year Capital Highway Work Plan (2015) • Highway 36 Corridor Study (2014; study partners: Ramsey County, Washington County, City of North St. Paul, City of Oakdale)
Ramsey County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program (2014) • 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2009)
Local Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North St. Paul 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2008)

Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study

**Grade-Separated Treatments Identified – Previous Plans/Studies and/or Programming (readily available documents, from last ten years)
Scott County**

I. IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED

A. County State Aid Highway 21

No grade-separation improvements recommended for the CSAH 21 study area within Scott.

B. County State Aid Highway 42

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
CSAH 27	Continuous flow intersection or Interchange (additional study required)	CSAH 27 Corridor Study (2014)	Scott County

C. Trunk Highway 13

Grade separation at TH 13/CSAH 101 recently completed; no other grade-separation improvements recommended for the TH 13 study area within Scott County.

D. Trunk Highway 41

Scott County has secured federal funding to construct an interchange at TH 169; no other grade-separation improvements recommended for the TH 41 study area in Scott County.

E. Trunk Highway 169

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
CSAH 3/Meridian St	Overpass (under construction)	Multiple documents	Multiple agencies
CR 66 (Old Hwy 169 Blvd)	References IRC recommendation of interchange or overpass – supportive	2030 Transportation Plan (2008)	City of Jordan
CSAH 59 (Delaware Ave)	References IRC recommendation of interchange – supportive	2030 Transportation Plan (2008)	City of Jordan
TH 282/CSAH 9 (2 nd St W/Quaker Ave)	Interchange – City has participated with MnDOT to develop interchange concepts	2030 Transportation Plan (2008)	City of Jordan
173 rd St	References IRC recommendation of overpass or interchange – supportive, but site constraints	2030 Transportation Plan (2008)	City of Jordan
173 rd St	Interchange or overpass site constraints – further study needed; potential location to north for 173 rd /170 th (CR 70) connection at TH 169	2030 Transportation Plan (2009, 2011 amendments)	Scott County
CSAH 14 (150 th St W)	Interchange anticipated	2030 Transportation Plan (2009, 2011 amendments)	Scott County
TH 41/CSAH 78	Interchange under development	Multiple documents	Multiple agencies
CSAH 69	Interchange “strongly desired”	2030 Transportation Plan (2008)	City of Shakopee
CSAH 69	Endorses land use planning in support of future interchange	2030 Transportation Plan (2009, 2011 amendments)	Scott County

II. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED (documents which would identify specific projects)

Metropolitan Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (2015)
Metropolitan Council/MnDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study (2010)
MnDOT Document/Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016-2019 State Transportation Improvement Program (2015) • Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase I (2007) • Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase III Final Report (2013)
Scott County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program (2014) • 2030 Transportation Plan (2009, 2011 Amendments) • CSAH 27 Corridor Study (2014) • CSAH 42 Vision and Implementation Plan (2008) • CSAH 21 Extension EIS (2002-2008)
Local Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordan 2030 Comprehensive/Transportation Plan (2008) • Shakopee 2030 Comprehensive/Transportation Plan (2008)

**Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study
Grade-Separated Treatments Identified – Previous Plans/Studies and/or Programming
Sherburne County**

A. Trunk Highway 10

Trunk Highway 10 Project within Elk River Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (2012)

- EA/EAW covered the conversion of TH 10 to a freeway design between Upland Avenue/County Road 44 and the TH 101/169 interchange.
- Project includes grade-separated interchange at Upland/Proctor Avenues and a half interchange at Main Street (interchange ramps to and from the east); a one-way pair of frontage roads would connect the interchange ramps at Upland Avenue and Proctor Avenue.
- EA/EAW was conducted to facilitate future land use and development planning and decision making, since no funding is identified for the improvements.

B. Trunk Highway 169

Sherburne County Long-Range Transportation Plan (2007)

- Within the study area for TH 169 within Sherburne County, interchanges were identified as “Unprogrammed Long Range Projects” at the following locations:
 - CSAH 12
 - Jackson Avenue
 - 196th Avenue
 - 221st Avenue

Trunk Highway 169 Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (2012)

- The EA/EAW covered the removal of at-grade access and replacement with interchanges, overpasses, and frontage/backage roads between the TH 10 interchange in Elk River and CSAH 4 in Zimmerman.
- Within Elk River, a collector-distributor road design would be constructed supporting full access interchanges at Main Street and School Street in Elk River; interchanges would also be provided at Jackson Avenue/193rd Avenue/197th Avenue, and 221st Avenue in Elk River.
- The TH 101/10/169 interchange would be upgraded to a system interchange all free movements.
- The roadway improvements were defined to help inform local land use and transportation planning decisions, as no funding is identified for the construction of the improvements.

**Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study
Grade-Separated Treatments Identified – Previous Plans/Studies and/or Programming
Washington County**

I. IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED

A. Trunk Highway 61

No-grade separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the TH 61 study area within Washington County.

B. Trunk Highway 36

Crossing Roadway	Recommendation	Document (Date)	Source/Lead Agency
TH 120 (Century Ave)	Interchange	Hwy 36 Corridor Study (2014)	MnDOT
TH 120 (Century Ave)	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2010)	City of Oakdale
Hadley Ave	Interchange or Overpass	Hwy 36 Corridor Study (2014)	MnDOT
Hadley Ave	Interchange	Draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (2015)	Met Council
Hadley Ave	Interchange	2016-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program	MnDOT
Hadley Ave	Interchange	2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program (2014)	Washington County
Hadley Ave	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2010)	City of Oakdale
De Montreville Trl	Overpass	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2009)	City of Lake Elmo
Keats Ave	Overpass	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2009)	City of Lake Elmo
CSAH 17 (Lake Elmo Ave)	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan – Transportation (2009)	Washington County
CSAH 17 (Lake Elmo Ave)	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2009)	City of Lake Elmo

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CSAH 15 (Manning Ave)	Interchange	2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program	Washington County
CSAH 15 (Manning Ave)	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan – Transportation (2009)	Washington County
CSAH 15 (Manning Ave)	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan (2009)	City of Lake Elmo
CR 66 (Greeley St/60 th St)	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan – Transportation (2009)	Washington County
CSAH 24 (Osgood Ave)	Interchange	2030 Comprehensive Plan – Transportation (2009)	Washington County

C. Trunk Highway 8

No-grade separation improvements recommended within the last ten years for the TH 8 study area within Washington County.

II. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED (documents which would identify specific projects)

Metropolitan Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (2015)
Metropolitan Council/MnDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study (2010)
MnDOT Document/Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016-2019 State Transportation Improvement Program (2015) • Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase I (2007) • Congestion Management Planning Study, Phase III Final Report (2013) • Highway 36 Corridor Study (2014; study partners: Ramsey County, Washington County, City of North St. Paul, City of Oakdale) • Metro District 10-Year Capital Highway Work Plan (2015)
Washington County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program (2014) • 2030 Comprehensive Transportation Plan (2010)

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Local Agencies

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oakdale 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2010)• Lake Elmo 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2009) |
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Attachment B

Local Outreach Meeting Attendees (December 2015)

Anoka County
Carver County
Dakota County
Hennepin County
Ramsey County
Scott County
Sherburne County
Washington County

Anoka County

Attendees (Mon, 12/14/15 afternoon):

Doug Fischer, Anoka County
Andrew Witter, Anoka County
Jack Forslund, Anoka County
Kurt Ulrich, City of Ramsey
Nate Ayshford, City of East Bethel
Jack Davis, City of East Bethel
Jim Kosluchar, City of Fridley

Jean Keely, City of Blaine
Paul Czech, MnDOT
Steve Peterson, Met Council
Carl Ohrn, Met Council
Chris Chromy, Bolton & Menk
Angie Bersaw, Bolton & Menk
Eric Johnson, Bolton & Menk

Carver County

Attendees (Mon, 12/14/15 morning):

Lyndon Robjent, Carver County
Darin Mielke, Carver County
Kate Miner, Carver County
Jon Solberg, MnDOT
Paul Czech, MnDOT

Steve Peterson, Met Council
Chris Chromy, Bolton & Menk
Angie Bersaw, Bolton & Menk
Eric Johnson, Bolton & Menk

Dakota County

Attendees (Wed, 12/02/15):

Mark Krebsbach, Dakota County
Brian Sorenson, Dakota County
Jon Solberg, MnDOT
Paul Czech, MnDOT

Steve Peterson, Met Council
Chris Chromy, Bolton & Menk
Angie Bersaw, Bolton & Menk
Eric Johnson, Bolton & Menk

Hennepin County

Attendees (Tue, 12/08/15):

Jim Grube, Hennepin County
Chris Sagsveen, Hennepin County
Carla Stueve, Hennepin County
Greg Chock, Hennepin County
Jon Kreig, Hennepin County
Nelrae Succio, Hennepin County
Jeff Oliver, City of Golden Valley
Jeff Holstein, City of Brooklyn Park
Doran Cote, City of Plymouth

Steve Lillehaug, City of Brooklyn Center
Gary Kroells, West Hennepin Public Safety
Tony Fischer, MnDOT
Paul Czech, MnDOT
Steve Peterson, Met Council
Chris Chromy, Bolton & Menk
Angie Bersaw, Bolton & Menk
Doug Abere, Bolton & Menk
Ross Harris, Stonebrooke

Ramsey County

Attendees (Tue, 12/01/15 morning):

Joe Lux, Ramsey County
Eriks Ludins, City of St. Paul
Morgan Dawley, City of North St. Paul/WSB
Paul Ammerman, City of North St. Paul
Paul Czech, MnDOT

Steve Peterson, Met Council
Chris Chromy, Bolton & Menk
Angie Bersaw, Bolton & Menk
Doug Abere, Bolton & Menk
Ross Harris, Stonebrooke

Scott County

Attendees (Tue, 12/15/15):

Lisa Freese, Scott County
Lezlie Vermillion, Scott County
Tony Winiacki, Scott County
Craig Jenson, Scott County
Andy Hingevold, Scott County
Brad Davis, Scott County
John Powell, City of Savage/WSB
Tom Nikunen, City of Jordan

Mike Waltman, City of Jordan/Bolton & Menk
Jon Solberg, MnDOT
Paul Czech, MnDOT
Steve Peterson, Met Council
Chris Chromy, Bolton & Menk
Angie Bersaw, Bolton & Menk
Doug Abere, Bolton & Menk

Sherburne County

Attendees (Thur, 12/10/15):

John Menter, Sherburne County
Rhonda Lewis, Sherburne County
Justin Femrite, City of Elk River
Steve Voss, MnDOT D3
Jim Hallgren, MnDOT D3

Paul Czech, MnDOT
Steve Peterson, Met Council
Chris Chromy, Bolton & Menk
Angie Bersaw, Bolton & Menk
Doug Abere, Bolton & Menk

Washington County

Attendees (Tue, 12/01/15 afternoon):

Wayne Sandberg, Washington County
Ann Pung-Terwedo, Washington County
Frank Ticknor, Washington County
Joe Gustafson, Washington County
Jan Lucke, Washington County
Adam Josephson, MnDOT

Paul Czech, MnDOT
Steve Peterson, Met Council
Chris Chromy, Bolton & Menk
Angie Bersaw, Bolton & Menk
Doug Abere, Bolton & Menk
Ross Harris, Stonebrooke