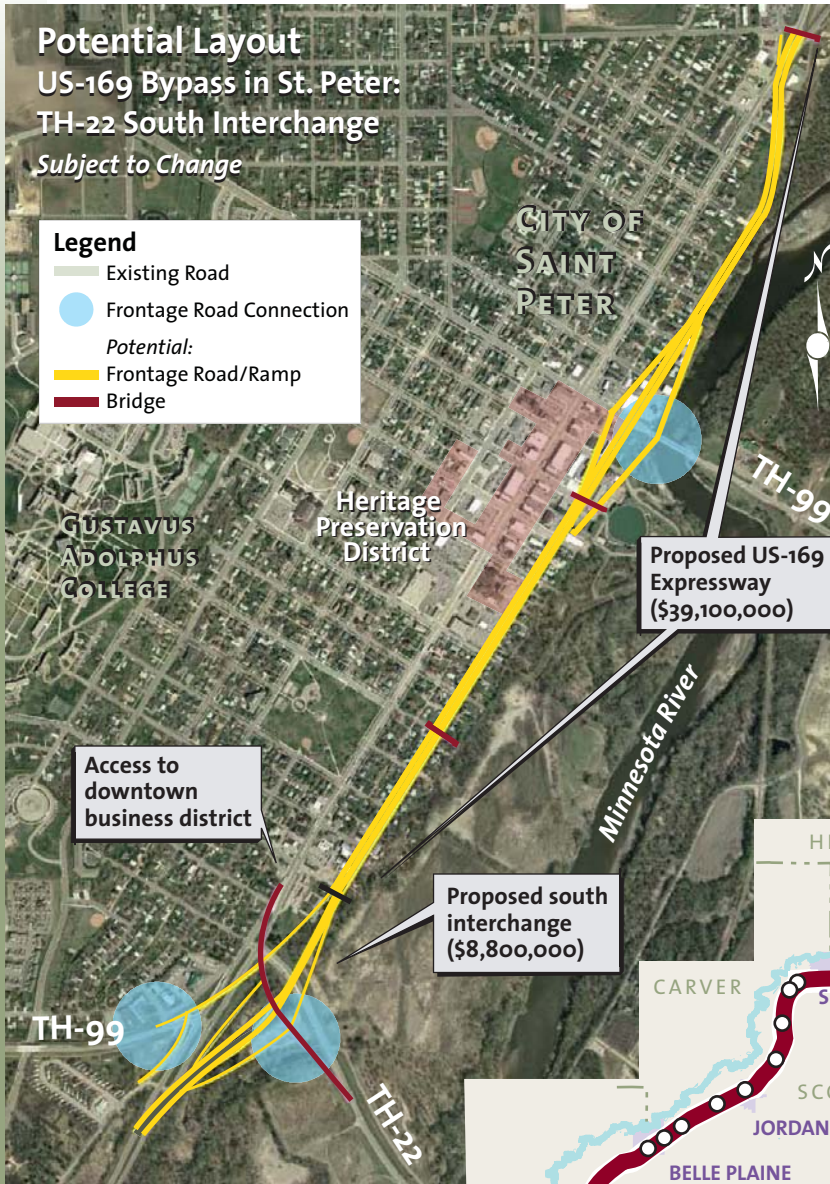




ST. PETER BYPASS AND TH-22 SOUTH INTERCHANGE

PRESERVING THE HISTORIC DISTRICT WHILE IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW



St. Peter's historic downtown district is currently dominated by the presence of US-169, which follows a route on Minnesota Avenue, the main street in downtown. The highway's location is a detriment to the historic district; it inhibits pedestrian traffic and damages historic landmarks and buildings.

As a transportation corridor, US-169 is important to the region. Speed is reduced to 30 mph through St. Peter, which makes an optimum performance speed of 65 mph impossible to achieve. As the population of the city increases – currently it is up 10 percent from seven years ago – alternative transportation routes are needed to accommodate the increase in traffic.

Environmental documentation and public input on several alternatives is needed before a concept would move through the design and construction stages.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The proposed near-town US-169 bypass will improve the area in the following ways:

- Better traffic flow for local businesses and individuals.
- Promote preservation and use of historic downtown area.
- Reduce need for additional land for an alternative highway by utilizing a portion of the existing right-of-way.

FUNDING

The City is requesting federal and state assistance for the project based on regional significance of the proposed bypass.

Estimated total project cost:

\$47.9 million.

QUESTIONS

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