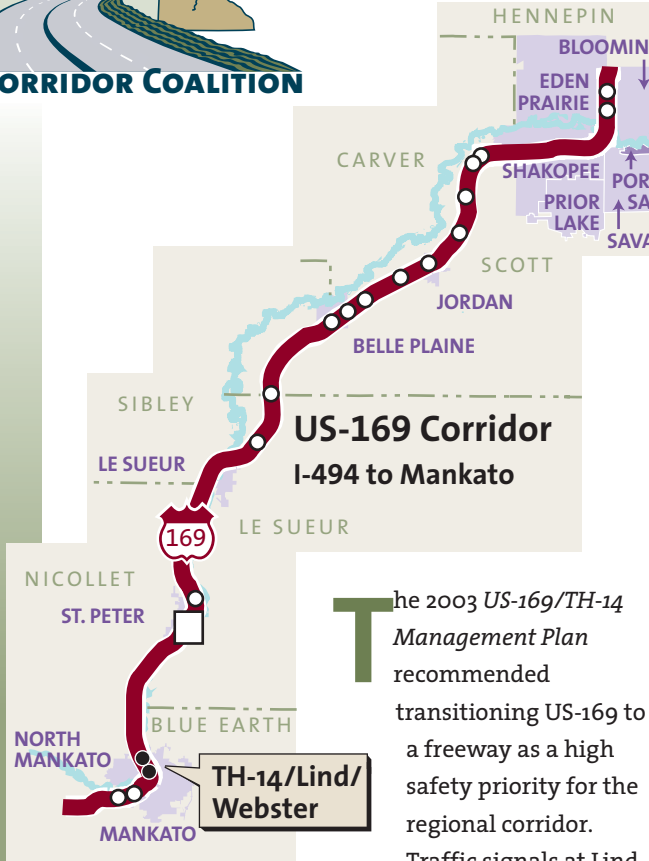




TH-14 INTERCHANGE

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ARE A TOP PRIORITY

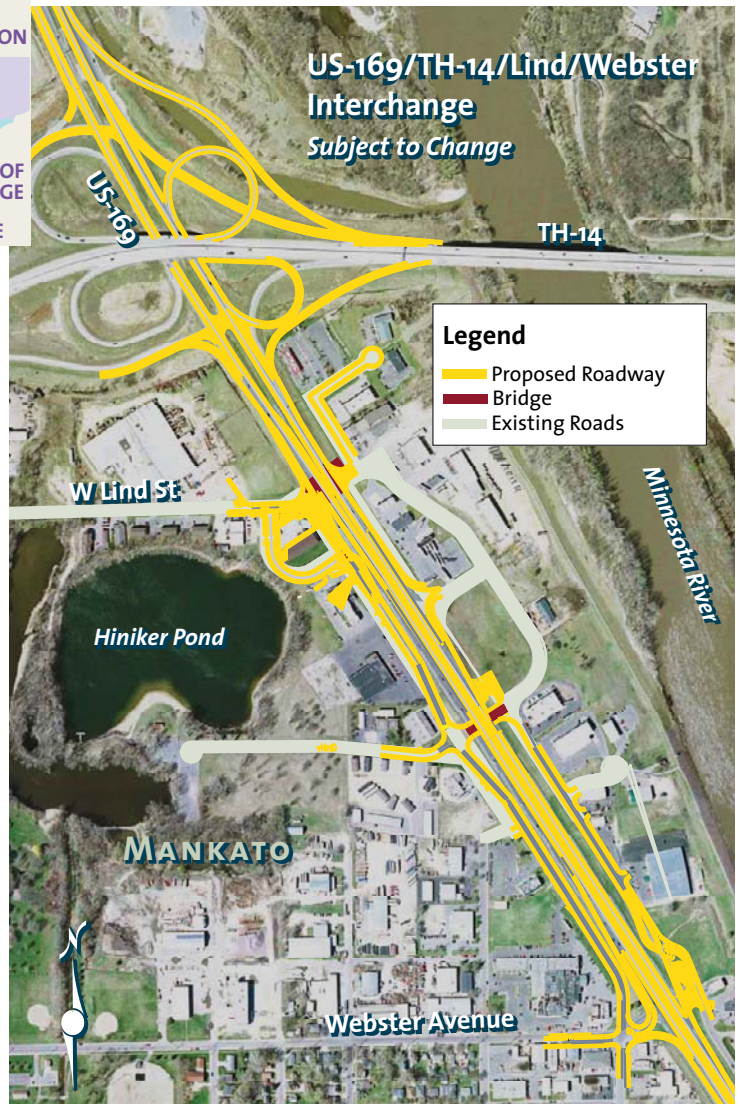


The 2003 US-169/TH-14 Management Plan recommended transitioning US-169 to a freeway as a high safety priority for the regional corridor.

Traffic signals at Lind Street and Webster Avenue will be replaced with interchanges. The likely location for a grade separation are just north of Webster Avenue to north of TH-14. Frontage roads will connect from parallel routes in North Mankato into Mankato to service the Lind St. commercial area.

An efficiency study of the Lind/Webster local traffic concept adjoining the interchange was implemented and analyzed in 2003. Studies determined that 70 percent of the traffic serviced by the local changes when compared to the current access system were significantly improved by this concept. Access provided by grade separation enhanced commercial activities adjoining the highway. The connection to Center Street in North Mankato resulted in improved access to a significant portion of lower North Mankato developments.

Since the original concept was developed in 1996, the City of Mankato has made improvements in all four quadrants of the intersection. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has purchased rights-of-way needed in the Northeast quadrant under an emergency purchase and jointly shared it with the City of Mankato park development. The City of North Mankato has approved certain improvements in the Center Street/Webster area in anticipation of the closure of the Webster crossover and signal system.



COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Two signal systems that are prone to accidents from slow-moving traffic conflicting with high-speed US-169 corridor vehicles will be removed.
- The changes will separate local commercial activities, while providing access to US-169/TH-14 through a ramp design rather than right-angle signal design.

FUNDING

Estimated cost: \$58 million.

Funding sources include the Federal Transportation Bill and MnDOT.

QUESTIONS

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