



Corridors of Commerce Program

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Corridors of Commerce (COC)

- Program created by Legislature to fund projects that:
 - Eliminate bottlenecks
 - Improve freight movement
 - Reduce barriers to commerce
- \$400 million over four years
- Project recommendations submitted by public
- Projects must meet eligibility requirements
- All eligible projects must be scored

Process:

- MnDOT developed process, obtained public input, and published final process – into January 2018
- Public recommendations – January 18 – February 5, 2018
- Project evaluation and scoring – February & March, 2018
- Project award announcement – April 2018
- Project development including all required environmental processes
- Construction to begin within four years of funding award

Eligibility:

- Consistent with statewide multimodal transportation plan
- Begin within four years of award of funding
- On Interregional Corridor in Greater MN or State Highway in 8-county metro
- Add capacity or improve freight movements
- Cost cannot exceed available funding
- Cannot already be a funded project

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Scoring:

- Criteria established by Legislature
- Point system developed by MnDOT with public input

| Criteria | Points Available |
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| Return on Investment | 100 |
| Economic Impact | 100 |
| Freight Efficiency | 100 |
| Safety Improvements | 100 |
| Regional Connections | 100 |
| Policy Objectives | 100 |
| Community Consensus | 100 |
| Regional Balance | Soft split 50-50 between metro and greater MN |

Submitted Projects:

- 300 Submitted Statewide
- 155 (Approximately) Unique and Eligible (Lots of Duplicates)
- 16 Submitted for District 7
- 11 Variations of Hwy 14 New Ulm to Nicollet
- Hwy 60 from Hwy 14 to Faribault – Ineligible (not an IRC)
- Hwy 169 Saint Peter Bypass
- Hwy 169 and Hwy 14 Interchange
- Hwy 169 Mankato Freeway
- Hwy 60 Windom Freeway

Windom Freeway:

- “Convert a section of roadway into freeway design with interchange accesses (instead of signals or stop signs). “
- 1 ½ hours to determine scope
- Existing Alignment Alternative
- East Bypass Alternative
- Far East Bypass Alternative
- Far West Bypass Alternative
- West Bypass Alternative

West Bypass Alternative starting from South:

- RCUT at existing Hwy 60
- Follow 470th Avenue
- Cul de Sac 440th Street
- RCUT at Hwy 62
- Bridge over River
- Interchange (i.e. bridge and ramps) at County Hwy 13
- Cul de Sac 17th Street
- RCUT at Hwy 71
- Interchange at existing Hwy 60

Don't Worry!

1. Scoring Strikes Against Project
 - a) Return on Investment – low traffic, low crashes, high cost
 - b) Regional Connections
 - c) Policy Objectives
 - d) Community Consensus?
2. If Funded, an Environmental Impact Statement is still Needed to Determine Location
 - a) Consider multiple alternatives
 - b) Public input through many forums
 - c) Municipal Consent

Thank you

For more information

www.mndot.gov/corridorsofcommerce - find all the submittals around the state

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