

- Hwy 14 Public Open House

- Date: Monday, August 30, 2010
- Time: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Location: Mn/DOT Owatonna Headquarters
1010 21st Avenue NE
Owatonna, MN

Staff from Mn/DOT and their consultant SEH will be available at the meeting to answer questions, receive comments and provide project information. There will be no formal presentation and attendees may participate at their convenience during the open house. Residents, business owners, government officials and other individuals living along, using or interested in the project are encouraged to attend.



- Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

The FEIS document is available for review at the following locations: Claremont City Hall, Dodge Center City Hall, Owatonna City Hall, Dodge County Highway Department, Steele County Public Works Department, Dodge Center Public Library, Owatonna Public Library, Mn/DOT District 6 Headquarters in Rochester and Mn/DOT District 6 Office in Owatonna. An electronic version of the document is also available online at:

www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/hwy14

Individuals interested in obtaining additional information or provide written comments should visit the project web site listed above or contact the Mn/DOT Project Manager:

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- Project Next Steps

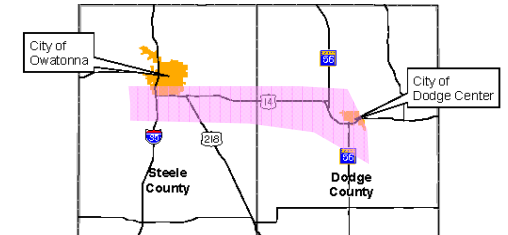
The project's next steps include:

- Completion of the FEIS
- Approval of the geometric layout
- Obtaining municipal consent from Owatonna and Claremont
- Preparation of an official right of way map

Construction of the project is not scheduled. Funding for the improvements has not been identified in Mn/DOT's funding program. Completing the environmental process allows opportunity for local agencies to incorporate improvements into long-range plans.



Highway 14 Improvement Project – Owatonna to Dodge Center



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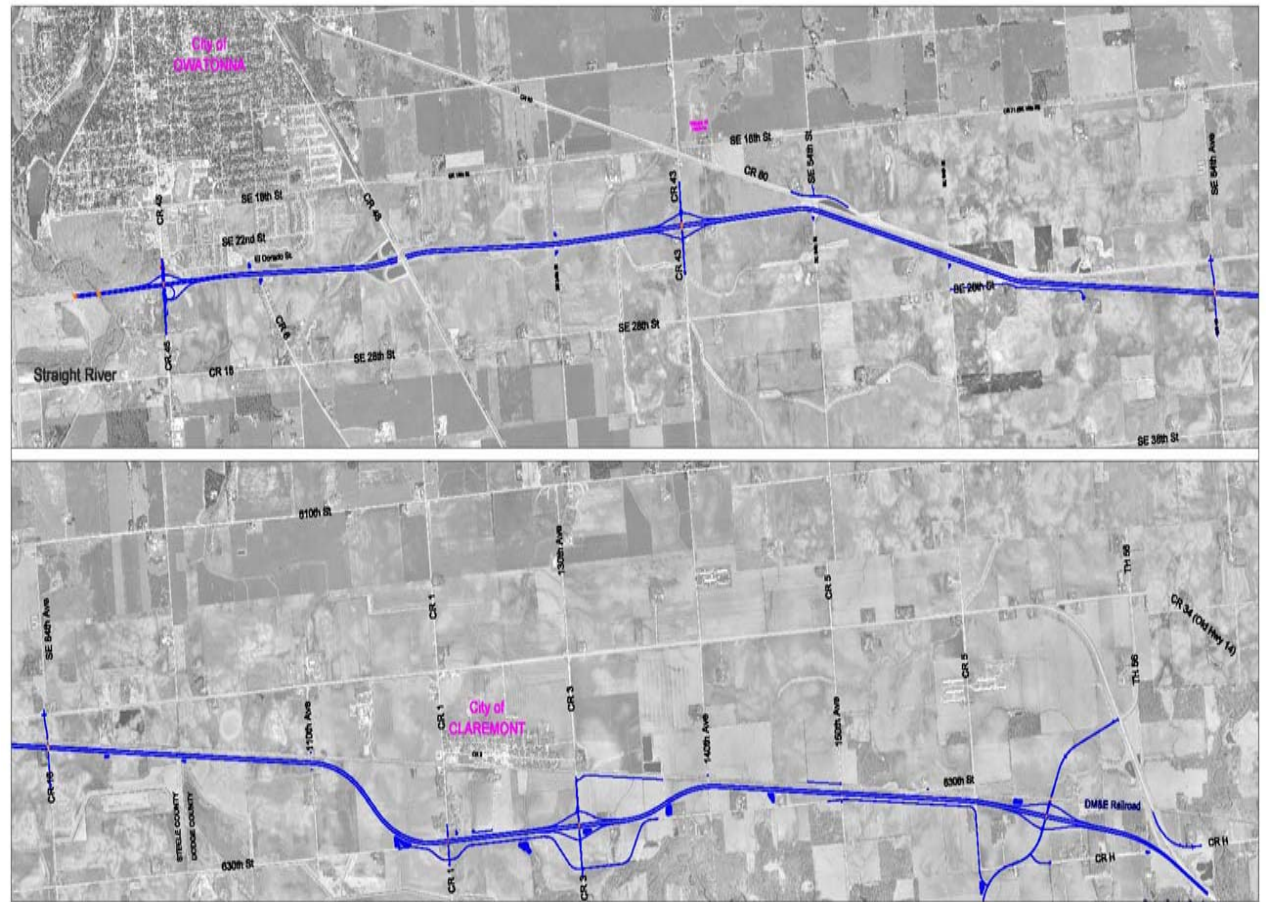
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Preferred Alternative

- **Steele County Road (CR) 45 Interchange Area** – The preferred CR 45 interchange design was selected as a modified folded diamond. In order to convert this section of Hwy 14 to a freeway, the existing CR 6 (Austin Road) intersection will be closed when Hwy 14 reconstruction occurs.
- **Steele County Road (CR) 43 Interchange Area** –The preferred option includes a standard diamond interchange located at the existing CR 43/Hwy 14 intersection. Steele County, in cooperation with Owatonna, Havana Township and Mn/DOT, is completing an East Beltline Study. This independent environmental review process could result in a modified recommendation for this interchange and CR 43 realignment.
- **Claremont Area** – The preferred alternative swings south approximately ½ mile and utilizes the 630th Street corridor for a short segment. The improvements include a CR 1 overpass bridge that will allow local traffic direct access to/from Claremont on CR 1. A standard diamond interchange along Hwy 14 is proposed at CR 3. East of CR 3, the preferred alternative swings north and again parallels the south side of the railroad. The alignment then swings south toward 630th Street eliminating one additional at-grade railroad crossing.
- **Highway 56 Area** – The preferred alternative generally follows the south side of the railroad corridor through this area. 630th Street is extended between 150th Avenue and CR 5. This parallel roadway will improve local circulation and provide a connection to the Hwy 56/CR 5 and Hwy 14 interchange.



Highway 14 Preliminary Layout
(Subject to change)

The preferred alternative was identified after completing several steps that included: developing a full range of alternatives, evaluating alternatives against the project purpose and need objectives, assessing potential impacts and considering public/agency input.

After careful consideration of the steps listed above, Mn/DOT and the Federal Highway Administration identified a preferred alternative shown above. This was done in conjunction with Project Partners (Dodge and Steele Counties, the cities of Claremont, Dodge Center, and Owatonna, and the townships of Owatonna, Havana, Wasioja, and Claremont). Additionally, several independent meetings were held with associated city officials, county officials, township officials and property owners modifying interchange options and area improvements.