

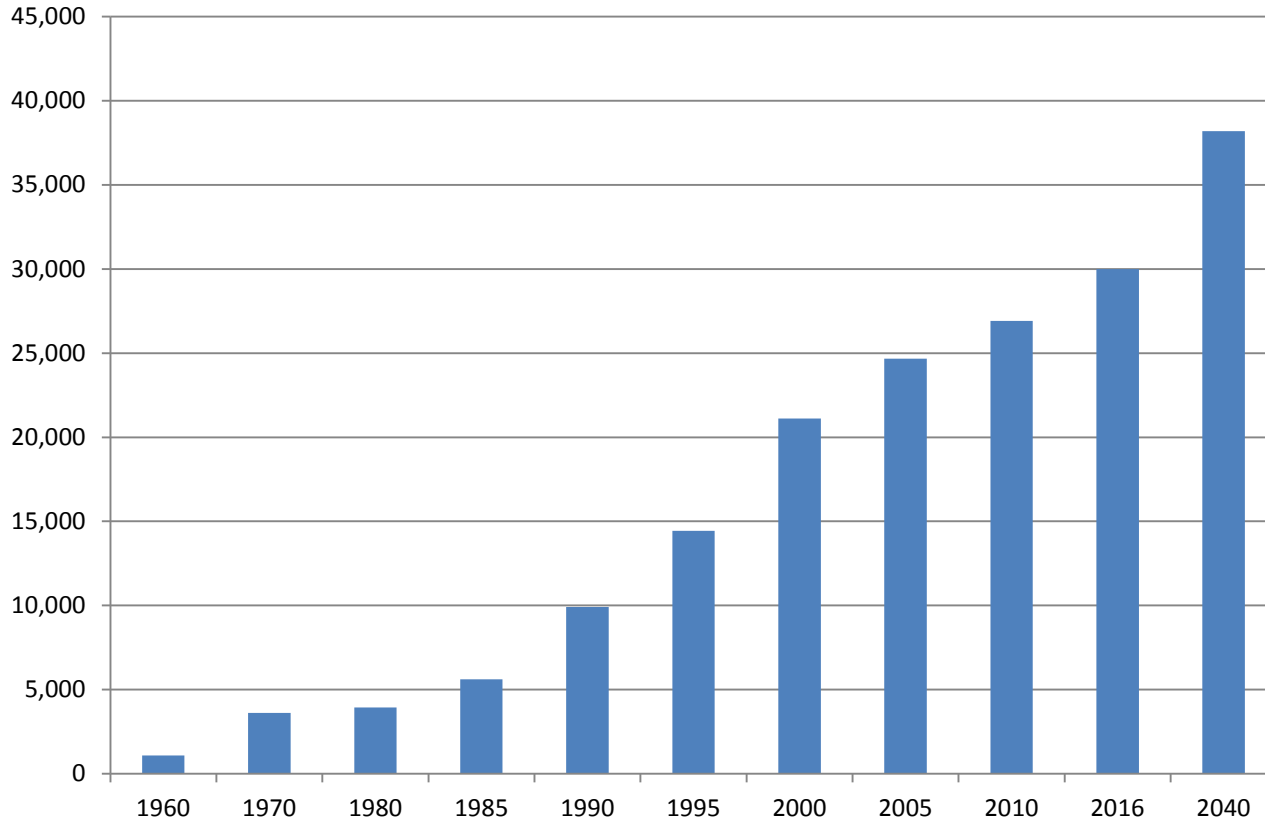
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# Population History & Projections





Sec. 85. [DAN PATCH COMMUTER RAIL LINE; PROHIBITIONS.]

Subdivision 1. [DEFINITION.] For purposes of this section, "Dan Patch commuter rail line" means the commuter rail line between Northfield and Minneapolis identified in the metropolitan council's transit 2020 master plan as the Dan Patch line.

Subd. 2. [METROPOLITAN COUNCIL; PROHIBITIONS.] The metropolitan council must not take any action or spend any money for study, planning, preliminary engineering, final design, or construction for the Dan Patch commuter rail line. The council must remove all references, other than references for historical purposes, to the Dan Patch commuter rail line from any future revisions to the council's transportation development guide and the council's regional transit master plan.

Subd. 3. [COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION.] The commissioner of transportation must not expend any money for study, planning, preliminary engineering, final design, or construction for the Dan Patch commuter rail line. The commissioner must remove all references, other than references for historical purposes, to the Dan Patch commuter rail line from any future revisions to the state transportation plan and the commissioner's commuter rail system plan.

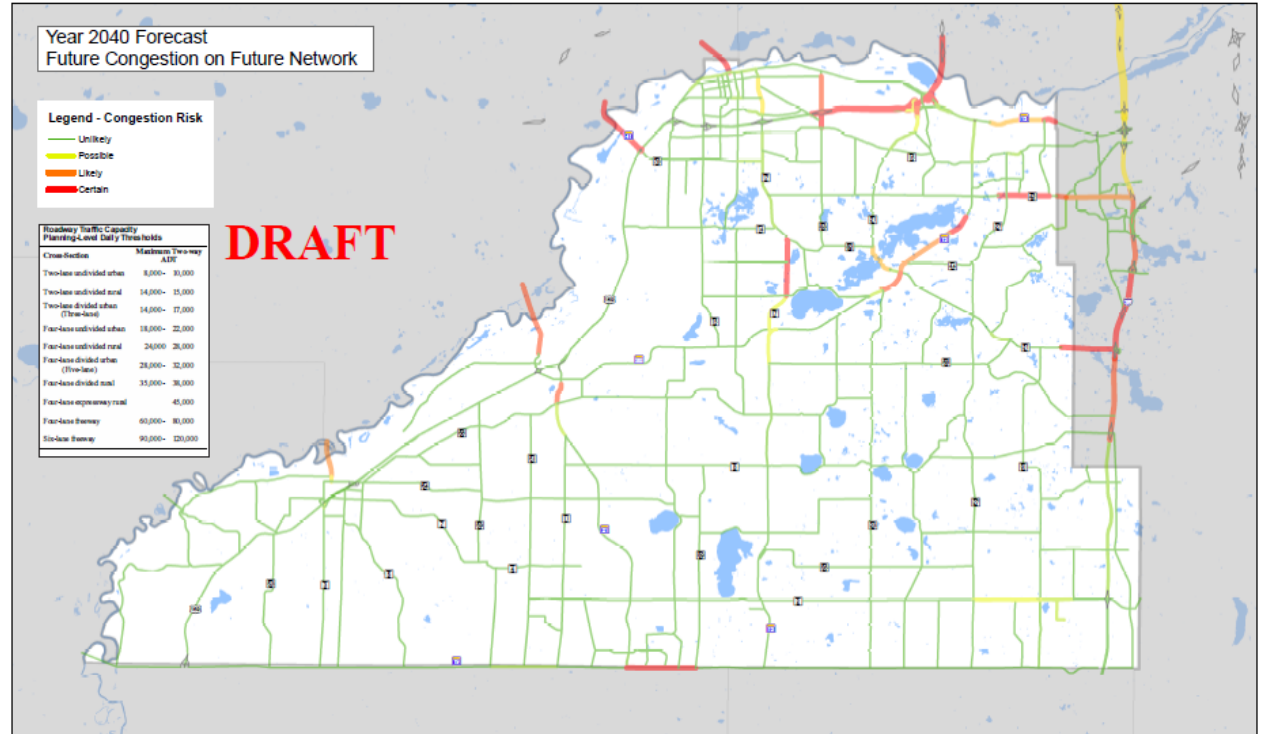
Subd. 4. [REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITIES.] No regional rail authority may expend any money for study, planning, preliminary engineering, final design, or construction for the Dan Patch commuter rail line.



# Dan Patch River Crossing

## Key Findings

Minnesota River crossing remain congested, even with all planned improvements.

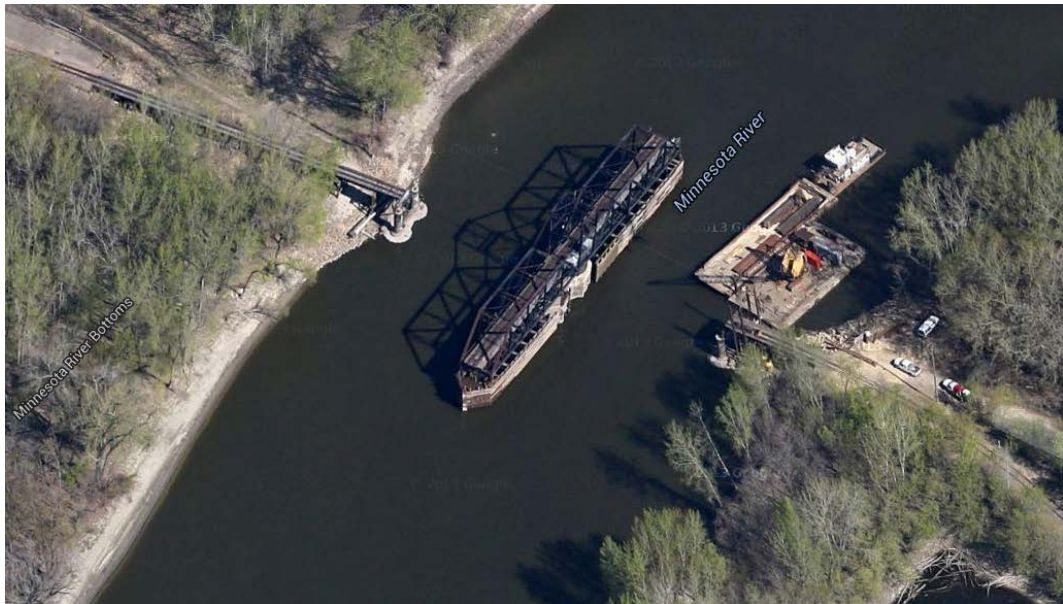




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- Twin Cities & Western Railroad, the owner of the Dan Patch Swing Bridge, is not opposed to the idea of reestablishing a motor vehicle deck on the bridge
- The existing Dan Patch Swing Bridge is operational and serves a few trains per year





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- The Minnesota Statewide Rail Plan designated the Twin Cities/ Albert Lea passenger rail corridor, which would use the Dan Patch river crossing, as a Phase I priority corridor.
- The Dan Patch Line intersects with the Mankato/Twin Cities passenger rail corridor as identified in Statewide Rail Plan as a Phase I priority corridor.
- The Dan Patch Line intersects with the Southwest Light Rail Line.
- There is a broad support for a shared use path crossing at the Dan Patch location



