Major Corridor Reassessments

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has re-examined the following major corridors in the metropolitan highway system, and is recommending that additional options for managing congestion in these corridors be considered. Each of these corridors contains previously identified major capacity projects that exceeded the financial constraints of long-range policy plans.

These major corridor projects are being reassessed by the MnDOT to establish potential lower-cost solutions to address existing problem areas.
Highway 100 from 36th Street to Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park

Previous Planned Project:
• New general-purpose lanes north and southbound.
• Replace or redesign interchanges at State Highway 7, Minnetonka Blvd., and 25½ St.

Reassessment Considerations:
• Completed north and southbound general-purpose lane in 2006.
• New bridge projects planned at State Highway 7 and Minnetonka Blvd. in 2016 (Chapter 152 Bridge Program).
• Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

I-35E from Highway 13 to Highway 110, northern Dakota County

Previous Planned Project:
• New general-purpose lanes north and southbound.

Reassessment Considerations:
• Managed lane expansion southbound from State Highway 13 to State Highway 110.
• Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

I-35E from I-94 to I-694, Ramsey County

Previous Planned Project:
• New general-purpose lanes northbound and southbound.

Reassessment Considerations:
• Completed new lanes north and southbound between I-694 and State Highway 36 as part of the I-694/I-35E “Unweave the Weave” project completed in 2008.
• Interchange redesign at I-35E and Cayuga (Chapter 152 Bridge Program) in 2014
• Managed lane expansion planned between I-94 and State Highway 36 as part of the Cayuga interchange project.
• Continued managed lane expansion planned from State Highway 36 to County road E
• Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

I-35W from 46th Street to I-94, Minneapolis

Previous Planned Project:
• New general-purpose lanes north and southbound.
• Replace or redesign interchanges at I-94, Lake St., and 38th St.

Reassessment Considerations:
• Completion of Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) project in 2009
• Managed lane expansion southbound from I-94 to 42nd St.
• I-35W planned bus-rapid transit (BRT) corridor from Lakeville to Minneapolis with the 46th St. inline station already underway
• Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.
I-494 from East Bush Lake Road to 34th Avenue, Bloomington

Previous Planned Project:
- New general-purpose lanes east and west-bound.
- Replace or redesign interchanges at State Highway 100, France Ave., I-35W, Portland Ave., State Highway 77.
- Replace overpasses at Nicollet Ave. and 12th Ave.

Reassessment Considerations:
- Strategic capacity enhancement (new general purpose lanes) between I-35W and State Highway 100 in both directions.
- Interchange modifications at I-35W and Portland Ave.
- Interchange closures at 12th Ave. and Nicollet Ave.
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

I-494 from I-94 to Highway 55, western Hennepin County

Previous Planned Project:
- New general-purpose lanes north and south-bound.
- Redesign interchange at I-94.

Reassessment Considerations:
- New managed lane between State Highway 55 and I-94.
- Managed lane conversion between I-394 and State Highway 55.
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

I-694 from I-35W to West Junction of I-35E, Arden Hills

Previous Planned Project:
- New general-purpose lanes eastbound and westbound.
- Replace or redesign interchanges at I-35W and Rice St.

Reassessment Considerations:
- Interchange modification/consolidation at I-694 and I-35W (east to north flyover ramp).
- New managed lanes between I-35W and I-35E contingent on interchange improvement.
- Lower-cost/high-benefit project being developed for the I-694/U.S. Highway 10/State Highway 51 interchange project which will provide for future east and westbound lanes between I-35W and Lexington Ave.
- Interchange replacement at I-694 and Rice St. (new managed lanes between Lexington Ave. and I-35E).
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

Highway 36 from I-35W to I-35E, Ramsey County

Previous Planned Project:
- New general-purpose lanes east and west-bound.

Reassessment Considerations:
- New managed lanes east and westbound between I-35W and I-35E.
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.
I-694 from East Junction of I-35E to Highway 36, Ramsey/Washington counties

**Previous Planned Project:**
- New general-purpose lanes in each direction.

**Reassessment Considerations:**
- New managed lanes in each direction (possible truck/high-occupancy vehicle lanes).
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

Highway 252 from I-94 to Highway 610, Brooklyn Center/Brooklyn Park

**Previous Planned Project:**
- Freeway conversion.
- New interchanges at 69th Ave., Brookdale Dr., and 85th Ave.

**Reassessment Considerations:**
- Add a managed lane in the northbound direction between Brookdale Dr. and 81st Ave.
- Access management (limited access design) from I-94 to State Highway 610.
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

Highway 610 from I-94 to Highway 169, northern Hennepin County

**Previous Planned Project:**
- New general-purpose lanes east and west-bound.
- New interchanges between I-94 and County Highway 81 (Elm Creek).

**Reassessment Considerations:**
- New general-purpose lanes and interchanges under construction between U.S. Highway 169 to County Highway 81.
- New general-purpose lanes and interchanges planned (subject to funding becoming available) between I-94 and U.S. Highway 169.
- Seeking active traffic management and/or lower-cost/high-benefit solutions to augment other proposed corridor improvements.

I-494/U.S. Highway 169 Interchange, southwest Hennepin County

**Previously Planned Project:**
- Remove signals and replace interchange.

**Reassessment Considerations:**
- Remove signals and replace interchange with lower cost project planned for construction in 2011.
- MnPASS considered on U.S. Highway 169 north and south of the interchange as part of the Governor’s Initiatives.

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