



Minnesota GO Corridors of Commerce

Corridors of Commerce is a Minnesota program for state highway construction, reconstruction and improvement, including maintenance operations, designed to improve commerce across the state.

- New program – established by the Legislature in 2013
- Focuses on statewide expansion and completion projects
- Legislature allocated \$300M to the program in 2014
- \$300M is only a “down payment” on the this larger vision
- \$51M of program available for program delivery

Selection Criteria

- Project cannot be in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), can be part of the state’s long range plan
- Objective criteria to determine projects
- Return on investment analysis
- Measurable impact on commerce and economic competitiveness, including measures of freight efficiency, traffic safety and regional trade center connections
- Level of support of the surrounding community
- Must be for long-term investments

City and County Involvement

- Commissioner shall annually accept recommendations from Area Transportation Partners and Stakeholders
- There will *not* be formal application process
- Local cost share based on a Cost Participation Policy
- Projects need support and consensus of surrounding community
- Highway turnback costs are not eligible use of funds

Current Actions

- MnDOT is:
 - Developing options for evaluating return on investment
 - Developing possible criteria and categories of eligible projects
- Universe of Projects:
 - Potential project list shared with legislature
 - Reviewing list against language of 2013 legislation for eligibility and ensure it is a complete list
 - Level of program funding will allow only a portion of the list to move forward

Current Timelines

- September – Communications and dialog with local partners
- Initial Project Selection – Winter 2013/14

July 2013 Update

Investing in Transportation

Corridors of Commerce is a program of competitive state grants, augmented with local funding, that targets transportation routes identified as vital links for regional and statewide economic growth.

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