



# US-169/I-494 INTERCHANGE

## HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT NEEDS FUNDING

The US-169/I-494 interchange is one of the most significant bottlenecks in the southwest metro. To avoid congestion, many motorists cut through local streets. The development of the US-169 and I-494 corridor is of great regional significance, yet, this project has been in and out of the Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT) program numerous times. Currently, MnDOT is proposing to reduce the scope and cost of improvements with the hope that a lower cost project could be implemented.

Funding for the reconstruction was included in Governor Tim Pawlenty and Lieutenant Governor Carol Molnau's 2003 bond-accelerated project funding package for \$105.3 million. Since 2003, the Pioneer Trail interchange and the Bloomington

Ferry Road/Anderson Lakes Parkway interchange have been constructed; however, remaining funds were diverted to other projects leaving the US-169/I-494 interchange project unfunded. This is the last project needed to complete this regional freeway in the Metro area.

### COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Removal of the last bottleneck along this heavily used regional arterial.
- Relieving the congestion would encourage commuters to stay on the major arterials, rather than using local Bloomington, Eden Prairie and Edina streets.

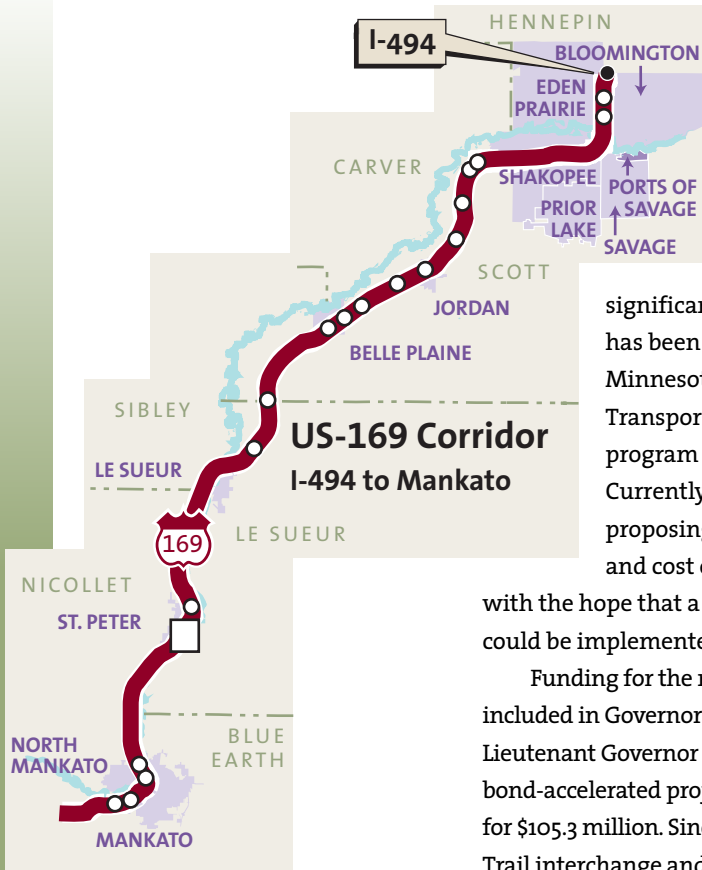
### FUNDING

#### Estimated cost:

- \$205 million, full-build (Policy-based design).
- \$175 million, stage-build (Performance-based design).

### POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL SOURCES

- Next federal transportation bill.
- MnDOT.



### QUESTIONS

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