MnDOT/Met Council: Freeway System Interchange Study

Transportation Committee April 22, 2019





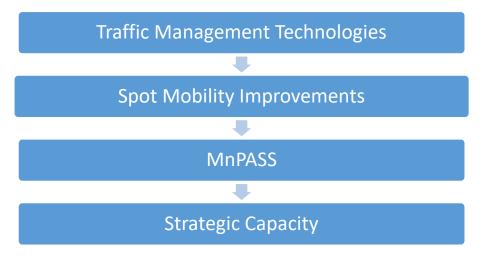






Regional Highway Investments

- Operations and maintenance
- Preservation of existing assets
- Safety
- Regional Mobility:



Multimodal considerations











Strategic Capacity Examples

- MnPASS
- Other lane adds
 - 2 to 4 lanes
 - Auxiliary lanes
 - Freeway general purpose lanes
- Intersection to interchange conversion
- System interchange improvements



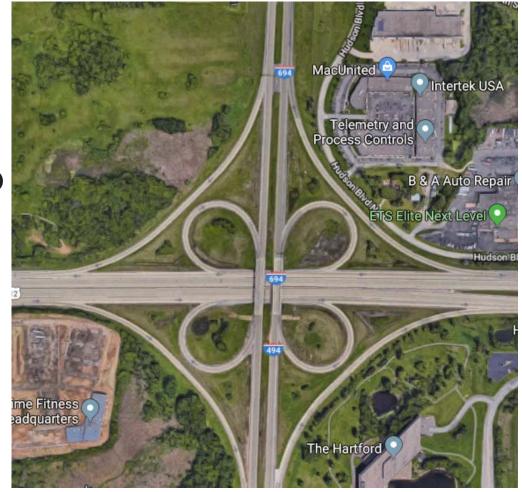






Background

- Investment prioritization study
- System interchanges connect two freeways
- Locations have been evaluated independently
- Interchange Issues:
 - Congestion
 - Crashes



Source: Google

Systemwide numerous identified needs











Purpose

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



Source: SRF Consulting Group











Example of recent investment: I-494/I-35W in Bloomington/Richfield

 North to west directional ramp

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



Source: City of Bloomington



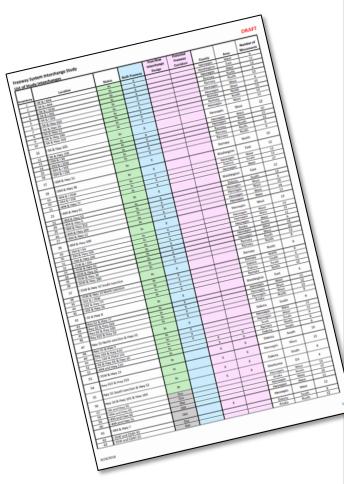


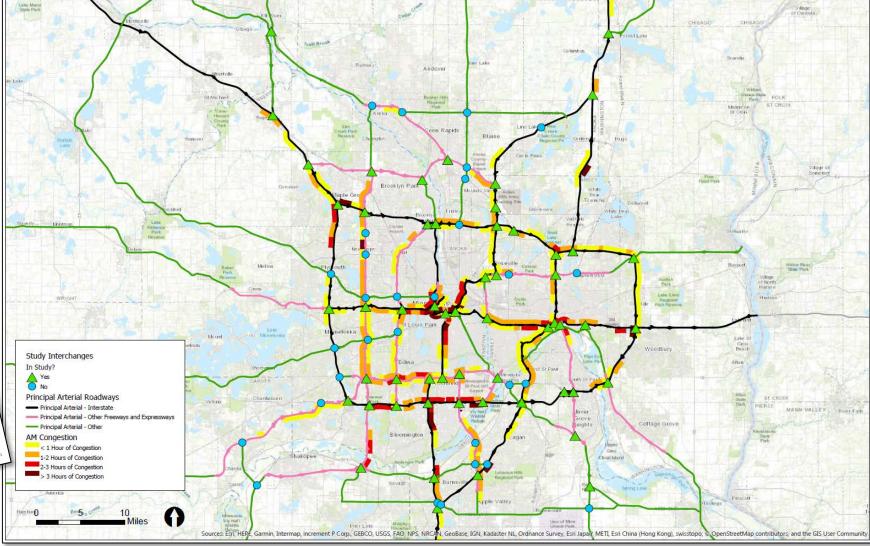






56 Study Interchanges













Stakeholder Engagement

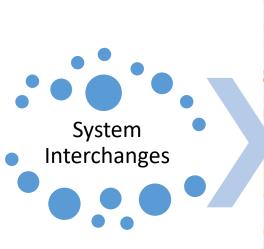
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Technical Advisory Committee	Minnesota Fright Advisory Committee
 Seven-county Metro Area counties 	Transportation Advisory Board
 Wright and Sherburne counties 	- Technical Advisory Committees
Local governments	 Congestion Management Process
Federal Highway Administration	 State's Capital Improvements Committee
• MnDOT	
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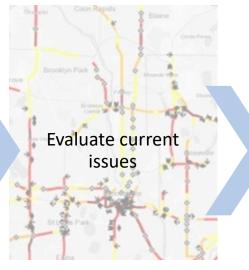


Study Process



Determine locations to be studied

Study interchanges



Identify critical problem magnitudes

Focus locations



Compare to CHIP, STIP, BRIM, and recent projects

Feasible *locations*



Estimate return on investment

Concept solutions



Document recommendations for future investments

Regional opportunities





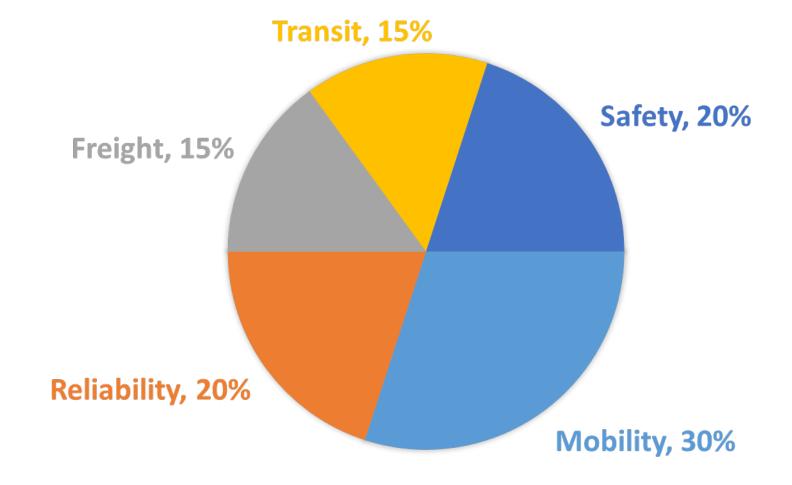








Performance Measure Weighting





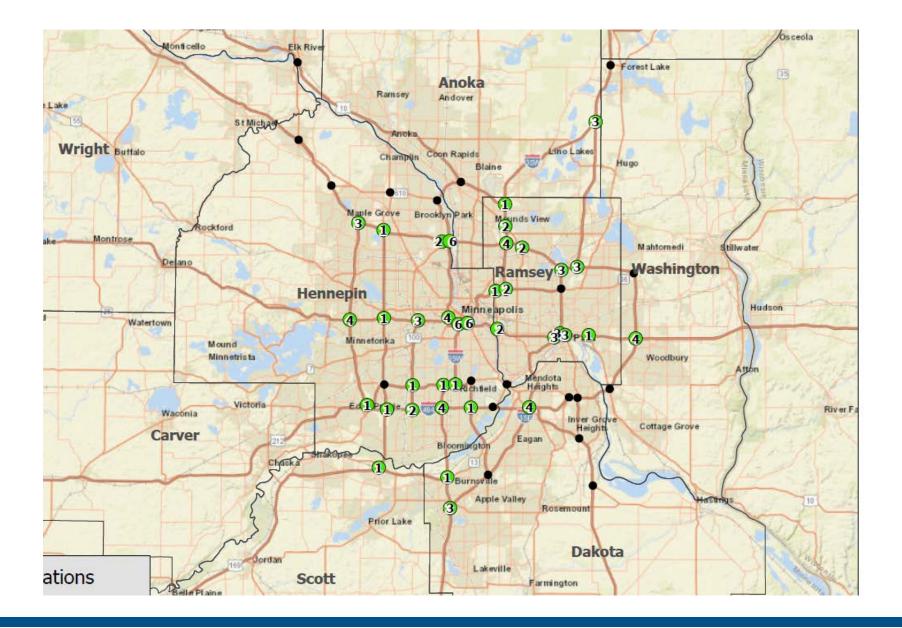








Focus Locations





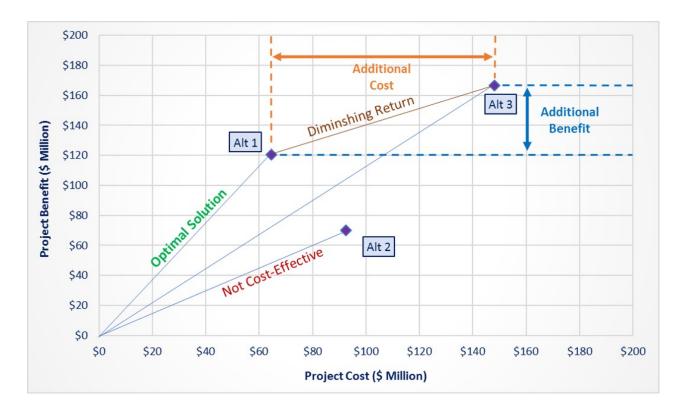






Next Steps

- 1) Analyze interchange problems
- 2) Develop concept design solutions
- 3) Suggest implementation priority
- 4) Report early 2020
- 5) Resulting investments → Next TPP Update











Thank you!

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